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I. 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 unit of the United States Army for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period indicated as awarded by cited authority:

15TH MEDICAL BATTALION (MINUS) 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION,
consisting of:

Company B, 15th Medical Battalion

Company C, 15th Medical Battalion

Air Ambulance Platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, 15th Medical Battalion

For the period 11 August to 12 August 1969 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 548, 1971.

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 unit of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period indicated as awarded by cited authority:

POPULAR FORCES PLATOON 100, BINH KHE DISTRICT, BINH DINH PROVINCE

On 22 August 1970 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 1004, 1971.

III. 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 for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated as awarded by cited authority:

1. HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 3D BRIGADE, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION and its attached units:

Tactical Air Control Party, 19th Tactical Air Support Squadron, United States Air Force

Interrogation Prisoner of War Team 3, 1st Military Intelligence Company
Civil Intelligence Team 3, 1st Military Intelligence Company

For the period 1 June 1967 to 30 August 1968 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 689, 1971.

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2. 4TH SUPPLY AND TRANSPORT BATTALION

For the period 1 October 1968 to 31 March 1970 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 664, 1971.

3. HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 4TH TRANSPORTATION COMMAND

For the period 1 January 1968 to 31 December 1969 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 540, 1971.

4. 5TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION

For the period 1 June 1969 to 30 September 1970 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 1539, 1971.

5. 24TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION and its assigned units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 24th Transportation Battalion

24th Transportation Company

442d Transportation Company

566th Transportation Company

592d Transportation Company

234th Transportation Platoon

235th Transportation Platoon

670th Transportation Company

32d Transportation Platoon

For the period 17 January 1970 to 31 July 1970 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 545, 1971.

6. 27TH ENGINEER BATTALION and its attached unit:

591st Engineer Company

For the period 1 March 1969 to 31 October 1969 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 1349, 1971.

7. 43D SIGNAL BATTALION, following assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment

Company A (For the period 1 June 1968 to 28 February 1970)

Company C (For the period 1 June 1968 to 28 February 1970)

278th Signal Company

586th Signal Company

Detachments 10 & 10A, 362d Signal Company

Detachments 11 & 12, 518th Signal Company (For the period 1 June 1968 to 31 January 1970)

2d Platoon, 578th Signal Company (For the period 3 May 1969 to 31 January 1970)

For the period 1 June 1968 to 31 March 1970 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 1565, 1971.

8. 45TH MEDICAL COMPANY and its attached units:

57th Medical Detachment

82d Medical Detachment

159th Medical Detachment

247th Medical Detachment

254th Medical Detachment

551st Transportation Detachment (For the period 23 June 1969 to 30 April 1970)

For the period 1 January 1969 to 30 April 1970 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 1020, 1971.

9. HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT, 64TH QUARTERMASTER BATTALION and its attached units:

Petroleum Platoon, 223d Supply and Service Company

556th Transportation Company

538th Transportation Company

47th Transportation Company

512th Quartermaster Company

Petroleum Base Laboratory, 525th Quartermaster Company

14th Quartermaster Platoon

For the period 1 September 1968 to 28 February 1970 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 282, 1971.

10. 191ST ORDNANCE BATTALION

For the period 1 April 1969 to 30 September 1969 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 858, 1971.

11. 426TH SUPPLY AND SERVICE BATTALION

For the period 1 June 1969 to 31 August 1970 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 600, 1971.

12. MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM ADVISORY TEAM 8

For the period 1 August 1969 to 31 December 1970 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 1352, 1971.

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 unit of the United States Marine Corps for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated as awarded by cited authority:

9TH ENGINEER BATTALION (FLEET MARINE FORCE)

For the period 16 September 1967 to 20 April 1968 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 4641, 1970.

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD PORT SECURITY AND WATERWAYS DETAIL, VIETNAM

For the period 1 February 1969 to 31 December 1969 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 677, 1971.

VI..VIETNAMESE GALLANTRY CROSS WITH PALM. 1. The award of the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Palm by the Republic of Vietnam to units listed below is confirmed.

2. The Gallantry Cross with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 2 December 1969 through 8 January 1971 to:

2D SQUADRON, 17TH CAVALRY, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION and its attached units:

Company L, 75th Infantry
332d Transportation Detachment
333d Transportation Detachment
507th Transportation Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

An outstanding, seasoned unit which always demonstrates a gallant fighting spirit. Participating in combat in Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces from 2 December 1969 to 8 January 1971, the 2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry, has fought alongside and provided maximum fire support for the 1st Infantry Division, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, at Tun Tavern, Fuller, Barbara and O'Reilly bases, thus blocking infiltration by the North Vietnamese Communists into the dense mountain areas of Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces and inflicting heavy losses upon the adversary. In particular, during Operations Narrative and Clinch Valley, conducted in June and July 1970, although faced with unfavorable weather conditions, rugged terrain, and intense hostile fire, the men of the 2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry, overcame all hardships and fought gallantly, smashing many North Vietnamese Communist regular units and at the same time destroying many enemy bases, trenches and defensive fortifications. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy and numerous weapons and much ammunition, along with military clothing and equipment, was seized. With the above brilliant achievements, the 2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry, has made a substantial contribution to the Republic of Vietnam's fight against the Communist aggressors in order to preserve freedom. At the same time, it has upheld the heroic traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

3. The Gallantry Cross with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 31 January 1968 through 3 February 1968 to:

2D BATTALION, 506TH INFANTRY, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION

The citation reads as follows:

The 2d Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel DAVIS E. GRANGE JR. is cited as a gallant and stirring combat unit. Throughout its assignment in the Republic of Vietnam, the 2d Battalion aggressively participated in numerous operations and struck heavy blows at the North Vietnamese Army Regular Units in III Combat Tactical Zone (CTZ). Especially, during the enemy Mau Than offensive, the above Battalion was air-lifted from Phuoc Vinh to Bien Hoa Airbase to coordinate with friendly forces, releasing the enemy pressure in the vicinities of Bien Hoa Airbase and III Corps Headquarters from 31 January to 3 February 1968. Despite massive volumes of hostile fire, the 2d Battalion fighting men, with vast combat experiences and the determination to win, have overcome

all difficulties and repulsed the enemy from his well-entrenched artillery positions. The anti-Communist spirit and the great sacrifice of all fighters of the 2d Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division greatly contributed to the counter-insurgency effort to provide freedom for South Vietnam.

VII. VIETNAM GALLANTRY CROSS WITH GOLD STAR. 1. The award of the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Gold Star by the Republic of Vietnam to a unit of the United States Army listed below is confirmed.

2. The Gallantry Cross with Gold Star has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 19 October 1966 through 24 April 1971 to:

8TH TRANSPORTATION GROUP and its subordinate units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 8th Transportation Group
Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 27th Transportation Battalion

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 54th Transportation Battalion (For the period 23 October 1966 to 24 April 1971)

Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 124th Transportation Battalion (For the period 24 July 1967 to 24 April 1971)

2d Transportation Company (For the period 19 October 1966 to 24 April 1971)

58th Transportation Company (For the period 4 November 1966 to 2 November 1968)

61st Transportation Company (For the period 4 November 1966 to 1 April 1967)

64th Transportation Company (For the period 4 November 1966 to 24 April 1971)

88th Transportation Company (For the period 12 November 1967 to 24 April 1971)

359th Transportation Company (For the period 19 October 1966 to 1 April 1967 and 1 January 1969 to 24 April 1971)

444th Transportation Company

512th Transportation Company (For the period 23 October 1966 to 24 April 1971)

523d Transportation Company (For the period 23 October 1966 to 24 April 1971)

541st Transportation Company (For the period 5 February 1968 to 24 April 1971)

545th Transportation Company (For the period 1 December 1968 to 24 April 1971)

563d Transportation Company (For the period 23 October 1966 to 26 September 1969)

585th Transportation Company (For the period 19 October 1966 to 20 February 1968)

697th Transportation Company

666th Transportation Company (For the period 14 August 1967 to 5 January 1969)

669th Transportation Company (For the period 23 October 1966 to 24 April 1971)

505th Transportation Detachment

520th Transportation Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

An outstanding unit composed of courageous fighting men with abundant professional experience, who have always demonstrated an enthusiastic spirit of service. While serving in Military Regions 1 and 2 from 19 October 1966 to 24 April 1971, although forced to operate on critical and difficult terrain and faced with Communist ambushes and attacks, the men of the 8th Transportation Group disregarded dangers and utilized their full capability to successfully accomplish assigned logistical support missions. In particular, during Operations "MacArthur," "Francis Marion," "Patrick," "Wheeler," "Wallowa," "Dazzlem," "Pershing," "Walker," "Maeng Ho 9-10," "Nguyen Hue II," and "Lam Son 719," the 8th Transportation Group covered a total of 60,191,926 road miles, moved 175,000 servicemen and transported 4,291,079 tons of cargo in support of United States, Republic of Korea and Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, destroying vital bases and logistical installations of the Communists in Secret Zones, and inflicting heavy personnel casualties and weapons losses upon them. With the above splendid achievements, the 8th Transportation Group has made a substantial contribution to the anti-Communist efforts in the Republic of Vietnam.

VIII--VIETNAMESE GALLANTRY CROSS WITH SILVER STAR. 1.

The award of the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Silver Star by the Republic of Vietnam to a unit of the United States Army listed below is confirmed.

2. The Gallantry Cross with Silver Star has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 1 June 1969 to 30 August 1970 to:

2D SQUADRON, 1ST CAVALRY and its subordinate units:

62d Signal Detachment

518th Transportation Detachment (For the period 30 June 1969 to 30 August 1970)

The citation reads as follows:

An outstanding unit which always displays a gallant fighting spirit. Throughout its period of service in Binh Thuan Sector, the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry, has exerted itself in all operational missions, in providing air and artillery support, and in the Village and Hamlet Pacification Program in three districts in the northern part of Binh Thuan (Hoa Da, Hai Ninh and Phan Ly Cham). In particular, during the period from 1 June 1969 to 30 August 1970, the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry, successively conducted combat operations in three districts in the northern part of Binh Thuan. In other fields, the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry has coordinated closely with S5 of Hai Ninh, Hoa Da and Phan Ly Cham Subsectors and the 44th Infantry Regiment in conducting broadcasts appealing to Vietcong cadre and soldiers to rally to the government side, dropping 2,000,000 leaflets and putting up 10,000 posters. Furthermore, it has also carried out Civil Affairs projects, assisting in the construction of schools and defensive systems in villages and hamlets, providing medical treatment and distributing medicine to the people of three districts in the northern part of Binh Thuan. With the above outstanding achievements, the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry, has made a substantial contribution to the Republic of Vietnam Government's Pacification and Development Program and at the same time has promoted Vietnamese-American friendship.

IX--CIVIL ACTIONS MEDAL, FIRST CLASS, WITH OAK LEAF DEVICE. 1. The award of the Civil Actions Medal, First Class, with Oak Leaf Device by the Republic of Vietnam to units of the United States Army listed below is confirmed.

2. The Civil Actions Medal, First Class, with Oak Leaf Device has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 26 June 1970 through 30 July 1970 and 12 January 1971 through 25 February 1971.

18TH AVIATION COMPANY, 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE

The citation reads as follows:

The 18th Aviation Company, United States Army, stationed in Qui Nhon is an outstanding unit which has participated in military operations within Military Regions 1 and 2 and has provided effective fire support for Popular Forces and Regional Forces units, gaining numerous splendid achievements. Along with its military activities, the 18th Aviation Company, under the command of Major BILLY J. HARDEMAN, has always taken part in Civil Affairs projects in order to help the Vietnamese people. In particular, in construction and maintenance projects, as well as in the furnishing of materials, foodstuffs, and medicines for the British Children's Protection Center, all of its men smoothed away all difficulties and exerted themselves to complete two living quarters for 48 children and one dispensary equipped with adequate medical equipment and capable of providing medical treatment and care for more than 200 children. Furthermore, the Company provided 12 tons of medicines, one washing machine, and a quantity of foodstuffs and furniture for the benefit of 275 children. The above outstanding achievements have contributed substantially to the Pacification and Rural Development Program of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam, and at the same time have strengthened the already existing bonds of friendship between the two Vietnamese and American peoples.

3. The Civil Actions Medal, First Class, with Oak Leaf Device has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 30 and 31 October 1970 to:

1ST BATTALION, 61ST INFANTRY, 1ST BRIGADE, 5TH INFANTRY DIVISION

The citation reads as follows:

An outstanding unit, which has rendered numerous outstanding services in both military and civil affairs fields. In particular, on 30 and 31 October 1970, the entire population of Quang Tri Province was in a critical situation due to floods caused by Typhoon Kate, Lieutenant Colonel RICHARD A. SCHOLTE, commander of the 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry, quickly organized voluntary teams to launch relief operations using amphibious vehicles to rescue and evacuate civilian victims in rural areas south of Quang Tri Province. Almost all the men of the Battalion displayed untiring efforts by going to remote, isolated, flooded villages in order to carry children in their arms, lead the elders, and transport the people to safe areas. In addition, the Battalion provided food, medicines, canvas tents, and necessary materials for the benefit of flood victims and established the following noteworthy record: distributed eight canvas tents, 200 mosquito nets, 200 blankets, a large quantity of clothing, medicine and food and provided facilities to evacuate 250 persons

to safe areas. With the above good actions, the 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry has promoted the spirit of mutual assistance between the peoples of the United States and the Republic of Vietnam.

4. The Civil Actions Medal, First Class, with Oak Leaf Device has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service on 30 October 1970 to:

75TH SUPPORT BATTALION

The citation reads as follows:

An outstanding unit which has rendered numerous outstanding achievements in the military and civil affairs fields. In particular, on the night of 30 October 1970, after being assigned the mission of providing necessary materials for flood victims in Quang Tri Province, the 75th Support Battalion immediately mobilized and sent all available resources and facilities to required areas. Throughout the flooding period, the Battalion established many refugee centers and temporary shelters and distributed food, blankets, mats, and medicines to a large number of homeless Vietnamese people. In summary, the 75th Support Battalion distributed 15 canvas tents, 400 mosquito nets, 400 blankets and a large quantity of clothing, medicines and food, and provided facilities to transport 480 people to safe areas.

5. The Civil Actions Medal, First Class, with Oak Leaf Device has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 1 January 1970 through 15 January 1971 to:

84TH ENGINEER BATTALION and its assigned and attached units:

536th Engineer Detachment

23d Engineer Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 84th Engineer Battalion, under the command of Colonel RICHARD M. WELLS, is an outstanding unit, which has constantly demonstrated an enthusiastic spirit of service and great zeal in all its assigned missions. Throughout the period it has operated in Vietnam, in addition to the missions of effectively supporting Vietnamese units in military operations against the enemy and in rural development and reconstruction efforts, the 84th Engineer Battalion has always strived to assist the inhabitants and local authorities in implementing many projects and programs aimed at rebuilding houses, schools, markets, roads, bridges, and culverts. In particular, in the program to construct Bong Son bridge along National Highway #1, begun in January 1970, although faced with great difficulties and obstacles, all the men of the Battalion have disregarded every obstacle, working continually day and night to complete, in record time, a three-lane bridge with 16 spans, 497-meters-long overall and 8.7-meters-wide, capable of supporting over 48 tons and equipped with sufficient lighting and defensive systems. Through their tremendous efforts, after 8 months of construction, the Bong Son bridge was completed on 14 September 1970, helping to facilitate traffic from the provinces north of Binh Dinh into Saigon and the transporting of local products from rural areas into cities. Due to this bridge, commerce has become more prosperous, and the supplying of military equipment and the movement of units have been carried out in an expeditious and timely manner. Furthermore, the 84th Engineer Battalion has rehabilitated many other lines-of-communications systems in Binh Dinh and

repaired two spans of an old wooden bridge and two parallel pillars of a railroad bridge in order to complete the lines-of-communication program over the Lai Giang River along National Highway #1. With the above outstanding achievements, the 84th Engineer Battalion has made a substantial contribution to the Pacification and Development efforts of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam.

6. The Civil Actions Medal, First Class, with Oak Leaf Device has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 1 October 1969 through 15 December 1970 to:

93D EVACUATION HOSPITAL and its assigned and attached units:

- 46th Medical Detachment
- 935th Medical Detachment
- 53d Medical Detachment
- 332d Medical Detachment
- 194th Medical Detachment
- 2d Medical Detachment
- 25th Medical Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 93d Evacuation Hospital and the attached 194th Medical Detachment established an outstanding record while working in civil affairs projects within the territory of Military Region 3 from 1 October 1969 to 15 December 1970. Through their medical civic actions activities, the 93d Evacuation Hospital and the 194th Medical Detachment were responsible for managing the civil affairs program in Bien Hoa Province, bringing about numerous successful results concerning medical services. During their first months of activities, they worked closely with the 720th Military Police Battalion in order to effectively support rural medical services in the villages of An Hoa Hung, Long Binh Tay and An Xuan. Physicians, dentists, and nurses of the 93d Evacuation Hospital provided medical treatment and care for more than 180 Vietnamese civilian patients in the above rural hamlets. Thanks to a deep devotion to duty and a high sense of duty exhibited by the men of the 93d Evacuation Hospital, this medical civic action program progressed satisfactorily among the Vietnamese people. The 93d Evacuation Hospital and the 194th Medical Detachment cooperated with United States Advisory Team 18 in frequently visiting and distributing medicines to the people in Long Tan, Tan Zuan, and Phuoc Long villages. Public health requirements increased considerably, with 1,455 patients receiving medical treatment in December 1969. The unit also conducted sick call every week in Di An District (Bien Hoa Province), under the sponsorship of Advisory Team 95 until 1307 patients were given medical care by physicians and dentists. Along with the above medical civic actions program, the Management Board of the 93d Evacuation Hospital gave assistance to the Tan Mai Orphanage, where there were approximately 200 children up to 12 years of age, by providing care and medical examinations on an outpatient basis, distributing medicines, and emphasizing preventive medicine problems. The 93d Evacuation Hospital assisted materially in improving sanitary conditions such as building water tanks to hold sterilized drinking water. The Sisters of the Da Minh order were carefully given instructions on basic procedures for preventing communicable diseases, as well as on rations and dietary rules for children. Thus, the death rate has reduced to a minimum. Furthermore, the 93d Evacuation Hos-

pital not only treated orphans and nuns for their common diseases, but also initiated a campaign called "Let's do right away." This campaign was started in September 1969 with a view to furnishing clothing, toys, and essential items for orphanages. Approximately 70 private individuals and organizations from 13 American States have responded to this campaign and have sent 480 parcels of donations weighing 6,300 pounds. At Da Minh Orphanage, Ho Nai, the 93d Evacuation Hospital frequently coordinated with the 194th Medical Detachment and the 97th Military Police Battalion in conducting visits and sick call and sending donations, as well as demonstrating methods for feeding and nurturing children and maintaining sanitary conditions at high standards. At the same time, in accordance with the decision of the 44th Medical Brigade Commander, the 93d Evacuation Hospital had to carry out the missions of providing medical treatment and care for sick and wounded servicemen of the Civilian Irregular Defense Group forces, as well as for those of the war victim program. There were approximately 130 Vietnamese patients receiving medical treatment for their internal diseases every month. As a Burn Treatment Center in Military Regions 3 and 4, the 93d Evacuation Hospital furnished adequate medical equipment and medicines for Vietnamese medical units and, at the same time, provided medical treatment and care for a number of Vietnamese persons having burns. Through the above outstanding services, the men of the 93d Evacuation Hospital and the 194th Medical Detachment have strengthened the bonds of Vietnamese-American friendship.

7. The Civil Actions Medal, First Class, with Oak Leaf Device has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 28 October 1970 through 6 December 1970 to:

223D AVIATION BATTALION and its assigned and attached units:

- 18th Aviation Company
- 129th Aviation Company
- 61st Aviation Company
- 225th Aviation Company
- 196th Aviation Company
- 203d Aviation Company
- 163d Medical Detachment
- 546th Medical Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 223d Aviation Battalion, United States Army, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel ANTHONY J. ADESSA, is an outstanding combat aviation unit, which always displays an enthusiastic spirit of service. While operating in Vietnam and stationed at Qui Nhon, in addition to providing fire support for Vietnamese units during military operations against the enemy, the 223d Aviation Battalion smoothed out all obstacles and overcame difficult circumstances in order to help the Vietnamese people and local authorities carry out many projects designed to restore the country and rebuild houses. In particular, in the mission of evacuating and providing relief for flood victims in five districts of Binh Dinh Province, although faced with great difficulties caused by the bad weather, all the men of the Battalion disregarded danger and worked unceasingly to use helicopters for timely evacuation of 25,000 persons and a quantity of property to high grounds. They also undertook reconnaissance flights to guide helicopters and barges in rescuing 13 persons from

being swept away by the currents and search out the bodies of three drowned victims for burial. In addition, the entire unit provided a quantity of canvas tents for temporary camps, plus old clothing, food, blankets, and mosquito nets. At the same time, it maneuvered and dispatched mobile medical teams to various local areas in order to provide medical examinations and distribute medicines to the people. The above good actions have strengthened the already existing bonds of friendship between the two Vietnamese and American peoples.

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