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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 U.S. Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

The citation reads as follows:

1. THE 56TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (DIRECT SUPPORT) distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from October 1964 to May 1965. Throughout this period, the members of this Company demonstrated professional skill, courage, and outstanding effectiveness in providing third echelon maintenance, supply, and aircraft recovery support to United States Army aircraft in the Third Vietnamese Army Corps. Despite the continuous increase in work, the Maintenance Unit expeditiously met the additional requirements by working hours far beyond those normally expected, insuring the progress of the counterinsurgency effort. Through the determination, professional ability, and fortitude of the members of the Aircraft Recovery Section, 24 downed aircraft were recovered from hostile territory for the United States Army, the U.S. Air Force, and the Vietnamese Air Force in support of military operations. The members of the Supply Platoon materially assisted in the overall maintenance effort and aircraft availability in the support area by their efficiency in providing the required parts in a timely manner. To accomplish this task, they willingly worked on a 24-hour-a-day basis, exhibiting alacrity, ingenuity, and diligence. The outstanding achievements of this Company contributed in great measure to the success of significant objectives of the United States in Vietnam. The professional competence, devotion to duty, and esprit de corps displayed by the members of THE 56TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (DIRECT SUPPORT) during this critical period reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service of the United States.

2. THE U.S. ARMY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND FACILITY, VIETNAM, an element of the U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of the United States effort in the Republic of Vietnam, during the period November 1964 to May 1965. The members of this Strategic Communications Facility demonstrated fortitude, professional skill, and devotion to duty in completing the most difficult tasks to provide secure strategic communication services to combat and combat support units within the Republic of Vietnam. Despite the hazardous situations, the hostile activities alien to conventional military operations, and the constant increase in workload, the U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command Facility not only fulfilled its global communications mission with alacrity and effectiveness but assured combat elements throughout the interior of the Republic of Vietnam of the highest standards of communications support. Although constantly exposed to adverse operating conditions, the members of the U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command Facility supported

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the security of the perimeter at Phu Lam site by manning machineguns and other light weapons bunkers, as well as by working around the clock to maintain reliable communication services. The loyalty, courage, determination, and esprit de corps displayed by the members of the U.S. Army Strategic Communications Command Facility, Vietnam, reflect great credit upon themselves and the military service of the United States.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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