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**I.—GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL.** The Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Training Center, Infantry, and Fort Lewis, Wash., is designated by the Secretary of the Army, pursuant to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 22(a)(6), to convene general courts-martial, *effective 18 December 1967*.

**II.—HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD, GA.** *Effective 1 July 1967*, Hunter Army Airfield is established as a class I subinstallation of Fort Stewart, Ga., a class I installation under the jurisdiction of the Commanding General, 3d U.S. Army.

**III.—NATIONAL BOARD FOR THE PROMOTION OF RIFLE PRACTICE.** General Orders 39, 1967, is amended as follows:

*Effective 14 December 1967*, Major General Herman Nickerson, Jr., USMC, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, U.S. Marine Corps, is appointed to membership on the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, to serve the unexpired term of MG Raymond L. Murray, USMC.

**IV.—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:

THE 539TH ENGINEER DETACHMENT, United States Army, distinguished itself by meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period 1 June 1964 through September 1966. Throughout this period, members of this detachment demonstrated professional skill, initiative, and outstanding effectiveness in providing engineer support to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam; United States Operations Mission to Vietnam; the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne); the United States Operations Mission to Thailand; and the United States Army Ryukyu Islands. Despite innumerable problems, hardships, and continuous exposure to hazards and hostile activities, members of the 539th Engineer Detachment constantly achieved outstanding results and contributed materially to the United States' military and counter-insurgency programs. The display of loyalty, courage, determination, and esprit de corps by personnel of the 539th Engineer Detachment reflects great credit upon the unit and the United States Army and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Corps of Engineers and the United States Army.

**V.—PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY).** So much of paragraph 3, section I, General Orders Number 40, Headquarters Department of

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the Army, dated 21 September 1967, pertaining to award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) to the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) and attached units, is amended as follows:

Delete: 15th Combat Support Battalion (Supply)  
27th Combat Support Battalion (Maintenance)  
Add: 15th Supply and Service Battalion  
27th Maintenance Battalion  
169th Ordnance Battalion (Maintenance and Supply)

**VI. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.** 1. So much of paragraph 1, section III, General Orders No. 20, Department of the Army, 1967, as pertains to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 41st Signal Battalion (CA), United States Army, is amended to include the period of service, "26 June 1965 to 1 April 1966".

2. So much of paragraph 1, section III, General Orders Number 31, Headquarters Department of the Army, dated 14 July 1967, as pertains to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 8th Field Hospital and attached units from January 1965 to July 1965, is amended to delete award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 36th Dental Detachment (designation: 36th Medical Detachment).

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

Official:

KENNETH G. WICKHAM,  
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The Adjutant General.*

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