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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 201, AR 672-5-1. The text of the citation, signed by President Richard Nixon on 5 February 1973, 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

COMPANY C, 4TH BATTALION, 9TH INFANTRY
BATTERY B, 7TH BATTALION, 11TH ARTILLERY

COMPANY B, 25TH AVIATION BATTALION
TROOP D, 3D SQUADRON, 4TH CAVALRY
116TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

AND THE

187TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

Company C, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division and its attached and supporting units distinguished themselves during the period 24 April 1969 to 26 April 1969 by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army forces in Tay Ninh Province, Republic of Vietnam. During this period, the enemy was engaged in his "Winter-Spring Offensive," with the ultimate objective being to attack the capital city of Saigon. The enemy planned to strike with the full power of the three divisions, the military forces of two subregions, and numerous provincial battalions and companies to clear the way for the advance on Saigon. With full knowledge of the enemy's intentions, Patrol Base Frontier City was constructed adjacent to the Cambodian border on 24 April 1969, directly in the path of the enemy's intended route of advance. During the early morning hours of 26 April 1969, the patrol base was attacked by an enemy force estimated to be two reinforced battalions of Viet Cong and North Vietnamese regulars. Although the enemy fought savagely to seize the base, the defenders repeatedly repelled the determined, combined artillery and infantry assaults on their position. Purposely permitting the enemy to approach within a thousand meters of their position before bringing them under fire with artillery, mortars, machineguns, small arms and air strikes, the brave defenders devastated the enemy attack. Enemy forces were able to breach the perimeter wire at only one point, but were trapped in a blistering cross-fire and were unable to exploit their gain. The attack was completely stopped and

the enemy forces were routed, with heavy losses of men and equipment. Totally defeated, the enemy was forced to withdraw to sanctuaries in Cambodia, leaving behind a large number of casualties, numerous weapons, and a large amount of ammunition. The gallant defense by the officers and men of Company C, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry and its attached and supporting units contributed significantly to the blunting of the enemy's major offensive in Tay Ninh Province. Their dedication, professionalism, and heroism are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on them and the United States Army.

II--MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION. 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 meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

THE UNITED STATES ARMY BAND, 21 January 1971 to 20 January 1973.

THE UNITED STATES ARMY TRANSPORTATION AGENCY (WHITE HOUSE), 1 January 1971 to 19 January 1973.

THE UNITED STATES ARMY EXECUTIVE FLIGHT DETACHMENT, 20 January 1971 to 19 January 1973.

THE WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY, 1 January 1971 to 19 January 1973.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

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

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