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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 the following named units of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated:

1. HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, UNITED STATES ARMY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS GROUP (VIETNAM).

The citation reads as follows:

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, UNITED STATES ARMY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS GROUP (VIETNAM) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 January 1967 to 31 July 1968. The officers and men of the company demonstrated dynamic leadership and technical competence in the superior operation of the entire strategic communications system supporting allied forces in the I, II, III, and IV Corps tactical zones. By exercising command and control of their vital area of responsibility, they provided high-quality, long-distance communications service to subscribers throughout the theater, fulfilling requirements of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Defense Communications Agency and the military services. Although heavily taxed during a period of monumental expansion, the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, UNITED STATES ARMY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS GROUP (VIETNAM) effectively utilized available resources and capabilities in controlling and managing the sophisticated communications system. Despite encounters with enemy activity, the exceptional foresight and unique ingenuity of the signalmen were evidenced in their planning and execution of complex cutovers from existing systems to new systems. Through determined efforts and unrelenting tenacity, the company's personnel dramatically improved services rendered, provided the optimum in communications support and contributed immeasurably to the free world struggle against Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, UNITED STATES ARMY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS GROUP (VIETNAM) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. THE 4TH SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION and its attached unit:

2d Laundry Platoon, 243d Field Service Company, 88th Supply and Service Battalion

The citation reads as follows:

The 4TH SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION and its attached unit distinguished themselves in sup-

port of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 June 1967 to 30 September 1968. The members of the battalion demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, determination and professional competence in rendering unexcelled logistical support to elements of the 4th Infantry Division. Despite the immense obstacles involved with logistical operations during the torrential monsoon season, and frequent encounters with enemy activity, they effectively supported combat forces by providing all classes of supplies and ammunition. By the efficient employment of available resources and capabilities, they successfully operated ten forward supply areas which were vital to tactical units engaged in activities in the MacArthur area of operations, the battle of Dak To in 1967 and the 1968 TET offensive. Realizing the importance of civic actions to the ultimate success of the war effort, the members of the 4TH SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION, sacrificed untold time and materials to Civil Affairs missions which significantly contributed to the health, education and economic needs of the Vietnamese people. The ability of the men of the unit to consistently perform in the highest order was evidenced in their selfless and unrelenting dedication to mission accomplishment. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 4TH SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. THE 9TH MEDICAL BATTALION, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

The citation reads as follows:

The 9TH MEDICAL BATTALION, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 January 1968 through 31 October 1968. Demonstrating exceptional dedication and comprehensive technical skill, the officers and men of the battalion provided superior medical support to combat elements of the 9th Infantry Division and attached units. With their professional knowledge, administrative ability and singular initiative, they overcame the multitude of complex problems inherent in their extensive tactical area of responsibility. By implementing the intra-battalion casualty transfer program and through the use of emergency medical reaction teams, the personnel of the unit increased their capabilities to fulfill the urgency of the demands of their vital mission. In addition to rendering the finest medical care to over 55,000 sick and wounded Allied troops, the members of the 9TH MEDICAL BATTALION provided medical treatment to over 30,000 Vietnamese people. Showing an intense concern for the local populace, the battalion's members devoted substantial time and effort to the establishment of a highly beneficial preventive medicine program designed to combat widespread disease by immunizations, instruction on personal hygiene and a general cleanup of unsanitary living conditions. Through their unrelenting perseverance and sound medical judgment, they provided the optimum in medical support and materially advanced the free world struggle against Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 9TH MEDICAL BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

4. THE 9TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION and its attached unit:

584th Military Intelligence Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 9TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION and its attached unit, the 584th Military Intelligence Detachment, distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 February 1968 to 30 September 1968. Demonstrating dynamic leadership and technical proficiency, the officers and men of the detachment provided outstanding combat intelligence support to maneuver elements of the 9th Infantry Division and attached units. Throughout the intense activities of the 1968 TET offensive and the increased enemy operations of May and June, they efficiently collected, evaluated and disseminated all types of intelligence to Allied forces engaged in countering the Communist aggressors. With their effective employment of all available resources and capabilities, the members of the 9TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT, overcame every operational, environmental and administrative obstacle inherent in the diverse requirements of the changing tactical situation. By ensuring the maximum in timely and accurately produced intelligence, the organization's personnel provided a reliable base on which to found command and control decisions, thereby enhancing the effectiveness of the 9th Infantry Division and significantly contributing to its successful operations against the enemy. Their sound judgment, professional competence, and high standards in rendering vital military intelligence support materially advanced the free world struggle against Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 9TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

5. HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND BAND, SUPPORT COMMAND, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

The citation reads as follows:

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND BAND, SUPPORT COMMAND, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 January 1968 to 31 December 1968. The officers and men of the unit demonstrated dynamic leadership and exceptional foresight in providing outstanding logistical support to assigned and attached units of the 9th Infantry Division and other Allied forces. Despite overwhelming obstacles and unique combat requirements inherent in the fluid tactical situation, they exercised masterful command and control of division logistical operations and guided subordinate units to unparalleled levels of efficiency and effectiveness. In their efforts to render the finest supply and maintenance support possible, the personnel of the organization judiciously utilized all available resources and capabilities in accomplishing the monumental tasks of their assigned mission. The swift and competent reaction to the Communist attacks of the 1968 TET and May offensives characterized the manner with which HEADQUARTERS

AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND BAND, SUPPORT COMMAND, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION responded to the needs of the fighting forces. Realizing the importance of civic actions to the ultimate success of the war effort, they selflessly sacrificed untold time and materials in Civil Affairs missions which contributed immeasurably to the health, education and economic needs of the Vietnamese people. Through their unrelenting perseverance and singular initiative, the unit's members materially advanced the free world struggle against Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND BAND, SUPPORT COMMAND, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

6. THE 20TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT).

The citation reads as follows:

The 20TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) and its attached unit, the 584th Engineer Company, distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 March 1967 to 31 May 1968. Demonstrating exceptional foresight and technical expertise, the officers and men of the battalion provided excellent engineer support to United States forces throughout the central highlands. Despite immense obstacles involved with construction operations during the torrential monsoon season and frequent encounters with enemy activity, they successfully completed numerous engineering programs. The exceptional feats of the members of the 20TH ENGINEER BATTALION in the construction and maintenance of strategic highways, airstrips, and fire support bases, and in the clearance of dense jungle areas, denied the Communists havens for staging operations, and significantly contributed to the outstanding combat successes enjoyed by field commanders. Realizing the importance of civic actions to the war effort, the organization's personnel gave selflessly of time and materials, and greatly advanced the health and welfare of the Vietnamese people by clearing farmland, improving water sources and rendering technical assistance for self-help projects. Through their determined efforts, the men of the unit provided the free world forces in the Republic of Vietnam with tangible evidence of their dedication to mission accomplishment and their desire to contribute unstintingly to the aid of the South Vietnamese in their struggle against Communist aggression. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 20TH ENGINEER BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

7. THE 25TH SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION comprised of:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Supply and Transport Battalion
- Transportation Motor Transport Company, 25th Supply and Transport Battalion
- Supply and Service Company (Provisional), 25th Supply and Transport Battalion

The citation reads as follows :

The 25TH SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 September 1967 to 29 February 1968. Demonstrating extraordinary fortitude, determination and professional competence, the officers and men of the battalion provided exceptional logistical support for the 25th Infantry Division. By the efficient employment of available resources and capabilities, they successfully established a self-sustaining logistical element capable of rendering direct combat service support to units engaged in extended tactical operations. Despite adverse working conditions and constant enemy harassment, the members of the 25TH SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION, maintained extensive and responsive liaison activities with the Saigon/Long Binh depots and storage areas and the forward support locations in order to fulfill all immediate supply requirements. Realizing the importance of civic actions to the ultimate success of the war effort, the organization's personnel selflessly sacrificed untold time and materials in Civil Affairs missions of profound benefit which contributed to the health, education and economic needs of the Vietnamese people. Through their unrelenting perseverance and singular initiative, the men of the unit materially advanced the free world struggle against Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 25TH SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

8. THE 27TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT).

The citation reads as follows :

The 27TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 April 1967 through 31 August 1968. Demonstrating exceptional foresight and technical expertise, the officers and men of the battalion provided excellent combat engineer support throughout the II, III and IV Corps tactical zones. Their superior planning and timely execution of construction projects and engineering missions characterized their participation in numerous strategic operations. With rugged determination and vigorous application of their engineering skills, the personnel of the 27TH ENGINEER BATTALION successfully handled their massive workload which included the construction and maintenance of bridges and roads, the development of base complexes and the rehabilitation of airfields and landing strips. Although widely dispersed and engaged in various projects outside the realm of normal responsibility, the organization's members exhibited meticulous attention to detail and aggressive responsiveness to the ever-changing tactical situation in rendering unparalleled service to the elements which they supported. With unrelenting perseverance, singular initiative and consummate knowledge of engineering concepts, the battalion's personnel materially advanced the free world struggle against Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 27TH ENGINEER BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the

military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

9. THE 69TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION).

The citation reads as follows:

The 69TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 May 1967 to 30 September 1968. With personal dedication and professional competence, the officers and men of the battalion provided outstanding engineering support to units of II Field Force Vietnam throughout the Mekong Delta. The determined efforts and unique resourcefulness of all assigned personnel enabled them to successfully complete their engineering missions while encountering extreme material shortages, limited logistical support and undesirable terrain conditions. Significant among the numerous accomplishments of the members of the 69TH ENGINEER BATTALION were the development of efficient and productive rock quarry operations at Vung Tau, the construction of extensive base complexes at Dong Tam and Can Tho, and the rehabilitation of vital airfields at Vinh Long, Can Tho and Vi Thanh. Despite frequent mortar attacks and heavy enemy activity, the men of the unit displayed superior technical skill and high responsiveness in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks in support of Allied elements engaged in the 1968 TET offensive and during other periods of increased enemy pressure. Through their unrelenting perseverance, singular initiative and consummate knowledge of engineering concepts, the battalion's personnel contributed immeasurably to the free world struggle against Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 69TH ENGINEER BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

10. THE 87TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION).

The citation reads as follows:

The 87TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 March 1967 to 29 February 1968. Demonstrating exemplary professionalism and outstanding initiative, the officers and men of the battalion provided excellent engineer support to United States forces deployed throughout the Cam Ranh Bay theater of operations. With immediate response to the urgency of changing tactical requirements and complete coordination of personnel and equipment, they consistently met the demanding deadlines for high priority construction. The members of the 87TH ENGINEER BATTALION, by their efficient employment of available resources and capabilities, successfully completed the vital construction of airfields and highways and the necessary development of base installations and cantonment areas. Despite immense obstacles involved with construction operations under adverse working conditions, the timeliness and superior nature of engineer support rendered by the members of the unit assured that quality engineer standards were maintained. Through their determined efforts, the organization's personnel provided the free world forces in the Republic of Vietnam with tangible evidence of their

dedication to mission accomplishment and their desire to contribute unstintingly to the aid of the South Vietnamese in their struggle against Communist aggression. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 87TH ENGINEER BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

11. THE 92D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION and its assigned units:
 Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 92d Military Police Battalion
 Company C, 87th Infantry
 188th Military Police Company (Second Oak Leaf Cluster)
 300th Military Police Company
 560th Military Police Company (Third Oak Leaf Cluster)

The citation reads as follows:

The 92D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION and its assigned units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 October 1967 through 30 September 1968. The officers and men of the battalion demonstrated remarkable skill, ingenuity and determination while performing the vital mission of securing the thousands of tons of military supplies passing daily through the Port of Saigon. Through the employment of sound skills and the desire of all personnel to accomplish their mission in the most efficient manner, a comprehensive system of security controls was established which significantly reduced pilferage losses. Although seriously hampered by the complexity of Saigon Port and its many avenues of ingress open to hostile forces, the men of the 92D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION succeeded in placing into effect the necessary actions required to prevent the loss of military supplies. Personnel of the battalion exercised vigilance over the materials from their arrival into Vietnamese waters until they were well secured in local supply points. This entailed establishing and manning a complex system of check points to insure the unharassed passage through hostile waters of these essential war materials. Through their dedicated efforts, the organization's members provided the free world forces in the Republic of Vietnam tangible evidence of their devotion to duty and their desire to contribute unstintingly to the plight of the South Vietnamese in their struggle against Communist aggression. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 92D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

12. THE 124TH SIGNAL BATTALION, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

The citation reads as follows:

The 124TH SIGNAL BATTALION, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 July 1967 through 30 June 1968. Demonstrating professional competence and singular initiative, the officers and men of the battalion provided exceptional communications support to tactical elements of the 4th Infantry Division and attached units. Despite adverse weather conditions, hostile terrain and frequent encounters with enemy activity, they established

and operated an extensive network of multichanneled communications throughout their area of responsibility with utmost reliability. Their effective utilization of available resources and capabilities enabled them to overcome critical manpower and material shortages and accomplish all assigned tasks in a timely and efficient manner. By implementing the "obstacle gain" relay technique, the members of the 124th Signal Battalion greatly extended the range of their radio systems and established vital communications with Allied forces in remote areas. Realizing the importance of civil actions to the ultimate success of the war effort, they selflessly sacrificed untold time and energy in significantly contributing to the health and welfare of the Vietnamese inhabitants of the central highlands. Through their unrelenting perseverance, technical expertise and total dedication to rendering the optimum in communications support, the signalmen materially advanced the free world struggle against Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 124TH SIGNAL BATTALION, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

13. THE 190TH AVIATION COMPANY and its attached units:

- 605th Transportation Detachment
- 520th Medical Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 190TH AVIATION COMPANY and its attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 9 August 1967 to 27 July 1968. With exceptional foresight and professional conduct, the members of the company commenced combat operations by expertly transporting, escorting and protecting visiting United States dignitaries who were monitoring the first democratic election in the history of the Republic of Vietnam. Demonstrating extraordinary fortitude and technical expertise in the superb performance of extremely hazardous combat maneuvers, they provided unequalled air support to Allied forces throughout the I, II, and III Corps tactical zones. In numerous confrontations with the stubborn aggressors, the members of the 190TH AVIATION COMPANY disregarded their own personal safety and rendered a vicious and accurate aerial attack in routing the enemy forces. Their strategic airmobile operations, characterized by tenacity in assault, coordination of plan and maneuver and immediate response to changing tactical requirements, have contributed significantly to the outstanding combat successes enjoyed by field commanders. Despite the perils of flying in adverse weather conditions and over difficult terrain, the personnel of the organization have established an unparalleled safety record in flying over 28,000 accident-free combat hours. Their unrelenting perseverance and dedicated efforts in providing the optimum in combat air support materially advanced the free world struggle against Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 190TH AVIATION COMPANY are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

14. THE 262D QUARtermaster BATTALION (PETROLEUM) and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 262d Quartermaster Battalion (Petroleum)
 524th Quartermaster Company
 525th Quartermaster Company (less the Petroleum Base Laboratory)
 237th Quartermaster Detachment
 253d Quartermaster Detachment
 255th Quartermaster Detachment
 360th Transportation Company (2 January 1968 to 31 July 1968)

The citation reads as follows:

The 262D QUARtermaster BATTALION (PETROLEUM) and its assigned and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 8 June 1967 to 31 July 1968. The officers and men of the battalion exhibited professional competence and a seemingly limitless capacity for work in providing excellent petroleum support for Allied forces throughout the Cam Ranh Bay Support Command area. By effectively employing all available resources and capabilities, they successfully transported over 22,000,000 gallons of petroleum products and efficiently managed forward supply points which contributed immeasurably to the combat victories enjoyed by field commanders. In addition to performing their assigned tasks in an outstanding manner, the members of the 262D QUARtermaster BATTALION significantly aided numerous other units throughout the theater by providing technical assistance for establishing quality control procedures, designing fuel supply systems and dispensing emergency petroleum-handling equipment. Through their unrelenting perseverance and dedication to mission accomplishment, they materially advanced the free world struggle against Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 262D QUARtermaster BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

15. THE 459TH SIGNAL BATTALION (COMBAT AREA) and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 459th Signal Battalion (Combat Area)
 Company A, 459th Signal Battalion (Combat Area)
 Company B, 459th Signal Battalion (Combat Area)
 228th Signal Company (28 October 1966 through 30 April 1968)
 261st Signal Company (29 March 1967 through 8 February 1968 and 18 April 1968 through 30 April 1968)
 518th Signal Company (11 August 1967 through 30 April 1968)
 213th Signal Detachment (28 October 1966 through 30 April 1968)

The citation reads as follows:

The 459TH SIGNAL BATTALION (COMBAT AREA) and its assigned and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 15 October 1966 through 30 April

1968. The battalion's members demonstrated extraordinary proficiency, diligence, and determination in providing exceptional communications support to Allied forces throughout the I and II Corps tactical zones. Their flexibility and resourcefulness enabled them to overcome the multitude of difficulties inherent in their operation and accomplish all assigned tasks in a timely and efficient manner. Applying their versatility and expertise to the complex and diverse communications mission, the members of the 459TH SIGNAL BATTALION ensured the professional installation of numerous radio systems and underground cables, the expert construction of microwave tower facilities and the emergency maintenance of storm- and enemy-damaged communication networks. By skillfully employing available resources and capabilities, they effectively relocated the entire command staff and their equipment to the Hue-Phu Bai district for the organization of a new signal battalion without interrupting service in their original operational area. Through their unrelenting perseverance and singular initiative, the personnel of the unit contributed immeasurably to the free world struggle against Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 459TH SIGNAL BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

16. 577TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and its attached units:

547th Engineer Platoon

553d Engineer Company (Third Platoon for the period 12 June 1967 through 29 February 1968)

572d Engineer Company (12 June 1967 to 4 October 1968)

The citation reads as follows:

The 577TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and its attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 12 June 1967 through 7 December 1968. The officers and men of the battalion demonstrated outstanding responsiveness and technical expertise in rendering excellent combat engineer support to Allied forces in the Vung Ro Bay and Tuy Hoa areas. Despite immense obstacles involved with construction operations during the torrential monsoon season and frequent encounters with enemy activity, the personnel of the unit successfully completed numerous top priority projects. Through outstanding initiative, uncommon versatility and rapid adjustment to changing tactical requirements, the men of the 577TH ENGINEER BATTALION maintained the highest emergency repair and construction rates possible in furthering their vital engineering mission. Their superior planning and sound application of engineering skills were manifested in the construction of essential bridges, airfields and fire support bases and in the restoration and maintenance of key highways and important access roads. Through their unrelenting perseverance, singular initiative and consummate knowledge of engineering concepts, the organization's personnel contributed immeasurably to the free world struggle against Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 577TH ENGINEER BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the

military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

17. THE 716TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION and its attached units:
 527th Military Police Company (1 January 1968 to 15 October 1968)
 Company C, 52d Infantry
 90th Military Police Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 716TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION and its attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 January 1968 to 31 October 1968. Demonstrating extraordinary fortitude, tenacity and consummate skill in performing combat missions of defense and security of United States installations in the Saigon/Cholon area, the officers and men of the battalion excelled not only in all major combat confrontations, but also in the everyday duties of law enforcement, security operations and public relations. Although hampered by adverse and hazardous conditions, the men of the 716TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION diligently patrolled the volatile capital and meticulously investigated thousands of traffic mishaps and felonious complaints. They were often called upon to react to emergency situations and, in every instance, their quick responsiveness and noteworthy courage were instrumental in saving countless lives and preventing further danger. Through their dedicated efforts, the organization's members provided the free world forces in the Republic of Vietnam tangible evidence of their devotion to duty and their desire to contribute unstintingly to the plight of the South Vietnamese in their struggle against Communist aggression. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 716TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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