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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 on 5 May 1971, 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  
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY  
1ST BRIGADE, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION (FIRST  
OAK LEAF CLUSTER)  
1ST BATTALION, 8TH INFANTRY  
3RD BATTALION, 8TH INFANTRY  
3RD BATTALION, 12TH INFANTRY (FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)  
TROOP C, 2ND SQUADRON, 1ST ARMORED CAVALRY  
COMPANY B, 1ST BATTALION, 69TH ARMOR (THIRD OAK  
LEAF CLUSTER)  
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COMPANY B, 4TH MEDICAL BATTALION  
1ST PLATOON, COMPANY B, 124TH SIGNAL BATTALION  
DETACHMENT 1, 374TH RADIO RESEARCH COMPANY  
AND  
TEAM 1, 4TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT  
UNITED STATES ARMY

The 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, together with attached and supporting units, distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism in action against

a hostile force in Dak To District, Kontum Province, Republic of Vietnam, during the period 29 October 1967 to 30 November 1967. Reacting promptly to intelligence indicating a major enemy offensive against Dak To Base and the Central Highlands, the 1st Brigade deployed its forces to block the impending assault. Seizing the initiative by striking the enemy before he could attack, the Brigade with unrelenting courage and dedication fought and defeated a numerically superior enemy during thirty-three days of violent, sustained combat. Vigorously executing a sound tactical plan with a spirit of total dedication to mission accomplishment, the Brigade severely crippled three enemy regiments and drove the entire force from the Central Highlands, inflicting on them devastating losses in personnel, supplies, and equipment. The relentless determination against overwhelming odds, the sustained display of self-sacrifice, the untiring devotion to duty, and the extraordinary heroism of the officers and men of the assigned, attached, and supporting units of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon them and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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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 B AND COMPANY C,  
2D BATTALION, 8TH INFANTRY, 2D BRIGADE, 4TH INFANTRY  
DIVISION  
UNITED STATES ARMY

Companies B and C, 2d Battalion, 8th Infantry, 2d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations in the Central Highlands of the Republic of Vietnam during the period 16 February 1967 to 21 February 1967. During this period, in arduous conditions of terrain and weather, Companies B and C sought out, engaged, and decisively defeated an overwhelmingly larger enemy force by employing small, isolated patrols and conducting company- and platoon-sized reconnaissance-in-force operations. On 16 February 1967, a platoon of Company C engaged a battalion of the enemy. As the remaining elements of the company fought to reinforce, the encircled platoon tenaciously held off successive enemy assaults on its position. Fighting with professional skill and courage, the company reunited its elements to defeat a numerically superior enemy. Disorganized, the enemy unit withdrew, leaving its dead and wounded on the field of battle. On the afternoon of 21 February 1967, Company B was attacked by another large enemy force. Reacting aggressively and employing supporting forces with skill and precision, Company B inflicted severe losses on the enemy

force, rendering it ineffective for future combat operations. By decisively defeating the enemy in two separate engagements, Companies B and C contributed significantly to the success of operation SAM HOUSTON. The dedication, tireless efforts and individual bravery exhibited by the members of these units reflect great credit on them and the Armed Forces of the United States.

**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 on 10 May 1971, 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  
2ND BATTALION, 506TH AIRBORNE INFANTRY  
AND TO THE  
3RD BATTALION, 187TH AIRBORNE INFANTRY,  
3RD BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION  
UNITED STATES ARMY

The 2nd Battalion, 506th Airborne Infantry and the 3rd Battalion, 187th Airborne Infantry distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism in action against hostile forces in the vicinity of Trang Bang, Hau Nghia Province, Republic of South Vietnam, during the period 13 June 1968 to 23 September 1968. As a reaction force these units repeatedly deployed into areas of heavy enemy concentration to destroy his thrusts against Saigon from the Trang Bang area west of the capital. Mounting daring day and night combat assaults, these battalions relentlessly sought, engaged, and pursued the enemy, interdicting his infiltration routes and smashing his staging areas. Despite heavy casualties and frequently numerically superior enemy forces, the men of these battalions routed insurgents and North Vietnamese Army main force units and drove them from their traditional sanctuaries near the Cambodian border. In their widespread operations, the battalions were responsible for capturing numerous prisoners, confiscating or destroying tons of enemy equipment, and inflicting devastating casualties on the hostile forces. Throughout these operations the men of the 2nd Battalion, 506th Airborne Infantry, and the 3d Battalion, 187th Airborne Infantry, displayed exemplary esprit and an unwavering commitment to mission accomplishment which inspired them to uncommon feats of gallantry and sacrifice. Their demonstrated determination, devotion to duty, indomitable courage, and extraordinary heroism are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on the men of these units and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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

**UNITED STATES ARMY COURIER STATION, SAIGON**

(7 January 1966 to 30 September 1970)

**UNITED STATES ARMY COURIER SUBSTATION, CAM RANH BAY**

(1 December 1967 to 30 September 1970)

**UNITED STATES ARMY COURIER SUBSTATION, DaNANG**

(5 September 1966 to 30 September 1970)

The United States Army Courier Station, Saigon, and its sub-stations, United States Army Courier Station, Cam Ranh Bay, and United States Army Courier Station, DaNang (Gray Armed Forces Courier Station), distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in the Republic of South Vietnam during the period 7 January 1966 through 30 September 1970. The United States Army Courier Stations at Saigon, Cam Ranh Bay, and DaNang have operated with unusual efficiency under trying conditions, processing and effecting transmission and delivery of classified material to and from Department of Defense, Department of State, and Central Intelligence agencies within the Republic of South Vietnam. Displaying extraordinary devotion to duty and superior operational ability, these stations have met all challenges with alacrity and accomplished their duties with dispatch. The speed, efficiency, and diligence with which all tasks were performed contributed to the successful delivery of classified material to all agencies under the most adverse conditions. Such deliveries have been made often under hostile fire conditions with the utmost speed and efficiency. These stations displayed such outstanding devotion to duty and performed all assignments in such a superb manner that they stand apart and above all other units with similar missions. The morale, esprit de corps, discipline, and professional skill exhibited by members of the United States Army Courier Stations, Saigon, Cam Ranh Bay, and DaNang typify efficiency and combine to present the picture of a unit that has brought credit to the Adjutant General's Corps.

**V. PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY).** So much of Section I, DA General Orders Number 23, 1969, pertaining to award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) to the 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, and attached units, is amended to add the following attached unit: "Advisory Team 162, United States Military Assistance Command Vietnam".

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

Official:

**VERNE L. BOWERS,**  
*Major General, United States Army,*  
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*Chief of Staff.*

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