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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 unit of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

The citation reads as follows:

BATTERY A, 4TH MISSILE BATTALION (NIKE HERCULES), 43D ARTILLERY, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of an extremely difficult and hazardous mission in Alaska from 27 March 1964 to 3 April 1964. Immediately after Alaska was devastated by a severe earthquake on 27 March 1964, the members of this *Battery* promptly displayed fortitude, dedicated devotion to duty, and perseverance in conducting hazardous recovery operations. Despite the frequent aftershocks which continued throughout the period and the impending danger of ammunition explosions, the personnel of *Battery A* completely disregarded their own personal safety, and unhesitatingly started operations to eliminate the unsafe conditions. Through their determination, efficient utilization of all resources, and willingness to work on an around-the-clock basis, major items of equipment were successfully repaired and tested, enabling the unit to resume its operational status on 3 April 1964. The loyalty, esprit de corps, and spontaneous response of *Battery A* to this major disaster reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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