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I. PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (NAVY). Award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Navy) to the following United States Army units for periods indicated is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1.

355th Aviation Detachment (For the period 7 October 1966 to 4 December 1966)

8th Battalion, 4th Artillery (less Battery B) (For the period 21 August 1967 to 15 September 1967)

Battery G, 29th Artillery (For the period 29 November 1966 to 5 September 1967)

1st Battalion, 40th Artillery (For the period 27 October 1966 to 15 September 1967)

1st Battalion, 44th Artillery (For the period 27 November 1966 to 15 September 1967)

Battery G, 65th Artillery (For the period 29 November 1966 to 15 September 1967)

2d Battalion, 94th Artillery (For the period 27 November 1966 to 15 September 1967)

235th Artillery Section (For the period 26 October 1966 to 15 September 1967)

238th Artillery Section (For the period 26 October 1966 to 15 September 1967)

Battery B, 3d Battalion, 319th Artillery (For the period 7 October 1966 to 4 December 1966)

Battery B, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery (For the period 28 January 1966 to 18 February 1966)

4th Platoon, 220th Aviation Company (For the period 20 May 1967 to 15 September 1967)

Troop E, 1st Platoon, 17th Cavalry (For the period 7 October 1966 to 4 December 1966)

173d Engineer Platoon (For the period 7 October 1966 to 4 December 1966)

173d Military Intelligence Detachment (For the period 7 October 1966 to 4 December 1966)

173d Military Police Detachment (For the period 7 October 1966 to 4 December 1966)

244th Psychological Operations Company (For the period 5 April 1967 to 21 April 1967)

173d Scout Dog Detachment (For the period 7 October 1966 to 4 December 1966)

Aviation Company, I Corps (For the period 18 August 1965 to 21 August 1965)

7th Aviation Platoon (For the period 18 August 1965 to 21 August 1965)

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 8th Battalion, 26th Artillery (For the period 4 May 1967 to 15 September 1967)

505th Forward Air Control Team (For the period 7 October 1966 to 4 December 1966)

71st Aviation Company (For the period 28 July 1967 to 1 August 1967)

Battery B, 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery (For the period 15 October 1966 to 15 September 1967)

4th Battalion, 503d Infantry (For the period 7 October 1966 to 4 December 1966)

178th Aviation Company (For the period 21 April 1967 to 15 September 1967)

"The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION
TO THE
THIRD MARINE DIVISION (REINFORCED)

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against the North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 8 March 1965 to 15 September 1967. Throughout this period, the Third Marine Division (Reinforced), operating in the five northernmost provinces of the Republic of Vietnam, successfully executed its three-fold mission of occupying and defending key terrain, seeking out and destroying the enemy, and conducting an intensive pacification program. Operating in an area bordered by over 200 miles of South China Sea coastline, the mountainous Laotian border and the Demilitarized Zone, the Third Marine Division (Reinforced) successfully executed eighty major combat operations, carrying the battle to the enemy, destroying many of his forces, and capturing thousands of tons of weapons and materiel. In addition to these major operations, more than 125,000 offensive counter guerrilla actions, ranging from squad patrols and ambushes to company-sized search and destroy operations, were conducted in both the coastal rice lands and the mountainous jungle inland. These bitterly contested actions routed the enemy from his well-entrenched positions, denied him access to his source of food, restricted his freedom of movement, and removed his influence from the heavily populated areas. In numerous operations, the Third Marine Division (Reinforced) demonstrated the great efficacy of combined operations with units of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam. In July 1966, the Third Marine Division (Reinforced) moved to the north to counter major elements of the North Vietnamese Army moving across the Demilitarized Zone into the Province of Quang Tri; its units fought a series

of savage battles against the enemy, repeatedly distinguishing themselves and, time and again, forcing the enemy to retreat across the Demilitarized Zone. Imbued with an unrelenting combat spirit and initiative and undeterred by heavy hostile artillery and mortar fire, extremely difficult terrain, incessant heat and monsoon rains, the Third Marine Division (Reinforced), employing courageous ground, heliborne and amphibious assaults, complemented by intense and accurate air, artillery, and naval gunfire support, inflicted great losses on the enemy and denied him the political and military victory he sought to achieve at any cost. The outstanding courage, resourcefulness, and aggressive fighting spirit of the officers and men of the Third Marine Division (Reinforced) in battle after battle against a well-equipped and well-trained enemy, often numerically superior in strength, and the great humanitarianism constantly shown to the peoples of the Republic of Vietnam, reflected great credit upon the Marine Corps and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

II. VALOROUS UNIT AWARD. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraphs 194 and 202.1, AR 672-5-1, the Valorous Unit Award is confirmed for the following named units of the United States Army for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the periods indicated as awarded by cited authority.

1. 1ST SQUADRON, 9TH CAVALRY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION and its assigned and attached units:

62d Infantry Platoon
 Company H, 75th Infantry
 151st Transportation Detachment
 98th Transportation Detachment
 545th Transportation Detachment

For the period 1 October 1969 to 31 December 1969 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 237, 1973.

2. 1ST BATTALION, 18TH INFANTRY, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION

For the period 6 October 1967 to 10 December 1967 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 100, 1973.

III. NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION. 1. Award of the Navy Unit Commendation to the following United States Army units for periods indicated is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1.

175th Military Police Detachment (For the period 1 July 1962 to 5 May 1965)

560th Military Police Company (For the period 6 September 1962 to 6 June 1964)

66th Military Police Company (For the period 23 May 1964 to 5 May 1965)

716th Military Police Battalion (For the period 19 March 1965 to 15 March 1966)

90th Military Police Detachment (For the period 1 September 1965 to 15 March 1966)

615th Military Police Company (For the period 9 November 1965 to 15 March 1966)

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending

HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT ACTIVITY, SAIGON

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious service in providing vitally needed logistic support to growing numbers of United States and Allied military personnel in a new and strange environment for the buildup of US counterinsurgency forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 1 July 1962 to 15 March 1966. With minimum resources and personnel, and in the face of extremely difficult conditions, including attacks from insurgent forces at all locations along and at the end of lengthy supply lines, Headquarters Support Activity, Saigon, skillfully and expeditiously provided all facets of urgently needed logistic support to thousands of United States and Allied military personnel assigned to the many and varied components of each of the United States and Allied Services stationed in the Republic of Vietnam. The notable record achieved by Headquarters Support Activity, Saigon, has been a strong contributing factor in the success of the United States effort in the Republic of Vietnam, and attests to the skill, teamwork, diligence and perseverance of the individual members of the Activity. Their loyal and inspiring devotion to duty reflects great credit upon themselves and the United States Naval Service.

2. Award of the Navy Unit Commendation to the following United States Army units is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1.

3d Battalion, 21st Infantry (For the period 1 May 1968 to 16 May 1968)

1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry (For the period 6 May 1968 to 8 May 1968)

Battery D, 3d Battalion, 82d Artillery (For the period 10 May 1968 to 16 May 1968)

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting

THE NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION

TO

THIRD MARINE REGIMENT, THIRD MARINE DIVISION (REIN),
FMF

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious and heroic achievement during the period 30 April to 16 May 1968 while engaged in combat against enemy forces in the southeastern Cam Lo District, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam. Initiating counteraction against a numerically superior enemy force in the vicinity of Dai Do and along the strategically critical Thach Han River, the Third Marine Regiment demonstrated an outstandingly high degree of combat readiness and aggressiveness during a series of fiercely fought and bitterly opposed combat actions. In the face of heavy enemy small arms, mortar, and artillery fire, the Third Marine Regiment moved relentlessly forward and surmounted every obstacle to inflict over 1,500 casualties upon the enemy and capture large quantities of weapons and ammunition. The success achieved by the regiment and its attached Army and Air Force units precluded the closing of

the Thach Han River—a communication and resupply route essential to units in the Northern I Corps area—and prevented the enemy from attacking and isolating the cities of Dong Ha and Quang Tri and their respective military complexes. By their valiant fighting spirit, efficient teamwork, professionalism, and dedication, the officers and men of the Third Marine Regiment and attached units achieved a resounding victory over the enemy and contributed essentially to United States efforts in Southeast Asia. Their inspiring performance reflected great credit upon themselves and the Marine Corps, and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

3. Award of the Navy Unit Commendation to the following United States Army units is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1.

29th Civil Affairs Company (For the period 12 June 1966 to 30 June 1968)

244th Psychological Operations Company (For the period 6 May 1965 to

30 November 1967)

7th Psychological Battalion (For the period 1 December 1967 to 30 June 1968)

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting

THE NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION
TO
HEADQUARTERS, III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service in connection with operations against insurgent communist (Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army) forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 6 May 1965 to 30 June 1968. Demonstrating an exceptional degree of professionalism, the Headquarters, III Marine Amphibious Force provided operational control and coordination for a force that grew, during the period, to be the largest force ever committed to the field under command of a US Marine Headquarters. By 30 June 1968, the Force, consisting of US Marine Corps, Army, Navy, and Air Force units, had aggressively conducted 230 major combat operations in the I Corps Tactical Zone resulting in resounding defeat for communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. Although primarily concerned with combat operations, the Headquarters vigorously pursued a civic action program designed to aid the stricken Vietnamese populace while concurrently encouraging trust and confidence in the local and national governments. A highly successful Combined Action Program was developed by the Headquarters which provided for deployment of combined United States-Popular Force units to 115 Vietnamese hamlets, thereby providing security for approximately 280,000 citizens. Tasked with control and coordination of all aspects of combat operations of the huge force, the Headquarters provided aggressive planning, coordination, and leadership in such areas as intelligence, combat and service support, logistics, morale and personnel services, health, recreation and welfare, and a multitude of related responsibilities. The effective teamwork, indomitable spirit, and loyal devotion to duty of the officers and men of Headquarters, III Marine Amphibious Force provided a significant contribution to the success of the military assistance effort in the Republic of

Vietnam and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

IV. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraphs 194 and 203, AR 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is confirmed for the following named units of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated as awarded by cited authority.

1. HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE and attached units:

57th Aviation Detachment

12th Public Information Detachment (For the period 1 May 1971 to 29 April 1972)

For the period 1 May 1971 to 30 April 1972 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 98, 1973.

2. HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE

For the period 1 May 1972 to 30 November 1972 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 540, 1973.

3. HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE and assigned units:

284th Military Police Company

560th Military Police Company

615th Military Police Company

483d Military Police Company

177th Military Police Detachment

178th Military Police Detachment

For the period 2 April 1971 to 19 March 1973 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 766, 1973.

4. SUPPORT COMMAND, 23D INFANTRY DIVISION and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Band, 23d Infantry Division Support Command

23d Medical Battalion

23d Supply and Transport Battalion

723d Maintenance Battalion (minus Company E)

Division Combat Center (Provisional)

23d Administration Company

For the period 1 September 1969 to 31 January 1971 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 96, 1973.

5. SUPPORT COMMAND, 23D INFANTRY DIVISION and its assigned units:

Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Band, 23d Infantry Division Support Command

23d Medical Battalion

23d Supply and Transport Battalion

723d Maintenance Battalion (minus Company E)

Division Combat Center (Provisional)

23d Administrative Company

For the period 1 February 1971 to 27 November 1971 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 147, 1973.

6. 34TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP and its assigned and attached units:

United States Army Aviation Materiel Management Center (For the period 1 August 1971 to 31 July 1972)

110th Transportation Company (For the period 1 August 1971 to 30 April 1972)

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 14th Transportation Battalion (For the period 1 August 1971 to 27 April 1972)

79th Transportation Company (For the period 1 August 1971 to 30 April 1972)

604th Transportation Company

608th Transportation Company (For the period 1 August 1971 to 30 April 1972)

614th Maintenance Company (For the period 1 August 1971 to 14 January 1972)

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 520th Transportation Battalion (For the period 1 August 1971 to 27 April 1972)

56th Transportation Company (For the period 1 August 1971 to 30 April 1972)

165th Transportation Company (For the period 1 August 1971 to 30 April 1972)

605th Transportation Company (For the period 1 August 1971 to 30 April 1972)

United States Army Aviation Refresher School, Republic of Vietnam (For the period 30 April 1971 to 11 April 1972)

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 765th Transportation Battalion (For the period 1 August 1971 to 27 April 1972)

317th Maintenance Company (For the period 1 April 1971 to 1 April 1972)

330th Transportation Company (For the period 1 August 1971 to 30 April 1972)

388th Transportation Company

611th Transportation Company

28th Transportation Detachment (For the period 1 August 1971 to 30 April 1972)

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Transportation Battalion Company A, 1st Transportation Battalion

85th Medical Detachment (For the period 1 August 1971 to 30 April 1972)

154th Medical Detachment (For the period 16 April 1971 to 30 April 1972)

166th Maintenance Detachment (For the period 1 August 1971 to 30 April 1972)

313th Aviation Detachment

363d Aviation Detachment (For the period 12 September 1971 to 15 July 1972)

For the period 1 August 1971 to 15 September 1972 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 743, 1973.

7. 39TH SIGNAL BATTALION and its assigned units:

- 550th Signal Company (For the period 1 October 1969 to 25 September 1972)
- 331st Signal Company (For the period 15 October 1969 to 25 February 1972)
- 327th Signal Company (For the period 15 October 1969 to 31 March 1972)
- 535th Signal Company (For the period 1 October 1970 to 25 September 1972)
- Vung Tau Signal Support Detachment (For the period 1 March 1970 to 31 March 1972)
- Plantation Signal Support Detachment (For the period 1 March 1970 to 1 October 1970)
- Command Communications Center Company (For the period 14 April 1972 to 1 November 1972)

For the period 1 October 1969 to 1 November 1972 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 691, 1973.

8. 67TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL

For the period 1 November 1970 to 31 May 1972 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 717, 1973.

9. 71ST TRANSPORTATION BATTALION and its assigned and attached units:

- 368th Transportation Company
- 372d Transportation Company
- 5th Transportation Company
- 446th Transportation Company
- 783d Transportation Detachment
- Company E, 20th Infantry

For the period 1 January 1972 to 1 July 1972 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 541, 1973 as amended by United States Army Pacific General Orders 268, 1973.

10. 222D PERSONNEL SERVICE COMPANY

For the period 1 January 1972 to 18 November 1972 as announced in United States Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 689, 1973.

11. 509TH RADIO RESEARCH GROUP and its assigned units:

- Radio Research Communications Unit, Vietnam
- 8th Radio Research Field Station
- 101st Radio Research Company (For the period 1 January 1971 to 1 April 1972)
- 265th Radio Research Company (For the period 1 January 1971 to 1 April 1972)
- 303d Radio Research Battalion (For the period 1 January 1971 to 30 June 1971)
- 407th Radio Research Detachment (For the period 1 January 1971 to 1 April 1972)
- 175th Radio Research Company (For the period 1 January 1971 to 30 June 1971)
- 175th Radio Research Field Station (For the period 16 June 1971 to 30 June 1972)
- 405th Radio Research Detachment

- 313th Radio Research Battalion (For the period 1 January 1971 to 30 June 1971)
- 330th Radio Research Company (For the period 1 January 1971 to 30 June 1971)
- 330th Radio Research Field Station (For the period 16 June 1971 to 30 June 1972)
- 328th Radio Research Company
- 404th Radio Research Detachment (For the period 1 January 1971 to 1 April 1972)
- 224th Aviation Battalion
- 1st Radio Research Company (For the period 1 January 1971 to 30 April 1972)
- 138th Aviation Company
- 144th Aviation Company (For the period 1 January 1971 to 30 September 1971)
- 146th Aviation Company
- 156th Aviation Company (For the period 1 January 1971 to 1 April 1972)
- 335th Radio Research Company (For the period 1 January 1971 to 1 June 1972)

For the period 1 January 1971 to 30 June 1972 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 240, 1973.

12. 527TH PERSONNEL SERVICE COMPANY

For the period 1 July 1971 to 31 January 1973 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 736, 1973.

13. 801ST MAINTENANCE BATTALION

For the period 1 November 1970 to 30 April 1971 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 2264-424, 1971.

14. UNITED STATES ARMY DRUG TREATMENT CENTER, LONG BINH POST

For the period 1 June 1971 to 31 August 1972 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 99, 1973.

15. FIELD ADVISORY ELEMENT 62, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARMED FORCES LANGUAGE SCHOOL, ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM

For the period 1 January 1971 to 30 June 1972 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 238, 1973.

16. UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, ENGINEER REGION, MILITARY REGION I

For the period 18 February 1972 to 15 October 1972 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 737, 1973.

17. UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM INDIVIDUAL TRAINING GROUP (UITG)/FORCES ARMÉE NATIONALE KHMER (FANK) TRAINING COMMAND and its assigned and attached units:

United States Army Vietnam Individual Training Group (For the period 24 February 1971 to 14 May 1972)

FANK Training Command, AAGV (For the period 15 May 1972 to 30 November 1972)

Long Hai Training Battalion, UITG (For the period 24 February 1971 to 14 May 1972)

Long Hai Training Battalion, FANK Training Command, AAGV (For the period 15 May 1972 to 30 November 1972)

Chi Lang Training Battalion, UITG (For the period 24 February 1971 to 1 September 1971)

Phuoc Tuy Training Battalion, UITG (For the period 1 September 1971 to 14 May 1972)

Phuoc Tuy Training Battalion, FANK Training Command, AAGV (For the period 15 May 1972 to 30 November 1972)

Dong Ba Thin Training Battalion, UITG (For the period 24 February 1971 to 14 May 1972)

Dong Ba Thin Training Battalion, FANK Training Command, AAGV (For the period 15 May 1972 to 30 November 1972)

For the period 24 February 1971 to 30 November 1972 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 738, 1973.

18. LOGISTICS ASSISTANCE TEAM, UNITED STATES ARMY, VIETNAM

For the period 24 April 1972 to 15 March 1973 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 765, 1973.

19. HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, UNITED STATES ARMY PHU BAI INSTALLATION

For the period 15 January 1972 to 15 August 1972 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 739, 1973.

20. UNITED STATES ARMY POSTAL GROUP, VIETNAM and its assigned units:

1st Army Postal Unit (For the period 1 September 1971 to 30 April 1972)

38th Base Post Office

39th Base Post Office (For the period 1 September 1971 to 30 April 1972)

42d Army Postal Unit (For the period 1 September 1971 to 7 March 1972)

43d Army Postal Unit

45th Army Postal Unit (For the period 1 September 1971 to 16 April 1972)

46th Army Postal Unit (For the period 1 September 1971 to 30 April 1972)

50th Army Postal Unit

56th Army Postal Unit (For the period 1 September 1971 to 25 June 1972)

508th Army Postal Unit (For the period 1 September 1971 to 15 October 1972)

566th Army Postal Unit (For the period 1 September 1971 to 25 June 1972)

570th Army Postal Unit

For the period 1 September 1971 to 31 December 1972 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 690, 1973.

21. UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM SPECIAL SERVICE AGENCY

For the period 2 March 1970 to 14 March 1973 as announced in United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command General Orders 692, 1973.

V. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION (NAVY). 1. Award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation (Navy) to the following United States Army units for periods indicated is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1.

Battery F, 26th Artillery (For the period 1 November 1968 to 9 December 1968)

Company A, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry (For the period 20 November 1968 to 23 November 1968)

Detachment A, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery (For the period 26 August 1968 to 9 December 1968)

Company B, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry (For the period 31 August 1968 to 9 December 1968)

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting

THE MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION
TO
FIRST AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION
THIRD MARINE DIVISION (REINFORCED), FLEET MARINE
FORCE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service in close combat against the North Vietnamese Army and insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces in Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam, from 26 August to 9 December 1968. When the First Marine Regiment was deployed from the Napoleon/Saline II Tactical Area of Responsibility, the operational control of the area was assigned to the First Amphibian Tractor Battalion because of its versatility and competency. This assigned area of approximately thirty-two square miles encompassed some fourteen miles of river and waterways, eighteen miles of desert, and additional broken land ideally suited for harboring enemy ambush and sapper units. By conducting 543 day patrols and 675 night patrols, the battalion was instrumental in killing 3,476 of the enemy and capturing 613 individual weapons, as well as 19 crew-served weapons. In addition to performing duties of an infantry unit, the battalion carried out an intensive and conclusive combined action program which resulted in a highly proficient integrated Marine and Popular Force provisional rifle company. The "can do" attitude of the officers and men of the First Amphibian Tractor Battalion earned them the name "AmGrunts" (Amphibian Tractor Infantrymen). Through effective teamwork, aggressive fighting spirit, and the many individual acts of bravery, the First Amphibian Tractor Battalion, together with supporting Marine and Army units, dealt the enemy a severe blow, and in so doing demonstrated those qualities of valor and professional skill which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

2. Award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation (Navy) to the following United States Army units is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1.

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 26th Engineer Battalion

Company E, 26th Engineer Battalion

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting

**THE MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION
TO**

NINTH ENGINEER BATTALION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service while participating in operations against the insurgent communist (Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army) forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 1 July 1968 to 31 May 1969. During this period the Ninth Engineer Battalion, under the operational control of the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, and administrative control of the Commanding General, First Marine Division, performed with distinction in maintaining, upgrading, and ensuring the operational readiness of 48 miles of National Route #1 through Quang Tin and Quang Nam Provinces, from Chu Lai to Dien Ban. Working closely with US Army, Republic of Korea, and Republic of Vietnam forces operating in the area, this vital route of communication was kept constantly open in spite of enemy interdiction with mines and demolitions and the ravages of flood conditions. By rapid installation of bypasses and tactical bridging, often in round-the-clock operations, each emergency was promptly reduced. From 1 July 1968 to 1 January 1969, working under the most adverse conditions of weather, location, and enemy harassment, the battalion completed a steel and timber bridge, 722 feet long, across the Song Ba Ren river in southern Quang Nam Province. The imagination, determination, and craftsmanship displayed in its construction marked it as a major engineering achievement. The speed and thoroughness with which this project was pursued in the face of the adversities of the elements and the enemy were a tribute to the complete professionalism and dogged determination of the unit. By their tireless efforts, resourcefulness, and individual acts of heroism, the officers and men of the Ninth Engineer Battalion achieved an illustrious record of courage and skill that were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

3. Award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation (Navy) to the following United States Army unit is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1.

Army Security Agency (Program "C" Elements)

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting

**THE MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION
TO**

**PROGRAM "C" ELEMENTS OF THE HEADQUARTERS, NAVAL
INTELLIGENCE COMMAND;
HEADQUARTERS, NAVAL SECURITY GROUP COMMAND; THE
NAVAL SECURITY GROUP;
ARMY SECURITY AGENCY; AND AIR FORCE SECURITY
SERVICE**

for service set forth in the following

CITATION:

For meritorious service in support of the national defense effort from 1 May 1967 to 1 May 1970. The Personnel of Program "C", a sensitive operation under

the direction of the Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Intelligence), displayed a continuous and exceptional degree of professionalism, determination, and resourcefulness in the performance of their duties. Through the technical skill of these personnel, the remarkably high order of analytical expertise in processing and reporting of highly sophisticated data, and overall initiative, foresight, ingenuity, judgment, and devotion to duty, Program "C" has made major contributions toward fulfilling significant gaps in vital US intelligence objectives. The performance of the personnel of Program "C" during this period was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Military Services.

VI. REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS UNIT CITATION. 1. The award of the Gallantry Cross Unit Citation by the Republic of Vietnam to the units listed below is confirmed.

2. With Palm for service from 28 June 1972 to 31 August 1972.
TROOP F, 4TH CAVALRY
3. With Palm for service from 1 October 1971 to 31 January 1972.
TROOP B, 7TH SQUADRON, 17TH CAVALRY
4. With Gold Star for service from 23 December 1965 to 12 November 1971.
1ST MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION

VII. REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CIVIL ACTIONS MEDAL UNIT CITATION. 1. The award of the Civil Actions Medal Unit Citation by the Republic of Vietnam to the units listed below is confirmed.

2. For service from 25 December 1970 to 14 July 1972.
8TH RADIO RESEARCH FIELD STATION
3. For service from 1 January 1971 to 31 December 1971.
11TH AVIATION BATTALION and its subordinate units:
74th Aviation Company
432d Medical Detachment
128th Aviation Company
541st Medical Detachment
173d Aviation Company
135th Aviation Company
187th Aviation Company
4. For service from 1 January 1971 to 31 December 1971.
34TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP and its assigned and attached units:
110th Transportation Company
166th Aviation Detachment
1st Transportation Battalion
Company A, 1st Transportation Battalion
Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 14th Transportation Battalion
79th Transportation Company
604th Transportation Company
608th Transportation Company
614th Maintenance Company

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 58th Transportation Battalion

142d Transportation Company

263d Maintenance Company

344th Transportation Company

610th Transportation Company

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 520th Transportation Battalion

56th Transportation Company

165th Transportation Company

539th Transportation Company

605th Transportation Company

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 765th Transportation Battalion

317th Maintenance Company

330th Transportation Company

28th Transportation Detachment

United States Army Aviation Materiel Management Center

142d Transportation Company

388th Transportation Company

611th Transportation Company

United States Army Aviation Refresher Training School

5. For service from June 1968 to 16 April 1970.

36TH ENGINEER BATTALION

6. For service from 1 August 1971 to 30 November 1971.

52D AVIATION BATTALION

7. For service from 1 August 1970 to 30 June 1971.

93D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION and its assigned and attached units:

66th Military Police Company

127th Military Police Company

560th Military Police Company

177th Military Police Detachment

VIII. VALOROUS UNIT AWARD. 1. Section I, Paragraph 2, DA General Orders 11, 1973, pertaining to the Valorous Unit Award to "Company A, 227th Aviation Battalion and its attached units" is revoked.

2. So much of Section I, Paragraph 2, DA General Orders 37, 1970, pertaining to the Valorous Unit Award to the 14th Aviation Battalion is amended to delete "174th Aviation Company."

IX. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. 1. Section II, Paragraph 10, DA General Orders 43, 1972, and Section II, Paragraphs 3, 6, 19, 24, 31, and 34, DA General Orders 5, 1973, are revoked. The paragraphs are revoked under provisions of AR 672-5-1, paragraph 200c.

2. Section III, Paragraphs 1, 2, and 5, DA General Orders 11, 1973, pertaining to the Meritorious Unit Commendation to "1st Military Intelligence Battalion, 32d Medical Depot and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Medical Command and its assigned unit" are revoked.

3. So Much of Section II, Paragraph 17, DA General Orders 48, 1968, pertaining to the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 34th General Support Group is amended to add "1st Transportation Battalion."

4. So much of Section V, Paragraph 13, DA General Orders 42, 1969, pertaining to the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 36th Signal Battalion as reads "267th Signal Company (30 September 1967 to 31 May 1968)" is amended to read "267th Signal Company (30 September 1967 to 29 February 1968)."

X. REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS UNIT CITATION.

1. So much of Section III, Paragraph 2, DA General Orders 5, 1973, pertaining to the Palm for the 25th Infantry Division as reads "Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Band, 25th Infantry Division Support Command 1st Battalion, 8th Artillery" is amended to read:

Company and Band, 25th In-
fantry Division Support Com-
mand

1st Battalion, 8th Artillery"

2. Section VI, Paragraph 3, DA General Orders 11, 1973, pertaining to the Palm to "504th Military Police Battalion and its subordinate units" is revoked.

3. So much of DA General Orders 22, 1968, pertaining to the Palm to the 1st Aviation Brigade is amended to delete "225th Aviation Company."

4. So much of Section II, Paragraph 3, DA General Orders 46, 1969, pertaining to the Palm to the 1st Aviation Brigade is amended to read "225th Aviation Company (For the period 3 May 1967 to 17 May 1968)."

XI. VIETNAM CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT. Announcement is made confirming campaign participation credits for operations in Vietnam under the provisions of paragraph 212, AR 672-5-1.

1. Consolidation I.

- a. *Combat zone:* Territorial limits of Vietnam and adjacent waters.
- b. *Time limitations:* 1 July 1971 through 30 November 1971.

2. Consolidation II.

- a. *Combat zone:* Territorial limits of Vietnam and adjacent waters.
- b. *Time limitations:* 1 December 1971 through 29 March 1972.

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