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AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 203, AR 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) is awarded to the following named unit of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

9TH MEDICAL LABORATORY

The citation reads as follows:

The 9TH MEDICAL LABORATORY distinguished itself while in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 January 1970 to 30 April 1971. The unit provided command, control and administrative supervision for the United States Army Vietnam blood program operating in all four military regions of Vietnam. In addition, it provided laboratory consultants and medical laboratory liaisons throughout the Republic of Vietnam. With the increased workload, the 9TH MEDICAL LABORATORY met spiraling and yet delicate tasks with the utmost in professional ability and determination. The unit provided well over one half million procedures in the fields of Bacteriology, Biochemistry, Environmental Health, Infectious Disease, Pathology, Parasitology, and Veterinary Medicine. The unit served as a reference laboratory for all of the hospitals in Vietnam, and it assisted the ARVN forces as they formulated their own blood program. The willingness to give 100 per cent at all times, regardless of the difficulty or immediacy of the task, marked the unparalleled success of the 9TH MEDICAL LABORATORY. The unit compiled an exemplary record in all areas of discipline and morale and achieved total success in all of its undertakings. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 9TH MEDICAL LABORATORY are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves, their unit and the Armed Forces of the United States.