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I_THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY). Award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) by the President of the United States of America to the following units of the Armed Forces of the United States is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1. The text of the citation, signed by President Richard Nixon 24 September 1969, reads as follows:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, I have today awarded

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY) FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM

TO

COMPANY D, 4TH BATTALION
12TH INFANTRY, 199TH INFANTRY BRIGADE
UNITED STATES ARMY
AND ATTACHED UNITS:

MEDICAL AID DETACHMENT, BATTALION HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 4TH BATTALION 12TH INFANTRY

FORWARD OBSERVER TEAM/BATTERY C, 2ND BATTALION, 40TH ARTILLERY

1ST PLATOON, D TROOP, 17TH ARMORED CAVALRY

who distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism during the period 5 to 10 May 1968, while engaged in military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Serving as a blocking element to deny hostile forces approach routes into Saigon and portions of Binh Chanh District, Company D and attached units repeatedly displayed outstanding acts of valor against superior forces in offensive, defensive, and ambush operations. During the period nine major contacts were made with elements of four North Vietnamese Army battalions and in each instance the enemy forces were routed from the battlefield by the aggressive action, teamwork, firepower, esprit, heroism, and outstanding tactics of the combined arms team. Maintaining pressure on the enemy forces to prevent their withdrawal, Company D dispersed and demoralized the units

and prevented their reorganization, while killing 181 North Vietnamese Army soldiers and capturing ten prisoners of war, numerous weapons, equipment, and ammunition. Throughout the prolonged period of savage fighting the men of Company D by their relentless determination, undaunted courage and aggressive spirit performed countless acts of heroism as they defeated enemy forces with numerically superior automatic weapons, small arms, mortar and rocket fire. These actions significantly contributed to the overall defense of Saigon. The extraordinary heroism, devotion to duty, and determination of all personnel of Company D and attached units reflect great credit upon themselves, their units and the United States Army.

II_THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY). Award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) by the President of the United States of America to the following units of the Armed Forces of the United States is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1. The text of the citation, signed by President Richard Nixon 24 September 1969, reads as follows:

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THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY)
FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM
TO THE

1ST BRIGADE, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION COMPRISED OF

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 2D BATTALION, 39TH INFANTRY-2D BATTALION, 60TH INFANTRY

AND ATTACHED UNITS

COMPANY A, 15TH ENGINEER BATTALION-1ST BATTALION, 11TH ARTILLERY UNITED STATES ARMY

The 1ST BRIGADE, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION, and attached units, distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 7 March 1968 to 22 June 1968. The 1st Brigade, 9th Infantry Division with attached units reopened and secured Highway 4, the vital link between the Mekong Delta and Saigon, in Dinh Tuong Province and conducted operations against Viet Cong main-force units operating in the areas adjacent to Highway 4. In a series of operations, the 1st Brigade, with Company A, 15th Engineer Battalion (attached) and the 1st Battalion, 11th Artillery in direct support, located and engaged superior enemy forces in some of the most difficult terrain in Vietnam. The swift, decisive, and fierce actions of the maneuver and supporting elements annihilated three well-equipped and well-trained enemy battalions. The 1st Brigade succeeded in driving the Viet Cong from their traditional base areas in central Dinh Tuong Province. During these actions, 629 Viet Cong were killed, and 144 captured along with 184 individual and crew-served weapons captured and destroyed. The 1st Brigade's success in reopening Highway 4 restored use of this vital communications link to the Vietnamese populace. By their deter-

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mined display of initiative, professional skill, and extraordinary courage, which was in the highest traditions of the military service, the men of the 1st Brigade, 9th Infantry Division and attached units reflected the utmost credit upon themselves, the 9th Infantry Division and the United Sates Army.

III_THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY). Award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) by the President of the United States of America to the following units of the Armed Forces of the United States is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1. The text of the citation, signed by President Richard Nixon, 26 August 1969, reads as follows:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, I have today awarded

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY)

FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM

TO THE

1ST SQUADRON, 1ST CAVALRY

AND

TROOP C, 7TH SQUADRON, 17TH CAVALRY

UNTED STATES ARMY

The 1ST SQUADRON, 1ST CAVALRY and TROOP C, 7TH SQUAD-RON, 17TH CAVALRY, Americal Division distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations against hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 31 January to 31 March 1968. During this period these units encountered heavily armed, well-supplied, and aggressive North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces of company, battalion, and regimental size in more than 217 separate engagements in the southern I Corps tactical area in the vicinity of Tam Ky and Hoi An. Opposing a highly motivated enemy that consistently occupied heavily fortified bunkers and tunnel complexes with excellent fields of fire, the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry, supported by Troop C, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry, displayed exceptional professional ability, efficient teamwork, personal initiative, driving aggressiveness, and dauntless courage in repeatedly defeating the enemy. Operating independently, with attached infantry, or in conjunction with Republic of Vietnam forces, the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry and Troop C. 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry, employed rapid movement, tenacious pursuit, and violent assault to defeat the enemy, killing 1,046 North Vietnames and Viet Cong while sustaining only 11 fatal casualties of their own. Through their magnificant efforts, the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry and Troop C, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry, added materially to the successes attained by the Americal Division on the field of battle. The conspicuous gallantry and extraordinary heroism displayed by all members of both units are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on them, the Americal Division and the United States Army.

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 United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

THE UNITED STATES ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, OKINAWA The citation reads as follows:

The UNITED STATES ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, OKINAWA distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 January 1966 to 31 December 1968. Demonstrating outstanding organizational talents and professional competence, the District's personnel were instrumental in the design and construction of combat support facilities for the military services in the Republic of China, Taiwan, and the Ryukyu Islands. The determination, resourcefulness, and initiative which characterized their performance enabled them to accomplish this additional emergency construction program and to continue their normal construction program in an exemplary manner. In addition to their normal responsibilities, the District personnel programmed, designed, contracted, and supervised the construction on three major projects. Because of the emergency nature of these projects and the critical completion date, two projects were built using cost-plus-a-fixedfee contracts. These projects gave Kadena Air Base on Okinawa the facilities to support the SAC B-52 operation and MAC airlift requirements, and gave Ching Chuan Kang Air Base in Taiwan the facilities for KC-135 tankers, critically needed in the Armed Forces operations in the Republic of Vietnam. At the same time, the District provided support in the doubling of storage areas and troop support facilities for the 2d Logistical Command on Okinawa, furnishing them the means to perform their vital role in the logistical support of operations in Southeast Asia. The technical expertise and managerial talent exhibited by the District members not only gave the United States Army and the United States Air Force facilities for the critical daily needs of combat support in the Republic of Vietnam, but also for the future requirements in protecting the western wall of the free world. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the United States Army Engineer District, Okinawa are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Corps of Engineers, and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

V__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 AND BAND, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION SUPPORT COMMAND The citation reads as follows:

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY AND BAND, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION SUPPORT COMMAND distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the

period 1 November 1967 through 31 October 1968. The officers and men of the unit demonstrated dynamic leadership and exceptional foresight in providing outstanding combat service support to assigned and attached elements of the 4th Infantry Division throughout their extensive area of operations. Despite unique combat requirements inherent in the fluid tactical situation, they exhibited an uncommon degree of initiative and organizational ability in directing the division's logistical operations and guiding subordinate units to unparalleled levels of efficiency and effectiveness. Although resources and capabilities were heavily taxed during the battle of Dak To and its aftermath, the members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Band, 4th Infantry Division Support Command expertly rearranged and judiciously utilized all available assets to ensure fighting units continuous support and enable them to sustain combat maneuvers. Their superior planning and coordination of logistic activities and rapid response to mission requirements were manifested in numerous accomplishments and significantly contributed to the successes of Operations Ban Me Thout and Duc Lap. With unrelenting perseverance, determined resourcefulness and professional competence, the organization's personnel materially advanced the free world struggle against aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Band, 4th Infantry Division Support Command 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 21ST AVIATION COMPANY (RECONNAISSANCE AIR-PLANE)

The citation reads as follows:

THE 21ST AVIATION COMPANY (RECONNAISSANCE AIR-PLANE) distinguished itself in support of military operations during the period 1 December 1967 through 31 May 1968. The officers and men of the company demonstrated extraordinary fortitude and consummate skill in the performance of vital combat aerial missions supporting Allied forces throughout the I and III Corps Tactical Zones. With professional knowledge and singular initiative, they overcame the multitude of complex problems inherent in their extensive area of responsibility. By providing effective artillery adjustment, combat observation, forward air control, visual reconnaissance and night mortar watch, they rendered valuable assistance to ground soldiers and field commanders engaged in strategic tactical operations. Through their exceptional direction and excellent coordination of air strikes and artillery fire, the members of the 21st Aviation Company dealt the enemy crippling defeats by inflicting heavy damage to the Communist fighting units and equipment. In fulfilling the demanding requirements of their mission, they established an outstanding safety record while maintaining an exceedingly high aircraft availability rate which enabled each aircraft to be flown an average of 110 hours per month. Through their exemplary courage and unrelenting perseverance, they 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 21st 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.

3. THE 79TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 79th Maintenance Battalion 147th Maintenance Company (for period 20 July 1966 through 30 November 1968)

536th Maintenance Company (for period 20 July 1966 through 15 July 1968)

60th Engineer Detachment (for period 20 July 1966 through 30 Nov 1968)

59th Signal Company (for period 1 November 1967 through 30 November 1968)

553d Maintenance Company (for period 20 July 1966 through 30 November 1968)

632d Maintenance Company (for period 20 January 1967 through 30 November 1968)

804th Signal Detachment (for period 4 March 1967 through 1 September 1968)

485th Signal Detachment (for period 6 March 1967 through 30 November 1968)

218th Collection, Classification and Salvage Company (for period 15 March 1967 through 1 October 1968)

5th Maintenance Company (for period 14 January 1968 through 1 November 1968)

The citation reads as follows:

The 79TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION and its assigned and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 7 June 1965 through 30 November 1968. Demonstrating technical competence and organizational expertise, the officers and men of the battalion provided excellent direct support maintenance and repair parts supply to Allied forces in the Saigon/Cholon/Tan Son Nhut area. Through their exceptional foresight and efficient employment of available resources and capabilities, they improved the maintenance operations of supported units, greatly reduced deadline rates on equipment, upgraded turn-in procedures for unserviceable items and implemented a notable cost savings program. In addition to accomplishing the diverse tasks of their assigned mission, the members of the 79TH MAINTENANCE BATTALION vigorously pursued civic action projects which benefited the health, education, and economic needs of the Vietnamese people. Their determined efforts in rendering highly responsive support materially aided every major operation in the III and IV Corps Tactical Zones 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 the 79th Maintenance 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 116TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) and its attached unit:

572d Engineer Company (Light Equipment).

The citation reads as follows:

The 116TH ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) and its attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 7 October 1968 to 31 May 1969. Demonstrating

extraordinary diligence and professional competence, the officers and men of the units provided excellent engineer support to Allied forces throughout the southern II Corps Tactical Zone. Despite intense heat and torrential rains, the determined efforts and unique resourcefulness of the newly-arrived personnel enabled them to successfully accomplish the construction of base camps and operational facilities. Working in cooperation with the Vietnamese Ministry of Public Works and with engineering elements of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam, the members of the 116th Engineer Battalion restored national route QL-20 from a barely passable road in greatly deteriorated condition to an all-weather two-lane highway. With maximum utilization of construction materials and effective coordination of men and equipment, they rendered continual maintenance to strategic highways, bridges, and airfields which were damaged or destroyed by adverse weather, subgrade failure or enemy action. Showing concern for the welfare of the Vietnamese people, the organization's members devoted substantial time and effort to numerous civic action programs in support of province schools, refugee hamlets and the local government. Through their unrelenting perseverance, singular initiative and consummate knowledge of engineering concepts, the men of the battalion 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 116th 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.

VI_VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM. 1. The award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm by the Republic of Vietnam to a unit 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 5 April 1967 to 15 March 1969 to:

THE 5TH BATTALION, 2D ARTILLERY its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 5th Battalion, 2d Artillery

Battery A, 5th Battalion, 2d Artillery

Battery B, 5th Battalion, 2d Artillery for period 1 September 1968-15 March 1969

Battery C, 5th Battalion, 2d Artillery (for 2d Platoon, 14 November 1968– 15 March 1969)

Battery D, 5th Battalion, 2d Artillery

Battery D, 71st Artillery

Battery I, 29th Artillery (for 1st Platoon, 17 October 1968-15 March 1969)

1st Vulcan Combat Team (Provisional) (for period 25 November 1968-15 March 1969)

The citation reads as follows:

The 5TH BATTALION, 2D ARTILLERY under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Theodore H. Schmidt is an outstanding unit which with experience of techniques has created combat achievements and made the Communist aggressors scare on battlefields. While located at III Corps Tactical Zone 5 April 1967 to 15 March 1969 the battalion has operated hard, participated in 80 operations of searching and destroying the enemy with good results. Especially during Lam-Son 67; Kien-Giang 9/1; Lam-Son 668; Truong-Cong-Dinh and Toan-Thang operations while the units were making contact with the enemy,

the gunners of the battalion fired accurately on the enemy targets, paralyzing crew-served weapons and created favorite conditions for the friendly forces to capture their objectives. Along with the military effort the 5th Battalion, 2d Artillery has still performed civic action programs, cured more than 24,000 patients, created friendship between the battalion personnel and the local people. The ability, courage, and devotion to duty of all ranks of the 5th Battalion, 2d Artillery have aided effectively the Republic of Vietnam in the fighting and restoration of peace.

VII_VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM. 1. The award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm by the Republic of Vietnam to a unit 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 7 September 1966 to 10 August 1968 to:

THE 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Air Cavalry Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Troop A, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Troop B, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Troop C, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Company D, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Howitzer Battery, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Troop E, 2d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Troop F, 2d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Troop G, 2d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Company H, 2d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Howitzer Battery, 2d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 3d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Troop I, 3d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Troop K, 3d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Troop L, 3d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Company M, 3d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

Howitzer Battery, 3d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

7th Army Postal Unit

9th Signal Detachment

17th Public Information Detachment

28th Military History Detachment

37th Medical Company

202d Military Intelligence Detachment

398th Transportation Detachment

409th Radio Research Unit

541st Military Intelligence Detachment

919th Engineer Company

The citation reads as follows:

The 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT performed as one of the finest and bravest fighting units among the United States Forces in Vietnam during the period 7 September 1966 to 10 August 1968 in the III Corps Tactical Zone, The 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, despite many casualties, overcame a determined enemy and hazardous terrain in accomplishing their mission. Operations Atlanta in Long Khanh Province, Cedar Falls in the Iron Triangle in Ben Cat, Valdosta in Long Khanh, Toan Thang and Quvet Thang in Bien Hoa, Emporia in the Hat Dich and May Tao area. Santa Fe in the May Tao area, Adairsville in Bien Hoa and Binh Duong Provinces, and the cordon-andsearch operation at Chanh Luu village were all met with strong enemy resistance. In addition, the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment participated energetically in the civic action program. Contributing wholeheartedly of time, energy, and resources, personnel of the Regiment helped immeasurably in reducing hunger, disease, and illness among the civil population within the area of operation and were outstandingly effective in the construction and agricultural aspects of the aid program. Throughout these engagements the Regiment demonstrated a degree of tactical finesse that was truly superb and resulted in a shattering of the enemy forces in each of the battles.

VIII_MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. 1. Paragraph 14, section, II, DA General Orders 54, 1968, pertaining to the award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 96th Supply and Service Battalion and its assigned and attached units, is amended to read:

- "Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 96th Supply and Service Battalion (for the period 1 July 1966-1 June 1967)"
- "567th Engineer Detachment (for the period 1 July 1966-1 June 1967)"
 "59th Field Service Company (for the period 1 July 1966-1 June 1967)"
 "74th Supply Company (for the period 1 July 1966-1 June 1967)"
- 2. So much of paragraph 10, section II, DA General Orders 48, 1968, pertaining to the award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 12th Aviation Group and its assigned and attached units: Is amended to read, "21st Aviation Company (for period 1 January 1967 to 30 November 1967)"
- IX_VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM. Paragraph 2, section III, DA General Orders 21, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Second Award) to the 1st Aviation Brigade and its assigned and attached units, is amended to add the words, "27 March 1967 to 17 May 1968", after the 12th Public Information Detachment.
- X_VIETNAM CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDITS. 1. Paragraph 3, section V, DA General Orders 85, 1968, pertaining to the Vietnam Counter-offensive Phase II Campaign, is amended to delete: "8th Artillery, 7th Battalion".
- 2. Paragraph 3, section III, DA General Orders 83, 1968, pertaining to the Vietnam Defense Campaign, is amended to add: "Company A, 101st Aviation Battalion".
- 3. Paragraph 3, section IV, DA General Orders 83, 1968, pertaining to the Vietnam Counteroffensive Campaign, is amended to add: "Company A, 101st Aviation Battalion".

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4. Paragraph 3, section V, DA General Orders 83, 1968, pertaining to the Vietnam Counteroffensive, Phase II Campaign, is amended to add:

"1st Battalion, 92d Artillery"

"Company A, 101st Aviation Battalion"

5. Paragraph 3, section II, DA General Orders 47, 1969, pertaining to the Vietnam Counteroffensive Phase III Campaign, is amended to add: "Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 101st Airborne Division Artillery".

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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