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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 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 6 June 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

1ST ARMOR BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

THE

17TH ARMORED CAVALRY SQUADRON (MINUS 1ST TROOP)

THE

37TH RANGER BATTALION

AND THE

39TH RANGER BATTALION

ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

The 1st Armor Brigade, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, and its subordinate units, the 17th Armored Cavalry Squadron, the 37th Ranger Battalion and the 39th Ranger Battalion, distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism and marked success in action against hostile forces in the area south of Hoi An, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam during the period 11 February 1970 to 24 April 1970. The 1st Armor Brigade conducted intensive combat operations against heavily defended positions in a Viet Cong/North Vietnamese Army stronghold. Throughout this period, the Brigade's contact with the enemy involved fierce, prolonged engagements demanding the most effective command and control and the utmost in tactical execution and courage on the part of the Brigade and its subordinate elements. The 1st Armor Brigade assaulted continuously and relentlessly to overcome tenacious enemy resistance supported by heavy rocket and small arms fire. Despite the ferocious, determined enemy defense, the 1st Armor Brigade destroyed virtually all the enemy formations in the area of operations, annihilating the T-59 Sapper Battalion and decimating the 70th Main Force Battalion and the V25 Local Force Battalion to a point of combat ineffectiveness. At the conclusion of the

Brigade's operations in the area, an historic enemy sanctuary had been converted into a Government-pacified area. The extraordinary heroism, devotion to duty, and professional competence displayed by the members of the 1st Armor Brigade forces are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon them and the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam.

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

**442D SIGNAL BATTALION
UNITED STATES ARMY**

with citation as follows:

The 442d Signal Battalion is cited for its outstanding service in support of United States forces engaged in combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam and in support of all United States military forces in Thailand. During the period July 1969 through July 1971, the 442d Signal Battalion was assigned the mission of operating and maintaining the Army portion of the Integrated Communications System in Northern Thailand. Strategically placed terminals and relays provided the Integrated Communications System with some of the longest and most efficient Tropospheric Scatter Shots in the world. These mainline and tributary links comprised approximately 300,000 channel miles of communications and provided telephone, teletype, and data communications. These circuits supported the vital mission of the United States Air Force units in Thailand, who provided direct combat support to free world forces in southeast Asia. In all instances the 442d Signal Battalion satisfied communications requirements rapidly and effectively. The outstanding contribution of this unit is reflected by the excellently maintained facilities and services it performs and clearly shows the devotion to duty and high standard of performance of the personnel of the 442d Signal Battalion.

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

**THE 7TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS GROUP
AND ITS SUBORDINATE COMMANDS:**

AUGMENTATION, 7TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS GROUP,
JAPAN

AUGMENTATION, 7TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS GROUP,
OKINAWA

AUGMENTATION, 7TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS GROUP,
TAIWAN

14TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS BATTALION

UNITED STATES ARMY PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS
COMPANY

16TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS COMPANY

18TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS COMPANY

3D PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS DETACHMENT

13TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS DETACHMENT

24TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS DETACHMENT

244TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS DETACHMENT

UNITED STATES ARMY

the citation reads as follows:

The 7th Psychological Operations Group, United States Army and its subordinate commands distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious performance of duty in support of free world forces in Vietnam and contiguous areas during the period October 1968 to June 1970. During this period, the 7th Psychological Operations Group supported the Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, by providing in excess of 18 billion leaflets for dissemination in support of military operations, area pacification programs, and the Chieu Hoi amnesty program. During this period, the 7th Psychological Operations Group provided approximately 85 percent of the total Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, printing requirements. The leaflets were instrumental in increasing the number of enemy defections to the Government of Vietnam during this 21-month period. The development and continuing refinement of the technique of high altitude leaflet dissemination enabled the Group to provide a high level of leaflet saturation into areas which otherwise would have been denied to the United States. This technique enabled the aircraft to drop leaflets into favorable winds miles away from the target area, and yet insured that the leaflets fell within the designated location. Thus, the aircraft and crew were able to avoid enemy antiaircraft artillery fire, and there was not a single aircraft or crew member lost while engaged in leaflet dissemination using the high altitude technique. During the period cited, the 7th Psychological Operations Group provided 80 officers and enlisted personnel on a temporary duty basis in support of Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. These men were instrumental in training selected personnel from Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, served as short-term replacements in key positions, and thereby contributed to the success of the psychological operations program in Vietnam and contiguous areas. Throughout the cited period, the 7th Psychological Operations Group rendered exceptionally outstanding support to military combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam and contiguous areas. The service of the members of the 7th Psychological Operations Group and its subordinate commands is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on them, the Armed Forces, and the United States of America.

3. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 203, A.R. 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the fol-

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

29TH ENGINEER BATTALION and assigned units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 29th Engineer Battalion

34th Engineer Company

95th Engineer Company

Augmentation Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 29th Engineer Battalion

For the period 1 March 1968 to 30 June 1972.

4. 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 meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated.

THE UNITED STATES ARMY SECURITY AGENCY FIELD STATION, HAKATA, 1 January 1971 to 15 March 1972.

III. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. Paragraph 5, Section III, Department of the Army General Orders 42, 1970, pertaining to award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to The 627th Hospital Center, United States Army, is amended to add the following attached units for the period as indicated:

602d Medical Company (January 1966 to January 1970)

United States Army Medical Depot, Japan (June 1969 to January 1970)

United States Army Dental Service Detachment, Japan (January 1966 to January 1970)

United States Army Veterinary Detachment, Japan (January 1966 to January 1970)

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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General, U.S. Army
Acting Chief of Staff

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Major General, United States Army
The Adjutant General

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