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

THE UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, LONG BINH POST (PROVISIONAL) consisting of:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Long Binh Post  
6th Army Postal Unit  
56th Army Postal Unit

The citation reads as follows:

The UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, LONG BINH POST (PROVISIONAL), consisting of: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Long Binh Post; the 6th Army Postal Unit; and the 56th Army Postal Unit, distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 19 March 1968 through 20 May 1969. The officers and men of the units exhibited resourcefulness and organizational expertise in the outstanding performance of difficult tasks inherent in the strategic support of Long Binh Post. Through critical analysis, exceptional foresight and adroit planning, they successfully restructured the defense into four sector commands to ensure the control and maintenance of a superior defense posture. By expanding the existing barrier system, establishing and coordinating emergency reactionary forces, and effectively utilizing the roving patrol, the members of UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, LONG BINH POST (PROVISIONAL) significantly upgraded the vital defensive network of the largest military installation in the theater. Seeking to enhance the diverse overall function of Long Binh Post, the personnel of the command worked diligently to improve the open mess system; provide better housing and recreational facilities, and increase the efficiency of postal operations. The institution of the Base Development Planning Board gave valuable direction and control to the improvement of the complex installation. Through their professional competence and rapid response to critical requirements imposed by the 1969 TET Offensive and other periods of increased enemy activity, they have effectively countered any threats to the security and mission of Long Binh Post and contributed immensely 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 UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, LONG BINH POST 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.

**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.

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2. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the periods indicated to:

THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION and its assigned and attached units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Infantry Division (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Band, 4th Infantry Division Support Command (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- Headquarters and Service Battery, 4th Infantry Division Artillery (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (for the period 1 September 1968 to 28 July 1969)
- 4th Administration Company (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- 4th Aviation Battalion (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- 4th Military Police Company (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- 4th Supply and Transport Battalion (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- 4th Engineer Battalion—less Company C (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- 4th Medical Battalion—Less Company D (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- Troop C, 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry (for the period October 1966 to 1 August 1967)
- Company C, 4th Engineer Battalion (for the period 1 September 1968 to 28 July 1969)
- Company D, 4th Medical Battalion (for the period 1 September 1968 to 28 July 1969)
- 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry—Less Troop D (for the period 30 August 1967 to 28 July 1969)
- Troop D, 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry (for the period 31 July 1968 to 28 July 1969)
- 4th Military Intelligence Detachment (for the period 19 February 1968 to 28 July 1969)
- 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- 3d Battalion, 8th Infantry (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- 2d Battalion, 9th Artillery (for the period 1 September 1968 to 28 July 1969)
- 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry—Less Troop C (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- Troop C, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry (for the period 1 September 1968 to 28 July 1969)
- 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)
- 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry (for the period 1 September 1968 to 28 July 1969)

14th Public Information Detachment (for the period 1 August 1967 to 28 July 1969)  
 5th Battalion, 16th Artillery (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)  
 Company E, 20th Infantry (for the period 15 October 1967 to 10 October 1968)  
 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)  
 21st Public Information Detachment (for the period 19 February 1968 to 28 July 1969)  
 Company B, 25th Medical Battalion (for the period October 1966 to 1 August 1967)  
 6th Battalion, 29th Artillery (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)  
 29th Military History Detachment (for the period 24 December 1967 to 28 July 1969)  
 33d Infantry Platoon (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)  
 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry (for the period 1 September 1968 to 28 July 1969)  
 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry (for the period 1 September 1968 to 28 July 1969)  
 39th Medical Detachment (for the period 24 December 1967 to 28 July 1969)  
 40th Infantry Platoon (for the period 1 September 1968 to 28 July 1969)  
 4th Battalion, 42d Artillery (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)  
 43d Chemical Detachment (for the period 19 February 1968 to 28 July 1969)  
 50th Infantry Platoon (for the period 8 March 1967 to 28 July 1969)  
 Company E, 58th Infantry (for the period 20 December 1967 to 31 January 1969)  
 Battery D, 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery (for the period 25 March 1967 to 28 July 1969)  
 Company K, 75th Infantry (for the period 1 February 1969 to 28 July 1969)  
 62d Signal Detachment (for the period 1 February 1969 to 28 July 1969)  
 64th Infantry Platoon (for the period 15 March 1967 to 28 July 1969)  
 Company D, 65th Engineer Battalion (for the period October 1966 to 1 August 1967)  
 1st Battalion, 69th Armor (for the period 1 September 1968 to 28 July 1969)  
 124th Signal Battalion (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)  
 270th Field Artillery Detachment (for the period 10 May 1969 to 28 July 1969)  
 374th Radio Research Company (for the period 1 January 1967 to 28 July 1969)  
 582d Military Intelligence Detachment (for the period 30 July 1967 to 28 July 1969)  
 704th Maintenance Battalion—less Company B (for the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969)  
 Company B, 704th Maintenance Battalion (for the period 1 September 1968 to 28 July 1969)  
 Company D, 725th Maintenance Battalion (for the period October 1966 to 1 August 1967)

The citation reads as follows:

The 4th Infantry Division has displayed high morale in the destruction of Communism, during the period October 1966 to 28 July 1969. Although experiencing great sacrifice in fighting under extremely difficult conditions, the soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division fought daringly in stopping Communist infiltration in the central highlands of the II Corps Tactical Area. The 4th Infantry Division distinguished itself by organizing many major operations in the central highlands such as "Sam Houston" "Francis Marion." Parallel to military activities, units of the 4th Infantry Division also participated in civic actions. These actions included construction of homes and schools, distribution of gifts, examination of patients, and distribution of medicine as well as the instruction of the local populace in preventive medicine. Its actions increased the friendly relations between the United States' fighting men and the local population. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 4th Infantry Division were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 18 May 1968 to 19 May 1969 to:

**THE 281ST AVIATION COMPANY**

The citation reads as follows:

The 281st Aviation Company, United States Army, since being assigned to Vietnam has shown itself to be an outstanding unit and has always displayed high morale through operations "Delta 24" to "Delta 38." Although there was unsuitable terrain and weather, and heavy firepower from the enemy on the ground, all personnel of the 281st Aviation Company distinguished themselves by effectively conducting airstrike, infiltration, and evacuation missions in support of the Vietnamese Special Forces. These actions reflect the great spirit and heroic traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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