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AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

Awarded: Meritorious Unit Commendation (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 4 June 1966 to 1 April 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 9TH MEDICAL LABORATORY and assigned units - 528TH MEDICAL LABORATORY and 496TH MEDICAL LABORATORY, have distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 4 June 1966 to 1 April 1967. The men of these units demonstrated professional competence, scientific acumen, and uncommon dedication while providing unmatched medical support for the counterinsurgency efforts of the Free World Forces. Despite adverse conditions during the units' formative period, the men were able to provide medical laboratory services previously unavailable in the Republic of Vietnam. Their intense program of on-the-job training resulted in better clinical management, a significant reduction in the number of man days lost and substantial savings in hospital bed space. The men of the 9TH MEDICAL LABORATORY have provided diagnostic information of significance to military physicians in the detection of contagious and environmentally induced diseases. Through their tireless efforts, they have produced outstanding achievements in research and analysis which have materially contributed to the counterinsurgency efforts in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 9TH MEDICAL LABORATORY and assigned units were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and the Armed Forces of the United States.

Authority: By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 203, AR 672-5-1.