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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 service during the period indicated:

The citations read as follows:

THE 140TH TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT (CARGO HELICOPTER FIELD MAINTENANCE) distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from April 1963 to February 1964. During this period, the members of the 140th Transportation Detachment established an unprecedented average availability rate for the aircraft and helicopters of the 117th Aviation Company (Air Mobile Light) by providing outstanding maintenance support. Although the aircraft and helicopters were flown under the most demanding range of environmental conditions found in Vietnam and were severely damaged by enemy gunfire on numerous occasions, the Detachment coped with this constant heavy workload with exceptional effectiveness. Despite numerous obstacles and the location of the maintenance unit on the extreme end of a 13,000 mile logistical supply line, the 140th Transportation Detachment consistently provided the required number of aircraft needed for the accomplishment of aerial missions. Through their perseverance, professional skill, and willingness to work hours far beyond those normally expected month after month, the highest standards of aircraft maintenance support was provided for the success of important military objectives and contributed materially to the progress of the advisory effort of the United States in Vietnam. The professional competence, devotion to duty, and esprit de corps displayed by the members of the 140th Transportation Detachment (Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance) during this critical period reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service of the United States.

THE 560TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY, UNITED STATES ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam, from April 1963 to May 1964. As the only Military Police Company in Vietnam during this period, the members of the 560th Military Police Company demonstrated determination, fortitude, and professional skill in providing military police support to American installations and personnel throughout the Republic of Vietnam. Although the area covered by the Company, both in amount of responsibility and total size, was unprecedented in magnitude, the Company successfully accomplished its mission by dividing the Company into small detachments. The exceptional achievements of the Company included outstanding effectiveness in protecting United States installations against assault by insurgents; in controlling vehicular and pedestrian traffic during the two worst fires in the history of Saigon; in providing support to helicopter units; and in training their Vietnamese

counterparts in police techniques. Through the untiring efforts and professional competence of all of the members of the 560th Military Police Company, the prestige and image of American military forces in Vietnam were significantly enhanced. The perseverance, professional ability, and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 560th Military Police Company during the critical period reflect great credit upon themselves and the military services 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 Units is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1.

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Citation</i>
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.	AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD awarded by the Secretary of the Air Force. The citation reads as follows: The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service of both national and international significance from 1 July 1962 to 30 June 1964. During this period, the outstanding achievements of the personnel of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology have assured the Institute of a dynamic role as the world leader in military medicine and pathology. The superb accomplishment of its threefold mission of consultation, education and research has contributed substantially to the success of the Air Force Medical Service and its performance of duty is in keeping with the finest tradition of service to the Air Force, the United States and to humanity. The initiative, resourcefulness and dedication to duty displayed by the members of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Air Force.
U.S. Army Element, Alaskan Command.	AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD awarded by the Secretary of the Air Forces. The citation reads as follows: The 5040th Air Base Wing, Alaskan Air Command, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious achievement from 27 March 1964 to 30 March 1964. During this period, the outstanding leadership, superior staff planning and untiring devotion to duty exhibited by the members of the 5040th Air Base Wing were instrumental in the recovery of Elmendorf Air Force Base to continue its role of providing "Top Cover" for the North American Continent and in aiding the people of Alaska after a devastating earthquake on 27 March 1964. The initiative, resourcefulness, and the selfless devotion to duty displayed by the personnel of the 5040th Air Base Wing reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Air Force.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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