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I. 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 unit of the Republic of Vietnam for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period indicated:

The citation reads as follows:

The 114TH REGIONAL FORCES COMPANY distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations on 12 May 1968 in Cang Long District, Vinh Binh Province in the Republic of Vietnam. While serving as a maneuver element in a four-company reaction operation with the mission of routing a Viet Cong battalion from the village of Dai Phuoc, the Company came under intensive fire many times. As each enemy volley began, the Company's personnel reacted immediately by going on line, assaulting and overtaking the enemy positions. Their efforts drove the hostile forces into a massing point at a church in the village. Although they had suffered casualties, the men of the 114TH REGIONAL FORCES COMPANY continued to advance upon the enemy stronghold. As they approached the church, a barrage of mortar rounds landed in their midst, creating additional casualties. They secured their wounded and assaulted the church, routing the determined foe and inflicting numerous casualties upon the communist force. After seizing the church, the Company's men cleared a landing zone and arranged for the evacuation of the injured. They then established a perimeter around the village and protected the people from Viet Cong attack throughout the night. Because of their aggressiveness and courage, a hard fought victory was won over a well entrenched enemy. Through their initiative, determination and tactical proficiency, the Company's personnel set the example for the other companies in the operation and proved themselves to be a highly effective fighting unit. The men of the 114TH REGIONAL FORCES COMPANY displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Republic of Vietnam.

2. 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 unit of the United States Army for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period indicated:

The citation reads as follows:

THE 272D MILITARY POLICE COMPANY

The 272D MILITARY POLICE COMPANY distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism in the city of Nha Trang, Republic of Vietnam on 30 January 1968. When a company of the 7th North Vietnamese Army/Viet Cong

Battalion succeeded in reaching the unit's perimeter and attacked the compound with grenades, the company alert force responded to the initial assault with such devastating fire that the enemy was driven from the perimeter into a nearby villa. The communist aggressors then placed automatic and small arms fire upon the compound from this relatively secure area. Realizing the need to direct flanking fire upon the enemy from a more advantageous position, members of the 272D MILITARY POLICE COMPANY unhesitatingly volunteered to move to a building adjacent to the villa in order to accomplish this mission. Upon arrival they found that seven United States civilian personnel occupied the structure, and they quickly formulated an evacuation plan which enabled the civilians to reach the company's compound safely. Throughout the eight hour battle, numerous heroic actions on the part of the military police personnel insured the total defeat of the hostile force. When the battle was over, forty-eight enemy dead were found, eight prisoners were taken, and twenty-nine semi-automatic and seven crew-served weapons were confiscated. The men of the 272D MILITARY POLICE COMPANY displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which 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.

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

The citations read as follows:

THE 80TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP

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The 80TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 June 1966 to 31 July 1967. Initially tasked with furnishing logistical support for Task Force Oregon (later designated the American Division), the group's personnel applied their relentless determination and multitudinous skills to overcome numerous operational difficulties and provide the task force with highly responsive support whenever and wherever needed. In November 1967 they were redeployed to Da Nang to assume the mission of the Da Nang Sub-Area Command, a tremendous responsibility which encompassed rendering support for the entire I Corps Tactical Zone. Cognizant of the ever-present possibility of future expansion, the men of the 80TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP formulated plans to prepare for this eventuality. Additional real estate was requisitioned for all areas of operation, and supply-handling capabilities were substantially increased. Their foresight and initiative were key factors in ensuring adequate support for the large influx of divisional and non-divisional troops which were moved to the I Corps Tactical Zone to counter the expected enemy TET Offensive. When the river channels normally used to resupply troops in their area of responsibility were closed due to enemy action, they coordinated with other branches of the Armed Forces to operate a floating ammunition supply that effectively kept artillery units supplied with ammunition, thereby preventing prolonged delays and a reduction in mission capabilities. Through their professional competence, resourcefulness

and perseverance, the group's personnel materially advanced the United States effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 80TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP 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.

**THE 87TH ENGINEER COMPANY, 199TH INFANTRY BRIGADE
(SEPARATE) (LIGHT)**

The 87TH ENGINEER COMPANY, 199TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE) (LIGHT) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 12 December 1966 to 31 October 1967. Demonstrating technical expertise and uncommon versatility, the members of the Company accomplished numerous construction projects in an exemplary manner. They were responsible for the upkeep of roads and bridges in the brigade's area of operation, and in this critical area, they upgraded thirty-six miles of road and maintained thirty-three bridges of significant tactical importance. Their efforts in the area of base camp construction resulted in the building of three battalion-sized base camps, thirteen company-sized base camps, one artillery base camp and eight popular forces outposts. The men of the 87TH ENGINEER COMPANY, 199TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE) (LIGHT) willingly participated in civic action projects to include the building of three schools for the local populace, a market place for the civilians in Binh Chanh Subsector and more than one hundred and twenty footbridges for the Vietnamese. Further, they worked tirelessly in the development of the brigade's base camp as exemplified by their construction of fifty-four hundred meters of road, two hundred meters of culvert, thirty-six showers and latrines, forty-two two-story bachelor enlisted quarters, three two-story bachelor officer quarters and more than thirty-seven thousand square feet of administrative space. Through their seemingly limitless capabilities, singular initiative and total dedication to mission accomplishment, the Company's personnel contributed materially to the effort of the United States in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 87TH ENGINEER COMPANY, 199TH INFANTRY BRIGADE (SEPARATE) (LIGHT) 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.

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

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 93d Military Police Battalion
Company D, 58th Infantry
66th Military Police Company
127th Military Police Company
177th Military Police Company Detachment Go 12 '69

The 93D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION and its assigned and attached units distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 30 June 1967 to 1 August 1968. Operating within the II Corps Tactical Zone, the Battalion's personnel demonstrated uncommon versatility and adaptability in effectively fulfilling their vital and complex mission, which included the maintenance of military discipline, law and order; the conduct of convoy escorts and road runner opera-

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tions; the security of bridges and installations; and the evacuation of prisoners of war. During the enemy's TET Offensive, the men of the 93D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION were responsible for providing traffic control and for sealing off areas of enemy activity. Further, they were the initial reaction force for the Qui Nhon area, and, because of their exemplary courage and determination, the security posture in their area of responsibility was maintained at an exceptionally high level throughout this critical period. In addition to their efforts in military police operations, they actively participated in an extensive Civic Action program, thereby establishing a harmonious relationship with the Vietnamese people. Through their initiative, tenacity and perseverance, they materially advanced the struggle against communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 93D MILITARY POLICE BATTALION 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.

THE 170TH ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL)

The 170TH ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL) distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 January 1967 through 30 June 1968. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary perseverance and technical competence in providing sabotage protection and explosive disposal for the American Ambassador to Vietnam, visiting American dignitaries and all allied military forces in the Saigon metropolitan area. Performing under the most hazardous of circumstances, these men thoroughly investigated scenes of sabotage attempts and terrorist attacks. The teams of the Detachment were often the first emergency unit to arrive at the site of terrorist explosives. Consistently risking the danger of sniper fire or follow-up explosions, the 170TH ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL) quickly searched the attack zones for additional explosive devices emplaced by the enemy, often rendering a potentially disastrous situation harmless by the isolation and disposition of misplaced or accidentally activated explosives. During the six day period following the TET Offensive, the Detachment responded to over one hundred requests for assistance; the majority of these missions were accomplished in insecure areas and often under enemy fire. To further diminish the danger of enemy activities, the unit also established a training and information program to acquaint both civilian and military personnel with the various types of terrorist devices and the protective measures to be taken if confronted with them. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 170TH ORDNANCE DETACHMENT (EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL) 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.

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 named unit of the Royal Thailand Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated :

The citation reads as follows:

THE ROYAL THAILAND ARMY VOLUNTEER REGIMENT

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The ROYAL THAILAND ARMY VOLUNTEER REGIMENT distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 20 August 1967 to 15 August 1968. Under the astute leadership of the regimental commander, the Queen's Cobras conducted consolidation operations in the American 9th Infantry Division's tactical area of operation. By means of saturation patrols, ambushes, eagle flights and air-mobile operations, the regiment destroyed enemy units, guerrillas, installations and the Viet Cong infrastructure. During Operation NARASUAN in the Nhon Trach District of Bien Hoa Province, the ROYAL THAILAND ARMY VOLUNTEER REGIMENT performed in an exceptionally outstanding manner, killing 145 Viet Cong, detaining 42 suspects and capturing large amounts of enemy munitions and materiel. Having garnered an enviable reputation for their actions during this initial operation, the regiment entered a second encounter, Operation TOAN THANG, with pertinacious vigor, consistently dealing the oppugnant Viet Cong decisive, lasting defeats. The regiment combined its tactical expertise with a vast Civic Action and Pacification Program to win the hearts and minds of the depressed local populace. The exceptional achievements of the regiment in the Republic of Vietnam established it as a professional Allied force capable of combating Communist aggression on any front. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the ROYAL THAILAND ARMY VOLUNTEER REGIMENT are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Royal Thailand Army.

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