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

2. The Gallantry Cross with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 29 July 1969 through 17 November 1970 to—

4TH INFANTRY DIVISION and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (For the period 29 July 1969 to 10 April 1970)

2d Battalion, 8th Infantry

3d Battalion, 8th Infantry

1st Battalion, 12th Infantry

3d Battalion, 12th Infantry

1st Battalion, 14th Infantry

1st Battalion, 22d Infantry (For the period 29 July 1969 to 31 October 1970)

2d Battalion, 35th Infantry

1st Battalion, 8th Infantry (For the period 29 July 1969 to 10 April 1970)

1st Battalion, 35th Infantry (For the period 29 July 1969 to 10 April 1970)

1st Battalion, 69th Armor (For the period 29 July 1969 to 10 April 1970)

2d Battalion, 9th Artillery (For the period 29 July 1969 to 10 April 1970)

1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry (For the period 29 July 1969 to 14 November 1970)

4th Aviation Battalion

4th Administration Company

4th Engineer Battalion

124th Signal Battalion

5th Battalion, 16th Artillery

6th Battalion, 29th Artillery

4th Battalion, 42d Artillery

4th Medical Battalion

4th Supply and Transportation Battalion

704th Maintenance Battalion

2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry

7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry (For the period 1 January 1970 to 31 October 1970)

374th Radio Research Company

39th Medical Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 4th United States Infantry Division is an outstanding and courageous Division, always displaying gallant fighting spirit. From 29 July 1969 to 17 November 1970, the 4th Infantry Division, in conjunction with Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, conducted two large-scale operations, DAN QUYEN and Hines in Kontum, Pleiku, Darlac, and Binh Dinh, and Operation BINH TAY I, conducted from 5 to 16 May 1970, on Cambodian territory with a view to attacking and destroying North Vietnamese Regular units infiltrating into Military Region. 2. As a result of these operations, the enemy suffered appalling personnel casualties as well as the loss of tons of war-making materiel, to include weapons, munitions and foodstuffs. The 4th Infantry Division has made substantial contributions in the struggle against the Communists in South Vietnam and at the same time has upheld the indomitable will and heroic traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

3. The Gallantry Cross with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 15 December 1969 through 10 October 1970 to—

164TH AVIATION GROUP and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 164th Aviation Group
 Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 7th Squadron, 1st Cavalry
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 13th Aviation Battalion
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 214th Aviation Battalion
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 307th Aviation Battalion
 Troop A, 7th Squadron, 1st Cavalry
 Troop B, 7th Squadron, 1st Cavalry
 Troop C, 7th Squadron, 1st Cavalry
 Troop C, 16th Cavalry (For the period 5 April 1970 to 10 October 1970)
 Troop D, 7th Squadron, 1st Cavalry
 Troop D, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry
 147th Aviation Company
 271st Aviation Company
 73d Aviation Company (For the period 1 May 1970 to 10 October 1970)
 244th Aviation Company
 199th Aviation Company
 221st Aviation Company
 114th Aviation Company
 121st Aviation Company
 135th Aviation Company
 162d Aviation Company
 175th Aviation Company
 191st Aviation Company
 335th Aviation Company
 336th Aviation Company
 235th Aviation Company
 13th Security Platoon
 5th Quartermaster Detachment
 52d Quartermaster Detachment
 53d Quartermaster Detachment

62d Quartermaster Detachment
 41st Medical Detachment
 83d Medical Detachment
 758th Medical Detachment
 774th Medical Detachment
 78th Artillery
 261st Artillery
 262d Artillery
 69th Infantry Detachment
 370th Maintenance Detachment (For the period 15 December 1969 to 21 August 1970)
 574th Maintenance Detachment (For the period 15 December 1969 to 21 August 1970)
 819th Maintenance Detachment (For the period 15 December 1969 to 21 August 1970)
 3d Signal Detachment (For the period 15 December 1969 to 21 August 1970)
 371st Signal Detachment
 811th Signal Detachment
 Battery H, 29th Artillery (For the period 17 March 1970 to 10 October 1970)
 264th Artillery (For the period 25 April 1970 to 10 October 1970)
 267th Artillery (For the period 15 January 1970 to 10 October 1970)
 268th Artillery (For the period 15 January 1970 to 10 October 1970)
 269th Artillery (For the period 15 January 1970 to 10 October 1970)
 Troop A, 3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry (For the period 5 January 1970 to 5 April 1970)

The citation reads as follows:

Operating in Military Region 4 from 15 December 1969 to 10 October 1970, the 164th United States Aviation Group has proved to be an outstanding unit and has worked closely with units of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces in military operations against the enemy as well as in support, supply, and medical evacuation missions in its area of responsibility. During the period December 1969 to June 1970, the 164th Aviation Group flew more than two hundred thousand hours in combat and supply missions. During this same period, the 164th Aviation Group was credited with inflicting more than 6,000 casualties on enemy forces. Notably, during Operations CUU LONG/QDIV 1, 2, 3, and 4, the armed helicopters of the 164th Aviation Group, with their courageous and professional aircrews, disregarded bad weather and intense hostile ground fire to gallantly carry out combat missions, enabling infantry units to seize their objectives more easily. These missions resulted in heavy enemy personnel casualties and loss of war materiel. By its gallant feats of arms, the 164th Aviation Group has contributed significantly to the struggle against Communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam and has reflected great credit on the armed forces of the United States.

II--VIETNAMESE GALLANTRY CROSS WITH GOLD STAR. 1. The award of the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Gold Star by the Republic of Vietnam to a unit of the United States Army listed below is confirmed.

2. The Gallantry Cross with Gold Star has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 16 April 1969 to 22 August 1969 to—

174TH AVIATION COMPANY

The citation reads as follows :

The 174th Aviation Company, comprised of gallant, devoted, and professional soldiers, has proven itself in battle throughout its service in the Republic of Vietnam. In particular, during Operations LIEN KET 45 and LIEN KET 414, the officers and men of the 174th Aviation Company proved themselves by operating under severe, adverse weather conditions and over difficult terrain features in their support of Army of Republic of Vietnam forces in the resounding defeat of the 2d and 22d North Vietnamese Regiments. The 174th Aviation Company has made significant contributions in the struggle against Communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam.

III--VIETNAMESE GALLANTRY CROSS WITH SILVER STAR. 1. The award of the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Silver Star by the Republic of Vietnam to units of the United States Army listed below is confirmed.

2. The Gallantry Cross with Silver Star has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 1 September 1969 through 15 December 1970 to—

1ST BATTALION, 50TH INFANTRY and assigned units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry
Company A, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry
Company B, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry
Company C, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry

The citation reads as follows :

The 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry and its assigned units are cited for meritorious achievement during the period 1 September 1969 through 15 December 1970. The Battalion has proven itself to be an outstanding, combat-experienced unit in its combat operations in the Binh Thuan Sector, providing effective support for the Pacification and Rural Development Program of the Republic of Vietnam. The Battalion inflicted heavy casualties upon the enemy, both in men and war-making supplies. Through its brilliant achievements, the Battalion has contributed immeasurably to the struggle against Communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam.

IV--CIVIL ACTIONS MEDAL, FIRST CLASS, WITH OAK LEAF DEVICE. 1. The award of the Civil Actions Medal, First Class, with Oak Leaf Device by the Republic of Vietnam to units of the United States Army listed below is confirmed.

2. The Civil Actions Medal, First Class, with Oak Leaf Device has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 20 December 1968 through 1 December 1969 to—

34TH ENGINEER BATTALION

The citation reads as follows :

The 34th Engineer Battalion distinguished itself by constantly demonstrating exemplary dedication and selflessness in advancing the Civic Action Program. During this period, the 34th Engineer Battalion improved 26 kilo-

meters of National Route 13, constructed the 4-kilometer Lai Khe Bypass, constructed 14 kilometers of Provincial Road 8A, and upgraded 28 kilometers of Provincial Road 2A, thus opening lines of communication and commerce in the Binh Duong, Binh Long, and Phuoc Long Provinces. Additionally, the 34th Engineer Battalion provided large amounts of material and equipment for construction and repair of schools, dispensaries, market places, and sanitation and water facilities in the villages and hamlets of Binh Duong Provinces. The 34th Engineer Battalion has made significant contributions to the Pacification and Construction Program of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam.

3. The Civil Actions Medal, First Class, with Oak Leaf Device has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 1 December 1968 through 31 July 1970 to—

85TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL and its assigned and attached units.

1st Platoon, 616th Medical Company (For the period 1 September 1969 through 31 July 1970)

472d Medical Detachment (For the period 10 February 1969 through 31 July 1970)

563d Medical Company (For the period 5 December 1968 through 31 July 1970)

874th Medical Detachment (For the period 1 September 1969 through 31 July 1970)

The citation reads as follows:

The 85th United States Evacuation Hospital is a unit composed of distinguished medical servicemen, dedicated to their fellow man and possessing outstanding professional ability, who have enthusiastically supported the people of the Republic of Vietnam, both military and civilian, in the border area. With their high sense of responsibility and innate devotion to duty, these medical servicemen have disregarded dangers and long hours to provide medical treatment for wounded Vietnamese personnel on the battlefield in the border area. During its period of operations there, the 85th Evacuation Hospital has treated hundreds of wounded Vietnamese personnel, effectively helping the ARVN 1st Infantry Division maintain its combat potential. In particular, in civil affairs projects, the 85th Evacuation Hospital has enthusiastically assisted the population of Thua Thien Province and has won the sincere affection of the local inhabitants by providing first aid and medical care for civilians wounded in Viet Cong shellings, attacks, and sabotage and victims of traffic accidents and hard-to-cure diseases; participating in medical civil actions programs in Huong Thuy, Phu Thu and Phu Loc Districts of Thua Thien Province, and working closely with the Hue Central Hospital and the local districts in providing medical treatment for patients, in training specialists, and in distributing medicine and medical equipment in order to provide these public health agencies with sufficient facilities to effectively serve the people. The spirit of service and great altruism of the medical servicemen of the 85th Evacuation Hospital has reflected a true spirit of mutual assistance in the fight against the Communist aggressors, relieving in part the suffering caused by the war and gaining the deep affection of the local inhabitants.

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