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DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION—Award----- Section I
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I. DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION. Award of the Distinguished Unit Citation 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 194, AR 672-5-1. The text of the citation as announced by President Lyndon B. Johnson on 7 March 1966 reads as follows:

THE 121ST AVIATION COMPANY (AIR MOBILE LIGHT) UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, AND ATTACHED UNITS—2D MEDICAL DISPENSARY (GENERAL), 80TH TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT (CARGO HELICOPTER FIELD MAINTENANCE), 82D MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE), 134TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT, 257TH SIGNAL DETACHMENT, DETACHMENT 7, 30TH WEATHER SQUADRON, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, 6TH AIRLIFT PLATOON, AND THE 5TH GUNNER DETACHMENT. 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 Distinguished Unit Citation to the 121st Aviation Company (Air Mobile Light) United States Armed Forces, and attached units for extraordinary heroism in the Republic of Vietnam. The 121st Aviation Company (Air Mobile Light) and attached units distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations in the Republic of Vietnam on 5 December 1964. The members of this Company and the foregoing units demonstrated indomitable courage and professional skill while providing direct support for a Republic of Vietnam military ground operation in territory known to be dominated by insurgents. Their outstanding effectiveness resulted in the success of aerial troop lifts despite exposure to intensive hostile gun fire, in the timely modification of techniques which kept pace with the rapidly changing tactical situations, and in the on-the-spot field maintenance for aircraft. Prompt medical assistance was given to the combat soldier and a countless number of friendly casualties were quickly evacuated from the battlefield. Through their fortitude, perseverance, and gallant efforts, these brave officers and men contributed in great measure to the progress of the counterinsurgency effort conducted in the Republic of Vietnam. The devotion to duty, outstanding achievements, and extraordinary heroism displayed by the members of the 121st Aviation Company (Air Mobile Light) and the participating units reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

II. VALOROUS UNIT AWARD. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 202.1, AR 672-5-1, the Valorous Unit Award is awarded the following named units of the United States Army for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period indicated:

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The citation reads as follows:

The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

THE 13TH AVIATION BATTALION
and

Assigned and Attached Units —

HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 13TH AVIATION BATTALION
114TH AVIATION COMPANY (AIRMOBILE LIGHT)
544TH TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT (CARGO HELICOPTER FIELD MAINTENANCE)
96TH SIGNAL DETACHMENT (AVIONICS)
83D MEDICAL DETACHMENT
121ST AVIATION COMPANY (AIRMOBILE LIGHT)
80TH TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT (CARGO HELICOPTER FIELD MAINTENANCE)
257TH SIGNAL DETACHMENT (AVIONICS)
82D MEDICAL DETACHMENT (HELICOPTER AMBULANCE)
2D MEDICAL DETACHMENT (SURGICAL HOSPITAL)
A COMPANY, 502D AVIATION BATTALION
28TH SIGNAL DETACHMENT (AVIONICS)
150TH TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT (CARGO HELICOPTER FIELD MAINTENANCE)
5TH MACHINE GUN PLATOON (PROVISIONAL), 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
7TH MACHINE GUN PLATOON (PROVISIONAL), 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
8TH MACHINE GUN PLATOON (PROVISIONAL), 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION
5TH QUARTERMASTER PETROLEUM DETACHMENT
53D QUARTERMASTER PETROLEUM DETACHMENT
62D QUARTERMASTER PETROLEUM DETACHMENT

FOR
EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM

The 13TH AVIATION BATTALION and the Attached and Assigned Units distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations on 4, 5, and 6 April 1965 in Chuong Tien Province, Republic of Vietnam. The members of this Battalion and the foregoing units demonstrated indomitable courage and professional skill while providing direct support for elements of the 21st Division of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam. When the friendly Vietnamese Division launched an attack on a large Viet Cong element operating in the vicinity of Vinh Binh, the American units provided timely support throughout a battle which raged for three days. Their outstanding effectiveness resulted in operations which kept pace with the rapidly changing tactical situations, in expert field maintenance for aircraft, and in the success of aerial troop lifts in the midst of intensive hostile gun fire. The skillful Medical units assured the combat soldier of prompt medical assistance and numerous friendly casualties were quickly evacuated from the battle zone.

Through their fortitude and determination, the personnel of the 13TH AVIATION BATTALION and supporting units contributed in great measure to the progress of the counterinsurgency effort conducted in the Republic of Vietnam. Their devotion to duty and extraordinary heroism reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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