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I.-WEAR OF VIETNAMESE UNIT AWARDS. Vietnamese unit awards may be worn on the military uniform on a permanent basis by personnel who were assigned to and present for duty with the unit at any time during the period of action cited; or attached by competent orders to and present for duty with the unit during the entire period or 30 consecutive days of the period of action cited. The awards may be worn on a temporary basis by all personnel who are assigned to the unit subsequent to the period of action cited. Temporary wear terminates upon reassignment from the unit.

II__VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM. 1. The award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm by the Republic of Vietnam to units of the United States Army listed below is confirmed.

2. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 12 July 1965 to 16 October 1968 to:

THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Infantry Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Band, 1st Infantry Division Support Command

1st Administration Company

1st Aviation Battalion

1st Engineer Battalion

1st Medical Battalion

1st Military Police Company

1st Supply and Transport Battalion

1st Battalion, 2d Infantry

2d Battalion, 2d Infantry

1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry

1st Battalion, 5th Artillery

8th Battalion, 6th Artillery

1st Battalion, 7th Artillery

1st Battalion, 16th Infantry

2d Battalion, 16th Infantry

1st Battalion, 18th Infantry

2d Battalion, 18th Infantry

1st Battalion, 26th Infantry

1st Battalion, 28th Infantry

2d Battalion, 28th Infantry 2d Battalion, 33d Artillery 121st Signal Battalion 701st Maintenance Battalion 5th Battalion, 60th Infantry 1st Military Intelligence Detachment 1st Platoon, Battery I, 29th Artillery 6th Battalion, 15th Artillery 17th Military History Detachment Company B, 2d Battalion, 34th Armor U.S. Air Force Weather Detachment 32, 5th Weather Squadron 35th Infantry Platoon 43d Public Information Detachment 44th Public Information Detachment 50th Military Intelligence Detachment Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon, Company F, 52d Infantry 61st Infantry Platoon Forward Air Control Personnel, U.S. Air Force 234th Artillery Detachment 242d Chemical Detachment 260th Artillery Detachment 266th Chemical Platoon 314th Aviation Detachment 317th Aviation Detachment 322d Aviation Detachment 340th Aviation Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 1st Infantry Division, United States Army, under the command of Major General Keith L. Ware, has been an outstanding and combat-experienced unit which has always shown a heroic fighting spirit and has actively supported the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam in many tactical operations to destroy the Communists. In actions from 12 July 1965 through 16 October 1968, although having to face many sacrifices and fighting under most difficult conditions, the men of the 1st Infantry Division were heroic in conducting tactical operations against enemy installations and preventing effective Communist actions in II Corps Tactical Zone and had glorious victories in the following operations: Bush Master, 10 November 1965-9 December 1965; Attleboro at Tay-Ninh, 5 November 1966-25 November 1966; Lam-Son at Binh-Duong and Bien Hoa, 1 February 1967-10 March 1967; Junction City in War Zone C, 22 February 1967-15 April 1967; Shenandoah II at Binh-Duong, 29 September 1967—19 November 1967; and Toan-Thang (1st Phase), 1 February 1968—10 March 1968, During the above tactical operations, the men of the 1st Infantry Division killed 1,300 enemy, captured a large amount of enemy weapons, equipment and supplies, and destroyed vital enemy training centers and logistical agencies. With brilliant results the men of the 1st Infantry Division have contributed greatly to defeating the Communists, protecting freedom and peace in Vietnam, and have upheld the heroic traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

3. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period December 1965 to August 1968 to:

THE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION and its assigned and attached units: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 25th Infantry Division Artillery

Headquarters Company and Band, 25th Infantry Division Support Command

1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mechanized)

Battery B, 5th Battalion, 2d Artillery

Company C, 4th Engineer Battalion

Company D, 4th Medical Battalion

3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry

1st Battalion, 8th Artillery

1st Battalion, 14th Infantry

1st Battalion, 35th Infantry

1st Battalion, 69th Armor

1st Battalion, 27th Infantry

2d Civil Affairs Company

Troop C, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry

2d Battalion, 35th Infantry

2d Battalion, 9th Artillery

2d Battalion, 12th Infantry

2d Battalion, 22d Infantry

2d Battalion, 14th Infantry

2d Battalion, 27th Infantry

2d Battalion, 34th Armor (less Company B)

2d Battalion, 77th Artillery

3d Battalion, 22d Infantry

3d Battalion, 13th Artillery

4th Battalion, 9th Infantry

4th Battalion, 23d Infantry

6th Battalion, 77th Artillery

7th Battalion, 11th Artillery

9th Chemical Detachment

15th Public Information Detachment

18th Military History Detachment

20th Public Information Detachment

25th Administration Company

25th Aviation Battalion

25th Medical Battalion 25th Supply and Transportation Battalion 25th Military Police Company 25th Military Intelligence Detachment 38th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) 40th Medical Detachment 40th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) 44th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) 46th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog) Company F, 50th Infantry 65th Engineer Battalion 66th Infantry Platoon (Combat Tracker) 125th Signal Battalion 257th Field Artillery Detachment 258th Field Artillery Detachment 341st Aviation Detachment, 58th Aviation Battalion 390th Quartermaster Detachment Company B, 704th Maintenance Battalion 725th Maintenance Battalion

The citation reads as follows:

The 25th Infantry Division, United States Army, under the command of Major General Ellis W. Williamson, has been an outstanding and highly combatexperienced unit which has achieved many outstanding victories and is a great terror to the Communist aggressors. During the period from December 1965 to August 1968, the 25th Infantry Division operated with great enthusiasm, either unilaterally or in coordination with units of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, in launching many large-scale operations to destroy Viet Cong bases in Hau Nghia, Gia Dinh, Tay Ninh, Long An, and Binh Duong Provinces. The 25th Infantry Division personnel were particularly remarkable during the following operations: Atlanta, 18 November 1967—23 December 1967 in the Iron Triangle Area; Yellowstone, 8 December 1967-24 January 1968 in War Zone C; Saratoga, 8 December 1967-10 March 1968 in areas adjacent to Hau Nghia, Long An, and Binh Duong Provinces; Toan Thang (Phase I), 7 April 1968-1 June 1968 in Tay Ninh, Hau Nghia, Gia Dinh, Long An, and Binh Duong Provinces; Toan Thang (Phase II), 1 June 1968-30 August 1968 in Tay Ninh, Long An, Binh Duong, Hau Nghia, and Gia Dinh Provinces. During these operations, although confronted by intense hostile fire and unfavorable terrain conditions, the courageous men of the 25th Infantry Division, with extensive combat experience and adamant resolution to fight until victory. fought stubbornly and with great calmness to destroy many Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Regular Army units, killing more than 12,000 of the enemy in action, capturing thousands of weapons, along with large quantities of ammunition, clothing, equipment, documents, and destroying many important enemy bases and installations. Units of the 25th Infantry Division were also highly effective in overwhelming two all-out enemy attacks during the Tet period and May 1968, and in thwarting Viet Cong attempts to attack Tav Ninh Province late in July 1968, inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy, Simultaneous with their military efforts, the 25th Infantry Division personnel also participated enthusiastically in various civic action activities, such as constructing schools and houses, repairing roads, conducting medical clinics, and distributing medicine and food to local inhabitants, thereby promoting the bonds of friendship between the Vietnamese people and the U.S. Armed Forces. Through these brilliant efforts, the 25th Infantry Division has contributed substantially and effectively to the struggle against Communism in the Republic of Vietnam.

4. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 1 July 1966 to 31 July 1966 and 9 December 1966 to 18 January 1967 to:

THE 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade

1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry

2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry

2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry

Company A, 326th Engineer Battalion

Battery A, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 320th Artillery

Troop A, 2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry

42d Infantry Platoon

1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Aviation Section

1st Platoon, 101st Military Police Company

1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division Support Battalion (Provisional)

1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (Provisional)

3d Radio Research Unit

20th Chemical Detachment

Team 9, 41st Civil Affairs Company

Battery B, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery

181st Military Intelligence Detachment

245th Psychological Operations Company

406th Radio Research Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), United States Army is an outstanding unit which exhibits a gallant fighting spirit at all times. During the period that the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), was stationed in the 24th Special Sector, Republic of Vietnam, it conducted many important and successful operations to thwart enemy plans for seizing the highlands and to block the enemy from moving into the coastal region. In particular, during various battles at Toumorong in July 1966 and during Operation "Pickett," conducted from 9 December 1966 to 18 January 1967 along the Cambodian-Vietnamese-Laotian border, north of Kontum, and in the Dakakoi Valley, northeast of Kontum, units of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), fought bravely, destroying the entire 24th Regiment of the North Vietnamese Army, and achieved the following brilliant results: 598 Viet Cong killed in action; 34 Viet Cong taken prisoner; 4 Viet Cong surrendered; 25 crew-served and 195 individual weapons, along with a large quantity of clothing and important documents, captured; and 67 tons of rice destroyed. Over and above these outstanding achievements, the 1st Brigade,

101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), has proved its matchless ability and strength by attacking and destroying the enemy and, at the same time, providing effective support for the 24th Special Sector of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces in the mission of blocking the waves of Communist aggression.

5. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 19 April 1968 to 15 August 1968 to:

THE 2D BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) and its assigned and attached units:

2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), Headquarters and Headquarters Company

1st Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry
2d Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry
1st Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry
1st Battalion (Airborne), 321st Artillery
2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry
Company C, 326th Engineer Battalion
Company B, 326th Medical Battalion
Company B, 501st Signal Battalion
2d Platoon, Company A, 801st Maintenance Battalion
2d Platoon, 101st Military Police Company
Forward Support Element, 501st Supply Company
265th Radio Research Company

34th Public Information Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), United States Army, under the command of Colonel John H. Cushman, is an excellent, veteran unit which always displays an enthusiastic spirit of dedication to destroying the Communists. While participating in battles in the 11th Division Tactical Area, the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), along with various organic and attached units, fought courageously and achieved splendid victories through two outstanding operations. The first operation, Lam Son 216-Carentan II was conducted from 19 April 1968 to 17 May 1968 in the Quang Dien District. During this operation, the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) soldiers heroically attacked and destroyed enemy rear bases and forward headquarters, thus preventing the enemy from attacking the city of Hue. Operation Lam Son 224-Nevada Eagle was conducted from 16 May 1968 to 15 August 1968. During this operation the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) soldiers not only protected the local inhabitants' crops but also inflicted heavy losses upon Viet Cong units and entirely destroyed the 803d Regiment/324th-B Division of the North Vietnamese Army. During these two operations, soldiers of the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), killed 2,382 Viet Cong, captured 257 Viet Cong and seized 119 crew-served and 505 individual weapons as well as a large quantity of equipment. Through these splendid achievements, the soldiers of the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) contributed significantly to the fight against Communism to preserve freedom in Vietnam and, at the same time, displayed the indomitable will and the heroic tradition of the United States Armed Forces.

6. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 15 May 1964 to 16 August 1968, to:

DETACHMENT B-52 (PROJECT DELTA), 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 1ST SPECIAL FORCES

The citation reads as follows:

The brave soldiers of this unit successfully accomplished their mission despite many dangers. During the four years since the establishment of Project Delta, the advice and support given to the Vietnamese Special Forces Training Center in combat operations throughout the four corps tactical zones of Vietnam has been outstanding. These highly trained personnel contributed immeasurably to stemming Communist aggression through cooperation with the Vietnamese Special Forces in 36 combat operations, utilizing reconnaissance, infiltration and raiding techniques, to destroy known Viet Cong secret bases. In addition to successfully advising the Vietnamese Special Forces, Detachment B-52 has participated in several victorious operations with other Republic of Vietnam and allied forces at Vung Ro, Duc Co, and Plei Me, resulting in 958 enemy killed in action, 94 captured, and the seizure of 28 crew-served and 89 individual weapons plus a large quantity of equipment and important documents. Numerous important enemy installations were destroyed by tactical air support directed by elements of Detachment B-52. The above results show the determination of these soldiers to fight the Communists in the Republic of Vietnam, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

III_THE VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM (SECOND AWARD). 1. The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Second Award) which was awarded by the Republic of Vietnam to the following unit of the United States Army is confirmed.

2. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Second Award) has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 22 February 1967 to 17 May 1968 to:

THE 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Brigade

1st Signal Detachment

3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry

4th Signal Detachment

5th Aviation Detachment

5th Quartermaster Detachment

6th Signal Detachment

7th Squadron, 1st Cavalry

7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry

8th Medical Detachment

8th Military History Detachment

9th Signal Detachment

10th Aviation Battalion

11th Aviation Battalion

12th Aviation Group

12th Public Information Detachment

13th Aviation Battalion

13th Security Platoon (Provisional)

14th Aviation Battalion

14th Security Platoon (Provisional)

16th Aviation Group

16th Signal Company

16th Transportation Detachment

17th Aviation Group

17th Aviation Company

18th Aviation Company

21st Aviation Company

25th Aviation Company

25th Medical Detachment

26th Signal Detachment

28th Signal Detachment

Battery H, 29th Artillery

39th Transportation Detachment

40th Transportation Detachment

41st Medical Detachment

48th Aviation Company

52d Aviation Battalion

52d Quartermaster Detachment

52d Security Platoon (Provisional)

53d Quartermaster Detachment

54th Aviation Company

57th Aviation Company

58th Aviation Battalion

58th Aviation Detachment

61st Aviation Company

62d Quartermaster Detachment

65th Signal Detachment

68th Aviation Company

68th Infantry Detachment

68th Signal Detachment

69th Infantry Detachment

70th Signal Detachment

71st Aviation Company

73d Aviation Company

74th Aviation Company

78th Artillery Detachment

80th Transportation Detachment

83d Medical Detachment

85th Medical Detachment

87th Quartermaster Detachment

92d Aviation Company

93d Medical Detachment

94th Medical Detachment

94th Signal Detachment

96th Signal Detachment

- 98th Transportation Detachment
- 114th Aviation Company
- 116th Aviation Company
- 117th Aviation Company
- 118th Aviation Company
- 119th Aviation Company
- 120th Aviation Company
- 120th Aviation Company
- 121st Aviation Company
- 125th Air Traffic Control Company
- 128th Aviation Company
- 129th Aviation Company
- 129th Medical Detachment
- 130th Medical Detachment
- 131st Aviation Company
- 132d Aviation Company
- 134th Aviation Company
- 134th Medical Detachment
- 135th Aviation Company
- 140th Transportation Detachment
- 145th Aviation Battalion
- 145th Security Platoon (Provisional)
- 147th Aviation Company
- 150th Transportation Detachment
- 151st Transportation Detachment
- 154th Medical Detachment
- 155th Aviation Company
- 162d Aviation Company
- 163d Medical Detachment
- 164th Aviation Group
- 165th Transportation Detachment
- 166th Transportation Detachment
- 167th Transportation Detachment
- 170th Aviation Company
- 171st Transportation Detachment
- 173d Aviation Company
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