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I. 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 is awarded to the following units of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding services during the period indicated. The citations read as follows:

THE 8TH FIELD HOSPITAL with attached units, the 20th Preventive Medical Unit, the 7th Medical Laboratory, and the 36th Dental Detachment, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period February 1963 to September 1963. The members of these elements demonstrated dedicated devotion to duty, sound judgment, and professional competence by providing the highest standards of medical, dental, and preventive medicine support in a counterinsurgency environment. Through the untiring efforts of these units, significant improvements were attained in all aspects of a medical program designed to provide services to inpatients, outpatients, and combat troops. Their outstanding accomplishments included the addition of convalescent facilities which decreased evacuations out of Vietnam; the implementation of highly effective hygienic programs that insured a low incidence of tropical disease among United States military personnel; and provisions to furnish medical care, assistance, and instruction to Vietnamese nationals which materially enhanced relationships between both governments. The professional skill, diligence, and technical knowledge of the professional staff were reflected in the high recovery rate of the United States military patients at the 8th Field Hospital. The professional acumen and unselfish actions displayed by the members of the 8th Field Hospital and attached units during this critical period reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the military service of the United States.

THE 73D AVIATION COMPANY (AIRPLANE SURVEILLANCE) (LIGHT) distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period May 1963 to December 1963. The members of this Company demonstrated professional competence, perseverance, and fortitude by providing outstanding aerial reconnaissance, surveillance, target acquisition, and command control support for the United States Armed Forces and their allies during counterinsurgency operations in Vietnam. This effective support resulted from the concerted effort of the Company while participating in thousands of flying hours and missions, and maintaining a high aircraft availability rate despite a myriad of obstacles and hazards. Although the Company members were widely dispersed and operating from fifteen locations throughout Vietnam, and constantly subjected to aircraft maintenance complications resulting from hostile gun fire and inadequate landing

sites, they successfully performed the most difficult task which insured the success of the unit's mission. The determination, devotion to duty, and esprit de corps displayed by the members of the 73d Aviation Company during this critical period reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service of the United States.

II. AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD. (Awarded to United States Army Unit.) Award of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award to the following-named United States Army Unit is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1.

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Citation</i>
U.S. Army Signal Research Activity	AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD awarded, by the Secretary of the Air Force. The citation reads as follows: The United States Army Signal Research Activity distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service to the United States from 1 September 1961 to 25 December 1962. This organization, through its dedication and skill in the field of signal operations, made a significant contribution to a special project of great national and international importance. Through their diligent and collective efforts, and exceptional devotion to duty, the personnel of the United States Army Signal Research Activity have produced results which have reflected great credit upon themselves and the United States Army while serving with the United States Air Force.

III. UNITS ENTITLED TO BATTLE CREDITS. 1. TUNISIA. WD General Orders 59, 1945, as amended by WD General Orders 85, 1945; DA General Orders 72, 1948; DA General Orders 32, 1953; DA General Orders 47, 1954, and DA General Orders 19, 1961, pertaining to the Tunisia Campaign is further amended as follows:

Add: 2640th Quartermaster Truck Battalion (Provisional).

2. SICILY. WD General Orders 91, 1945, as amended by DA General Orders 6 and 37, 1950; DA General Orders 32, 1953; DA General Orders 47, 1954 and DA General Orders 9, 1960, pertaining to the Sicily Campaign is further amended as follows:

Delete: 27th Quartermaster Truck Regiment.

Add: 1st Battalion, 27th Quartermaster Truck Regiment.

3. NORTHERN FRANCE. WD General Orders 103, 1945, as amended by DA General Orders 72, 1948; DA General Orders 6 and 37, 1950; DA General Orders 32, 1953; DA General Orders 9, 25, and 47, 1954; DA General Orders 28, 1956; DA General Orders 40, 1957, and DA General Orders 41, 1958, pertaining to the Northern France Campaign is further amended as follows:

Delete: 638th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Add: Company C (less 3d Platoon), 638th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

4. LUZON. WD General Orders 12, 1946, as amended by DA General Orders 29 and 72, 1948; DA General Orders 6 and 37, 1950; DA General Orders 32, 47, and 73, 1953; DA General Orders 2, 25, and 51, 1954; DA General Orders 9, 1955; DA General Orders 28, 1956, and DA General Orders 17, 1960, pertaining to the Luzon Campaign, is further amended as follows:

Add: Headquarters, Eighth Army.

5. RYUKYUS. WD General Orders 12, 1946, as amended by DA General Orders 72, 1948; DA General Orders 6 and 37, 1950; DA General Orders 32, 1953; DA General Orders 34, 57, and 74, 1954; DA General Orders 28 and

52, 1956; DA General Orders 41, 1958; and DA General Orders 7, 1962, pertaining to the Ryukyus Campaign is further amended as follows:

Delete: 221st Quartermaster Battalion, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment.

IV. UNITS CREDITED WITH ASSAULT LANDINGS. NORTH AFRICA (Amphibious). WD General Orders 70, 1945, as amended by WD General Orders 116, 1946; DA General Orders 23, 1947; DA General Orders 6 and 37, 1950; DA General Orders 25, 1954; DA General Orders 9, 1955, and DA General Orders 28, 1956, pertaining to the North Africa Assault landing, is further amended as follows:

Add: 3d Quartermaster Company, 3d Infantry Division.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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