

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 16

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, DC, 31 March 1972

	Section
PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION—AWARD.....	I
PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY)—AWARD.....	II
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION—AWARDS.....	III
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION—AWARDS.....	IV

I. PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION. The award of the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation to the units of the United States Army listed below, in recognition of participation in disaster relief operations in the Republic of the Philippines during the period 1 August to 15 December 1970, is confirmed. United States Army personnel who were assigned or attached to the units listed during the period cited and who participated in the disaster relief operations are authorized to wear the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Badge.

The citation, issued by Headquarters, Armed Forces of the Philippines, reads as follows:

"By direction of the President, pursuant to paragraph 19 I, Section II, Armed Forces of the Philippines Regulations G 131-052, this Headquarters, dated 24 April 1967, the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation is hereby awarded to the following units of the United States Army in the Philippines:

UNITED STATES ARMY ELEMENT JOINT UNITED STATES
MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP PHILIPPINES
UNITED STATES ARMY SUPPORT ELEMENT PHILIPPINES, 2D
LOGISTICAL COMMAND

For outstanding service to the Filipino nation through exceptionally meritorious participation in disaster relief operations in different parts of the Philippine archipelago subsequent to the devastating typhoons which hit the country during the last 3 months. Aware of the plight of the people in disaster-stricken areas and in response to requests from the Philippine government, the resources of these organizations were mobilized to support Philippine relief agencies in mitigating or alleviating human suffering. Through the combined efforts of their personnel many of whom performed tasks under adverse and, in many cases, extremely hazardous conditions, emergency supplies of food, medicine, electrical power, and water were provided to devastated areas on time. These organizations played their respective roles in an exemplary manner and this is noteworthy in view of the fact that they continued performing their normal missions, for which an extra burden was placed on their personnel and equipment because of their participation in relief operations. Through their significant contribution to the welfare of typhoon victims, these organizations have earned the appreciation and gratitude of the Filipino people and of the Philippine government."

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 and the Republic of Vietnam is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1. The text of the citation, signed by President Richard Nixon on 31 January 1972, 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
FOLLOWING ASSIGNED AND ATTACHED UNITS OF THE
3D BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, UNITED STATES
ARMY:
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 3D
BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
1ST BATTALION, 506TH INFANTRY
2D BATTALION, 319TH ARTILLERY
2D BATTALION, 501ST INFANTRY
3D BATTALION, 5TH CAVALRY
3D BATTALION, 187TH INFANTRY
COMPANY A, 2D BATTALION, 506TH INFANTRY
COMPANY D, 2D BATTALION, 506TH INFANTRY
COMPANIES A AND B, 158TH AVIATION BATTALION
COMPANY C, 326TH MEDICAL BATTALION
TROOP A, 2D SQUADRON, 17TH CAVALRY
BATTERY C, 1ST BATTALION, 83D ARTILLERY
BATTERY C, 2D BATTALION, 9TH ARTILLERY
BATTERY C, 2D BATTALION, 11TH ARTILLERY
BATTERY C, 4TH BATTALION, 77TH ARTILLERY
25TH PUBLIC INFORMATION DETACHMENT
1ST, 2D, 3D, AND 4TH BATTALIONS, 1ST REGIMENT, 1ST IN-
FANTRY DIVISION
ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
1ST, 2D, AND 3D BATTALIONS, 3D REGIMENT, 1ST INFANTRY
DIVISION
ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
BATTERY A, 11TH ARTILLERY BATTALION, ARMY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
BATTERY A, 12TH ARTILLERY BATTALION, ARMY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
AND
BATTERY B, 34TH ARTILLERY BATTALION, ARMY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

During the period 10-21 May 1969 the foregoing assigned and attached units of the 3d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Dong Ap Bia Mountain, A Shau Valley, Republic of Vietnam. The 3d Brigade

commenced Operation APACHE SNOW by striking at the enemy on his ground. For 4 days the enemy harassed the men of the Brigade with mortar, rocket-propelled grenades, and small arms fire. Undaunted by this enemy action, the units of the 3d Brigade continued to uncover huge amounts of enemy stores and equipment and to destroy his forces. After pinpointing a stronghold on Dong Ap Bia Mountain, the Brigade launched a series of determined attacks during the ensuing 8 days to drive the well-trained-and-equipped enemy from his entrenched positions. Each day the enemy continued to infiltrate reinforcements to help repel the determined American and Vietnamese forces. After 8 days of intense combat, units of the Brigade broke through the enemy defenses and overran his bunker complexes. The battle continued for another 36 hours while the men of the Brigade searched for and destroyed all remaining pockets of enemy resistance. During the 12 days of battle the 3d Brigade and attached units eliminated more than 500 enemy troops; seized large quantities of weapons, explosives, and other military equipment; and captured tons of rice. The determination, devotion to duty, indomitable courage, and extraordinary heroism demonstrated by the members of the 3d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division and attached units are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on them and the United States Army.

III. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. 1. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under provisions of paragraph 203, AR 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following units of the Armed Forces of the United States for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, II FIELD
FORCE VIETNAM AND ITS SUPPORTING UNITS:

7TH MILITARY HISTORY DETACHMENT
16TH PUBLIC INFORMATION DETACHMENT
29TH CHEMICAL DETACHMENT
44TH ARMY POSTAL UNIT
517TH ENGINEER DETACHMENT
9TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY
61ST MEDICAL DETACHMENT
UNITED STATES ARMY

AND

DETACHMENT 32, 5TH WEATHER SQUADRON, UNITED STATES
AIR FORCE

with citation as follows:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, II Field Force Vietnam and its supporting units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from 1 November 1969 to 1 March 1971. During this period, personnel of these units performed an invaluable service in supporting and directing the activities of the free world military forces in the III Corps Tactical Zone. Beginning with the Vietnam Winter-Spring Campaign 1970, unit personnel, utilizing intelligence acquisition and analysis, planned combat operations and campaigns against a determined enemy. Upon the initiation of cross-border operations in the Republic of Cambodia in May 1970, II Field Force personnel implemented programs to effect the close association of

designated United States and Vietnamese forces, thereby contributing to the combat effectiveness of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam forces while simultaneously maintaining the momentum of the counter-insurgency effort. Unit members provided a multitude of administrative services; planned, constructed, and maintained roads, bridges, and airfields; monitored the clearing of thousands of acres of enemy-infested terrain; insured the maintenance of a comprehensive logistical network; and operated an elaborate communications system. Contributing greatly to the pacification effort, the officers and men of II Field Force assisted thousands of refugees and initiated many civic action and civil affairs programs in conjunction with similar programs established by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam. The leadership, devotion to duty and multiple achievements of the units were vital contributions to the cause of freedom in the Republic of Vietnam. The outstanding service rendered by the members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, II Field Force and its supporting units was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon them, II Field Forces Vietnam and the United States Army.

2. 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 Armed Forces of the United States for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

THE PACIFIC STARS AND STRIPES

with citation as follows:

The Pacific Stars and Stripes distinguished itself in support of military operations throughout the Pacific Command and specifically in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 January 1965 to 30 June 1971. Responsible for acting as an information and morale activity for the purpose of publishing and distributing a daily newspaper for personnel of the United States Armed Forces and other United States Government agencies in the Pacific command, the personnel of Pacific Stars and Stripes demonstrated exemplary resourcefulness, a willingness to adapt to changing requirements, and determined professionalism in the best traditions of a free press. Over 200 million copies of the Pacific Stars and Stripes were distributed to United States forces in southeast Asia under the free distribution program during the period 1 September 1965 to 30 June 1971. Pacific Stars and Stripes established itself as one of the most comprehensive chronicles of the Vietnam hostilities and of the activities of forces in the Far East. More than half of the 13,000 articles written by Pacific Stars and Stripes reporters in Vietnam appeared in the newspaper. This accurate and timely coverage was of immeasurable value in keeping our servicemen in the Pacific well informed on actions which affected themselves and their units. Pacific Stars and Stripes has enjoyed eminent success in distributing the newspaper to more than a million readers daily spread over an area of more than 3¼ million square miles. The services of Pacific Stars and Stripes have been unparalleled in the history of the armed forces; through their uncommon versatility, technical expertise, and total dedication to mission accomplishment, Pacific Stars and Stripes contributed greatly to morale and effectiveness of the personnel serving within the Pacific Command. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the

members of Pacific Stars and Stripes were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and American journalism and reflect distinct credit on them and the Armed Forces of the United States.

IV. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. 1. 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:

THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT,
1ST LOGISTICAL COMMAND, AND ITS ASSIGNED UNITS:
7TH PUBLIC INFORMATION DETACHMENT
15TH MILITARY HISTORY DETACHMENT
182D ORDNANCE DETACHMENT
472D SIGNAL DETACHMENT
UNITED STATES ARMY

with citation as follows:

The 1st Logistical Command, United States Army, distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam, during the period April 1968 to April 1970. During the cited period, the Command supported all major free world military forces tactical operations, repeatedly meeting its goal of effective, efficient, and responsive logistical support to satisfy the needs of the combat unit. In addition to its outstanding record of combat support, the Command waged its own offensive on logistical problems in the Republic of Vietnam. Through the employment of dramatic management programs never before implemented in a combat environment, the Command refined logistical techniques, reduced supply excesses, and effected operational cost reductions without compromising mission accomplishment. 1st Logistical Command personnel displayed exceptional competence and dedication in accomplishing all tasks assigned to them. They made a vital contribution to the success of the United States' and free world forces' counterinsurgency efforts in the Republic of Vietnam and Cambodia. The 1st Logistical Command's outstanding achievements were in the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit on its members and the Armed Forces of the United States.

2. 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 515TH MILITARY POLICE DETACHMENT
UNITED STATES ARMY

with citation as follows:

The 515th Military Police Detachment, United States Army, Camp Zama, Japan, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period from 1 January 1969 to 1 August 1971. The Crime Laboratory operated with unusual efficiency in providing scientific assistance to law enforcement agencies located in the Republic of Vietnam. Displaying extraordinary devotion to duty and superior professionalism, the 515th Military Police Detachment met all challenges with zeal and accomplished its duties with dispatch. The speed, efficiency, and professionalism with

which all tasks were performed contributed immeasurably to the success of the total military effort in Vietnam. The 515th Military Police Detachment displayed such outstanding devotion to duty and performed all tasks in such a superb manner that it is set apart and above all other units with similar missions. The morale, esprit de corps, discipline and professional skill exhibited by the members of the 515th Military Police Detachment reflected credit on them, the Military Police Corps, and the United States Army.

3. 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:

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, AND THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNED
UNITS:

5TH PUBLIC INFORMATION DETACHMENT
55TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT
297TH TRANSPORTATION COMPANY
UNITED STATES ARMY

with citation as follows:

I Field Force Vietnam, United States Army, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service in connection with military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 August 1968 to 30 April 1971. Continuing its role as a corps-level tactical headquarters for Military Region 2, I Field Force Vietnam directed the combined combat operations of United States, Republic of Korea, and Army of the Republic of Vietnam units and supervised pacification and the Vietnamization program in an area constituting 47 percent of the land mass of the Republic of Vietnam. Headquarters, I Field Force Vietnam was repeatedly and frequently called upon to provide critical planning, logistical, intelligence, communications, and artillery support to free world military forces. The successful outcomes of the battles for Ben Het and Dak To in May and June 1969, the defenses of Bu Prang and Due Lap in Autumn 1969, the battles of Kak Seang and Dak Pek in April 1970, the Cambodian operation in May 1970, and the massive siege of Firebase 6 in March and April 1971 attest to the effectiveness and timeliness of the support provided by I Field Force Vietnam. Helping to organize, train and equip the Regional Force companies and Popular Forces platoons within Military Region 2, I Field Force Vietnam contributed significantly to the increased security of the region, allowing the people to return to their peaceful pursuits while maintaining a posture to resist the incursions of the enemy. During this period, I Field Force Vietnam overcame every obstacle to establish a proud tradition of effective tactical planning, reliable combat support, and far-sighted progressive efforts in the fields of pacification and civil actions, thereby hastening the day when an independent and prosperous Republic of Vietnam will assume its proper role in a world of free nations. The exceptional accomplishments of the personnel of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, I Field Force Vietnam in support of the allied counterinsurgency effort are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on them and the Armed Forces of the United States.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

Official:

VERNE L. BOWERS,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

W. C. WESTMORELAND,
General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

Distribution:

To be distributed in accordance with DA Form 12-4 requirements.