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I. NATIONAL BOARD FOR THE PROMOTION OF RIFLE PRACTICE.

DA General Orders 39, 1967, is amended as follows:

Effective 1 July 1968, Lieutenant Colonel Sidney R. Hinds, Jr., GS, USA, is appointed Director of Civilian Marksmanship, vice Colonel LeRoy Strong. Lieutenant Colonel Hinds will continue to serve as Executive Officer, National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice as announced in General Orders 8, 1968.

II. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. 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 named unit of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated.

THE 3D SQUADRON, 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY; For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 3D SQUADRON, 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 13 September 1966 to 31 May 1967. When the squadron was alerted for transfer to Vietnam in March of 1966, it was in the process of conducting an Advance Individual Training class for two thousand troops to be retained in the regiment. Rising to the challenge, the squadron conducted predeployment training while concurrently completing the Advanced Individual Training class, and achieved combat ready status on schedule and deployed overseas. One month after arriving in-country the unit was participating in a major search and destroy operation against the insurgents, and was the first armored element to inflict confirmed casualties upon the Viet Cong. By making tactical movements in areas previously considered inaccessible to tracked vehicles during Operation HICKORY, the 3D SQUADRON, 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT completely revised the concept of the adaptability of armored units to combat in the Republic of Vietnam. During CEDAR FALLS and COLBY/IOLA, the unit utilized its awesome firepower and extreme mobility to continually rout the Viet Cong from their well entrenched, ingeniously concealed bunkers, spider holes, and underground shelters. Making a sweep near the Cambodian border during Operation JUNCTION CITY, the squadron uncovered vast stores of munitions and weapons; base camps and food caches; hospitals and training camps. In addition to its numerous tactical accomplishments, the squadron also instituted a revolutionary development program in the hamlet of Cam My, traditionally a pro-Viet Cong village, which resulted in the acquisition of increasing amounts of valuable intelligence information. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 3D SQUADRON, 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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