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

1. The Gallantry Cross with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 1 May 1970 through 28 June 1970 to:

3D SQUADRON, 4TH CAVALRY and its attached units:

Company E, 65th Engineer Battalion
Battery B, 1st Battalion, 27th Artillery

The citation reads as follows:

The 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry, has proven itself throughout its tenure in the Republic of Vietnam as a gallant, well-trained combat unit. In particular, during the TOAN THANG Campaign, in operations conducted jointly by the Republic of Vietnam and United States Armed Forces in Military Region 3 from 1 May to 28 June 1970 with a view to attacking and leveling the Communists' base areas on Cambodian territory, the men of the 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry disregarded all hardships and dangers, advancing throughout the Fish Hook and Dog's Muzzle areas, the Tinh Phung area with its extensions to Memay and Mimot, and the Krek Rubber Plantation to resolutely carry out their assigned missions in an excellent manner. In 58 days of high-spirited operations involving close mutual support, the men of the 3d Squadron inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and seized tons of his war-making materiel. With these achievements the 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry, contributed significantly to the victories of the TOAN THANG Campaign thus neutralizing the Communists' ability to foster their war of aggression and effectively supporting the rural pacification and development policy of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam. At the same time, the 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry, upheld the indomitable will and heroic traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

2. The Gallantry Cross with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 29 July 1969 to 20 July 1970 to:

3D BRIGADE, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 9th Infantry
Division

6th Battalion, 31st Infantry

2d Battalion, 47th Infantry

2d Battalion, 60th Infantry

5th Battalion, 60th Infantry

2d Battalion, 4th Artillery

99th Support Battalion (For the period 1 October 1969 to 20 July 1970)

~~Company E, 7th Infantry~~

39th Cavalry Platoon

- 45th Infantry Platoon
- 65th Infantry Platoon
- 19th Military History Detachment
- 19th Public Information Detachment
- 39th Chemical Detachment
- 493d Military Intelligence Detachment (For the period 1 October 1969 to 20 July 1970)
- 56th Signal Company (For the period 1 October 1969 to 20 July 1970)
- 571st Engineer Company (For the period 1 October 1969 to 20 July 1970)
- 483d Military Police Platoon (For the period 1 October 1969 to 20 July 1970)
- 264th Artillery Detachment (For the period 29 July 1969 to 24 April 1970)
- 276th Artillery Detachment (For the period 1 October 1969 to 20 July 1970)
- 361st Aviation Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 3d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division has constantly displayed an exemplary discipline and fighting spirit. Operating in the Republic of South Vietnam from 29 July 1969 to 20 July 1970, the Brigade, in conjunction with Republic of South Vietnam Forces, conducted combat operations in Long An, Bien Hoa, Tay Ninh, Binh Duong, Hau Nghia, and Gia Dinh Provinces, inflicting tremendous casualties upon the enemy and destroying or seizing hundreds of weapons and tons of ammunition and foodstuffs. During Operation TOAN THANG, conducted in Cambodia during May and June 1970, the men of the 3d Brigade drove relentlessly into the enemy, forcing him into battle and then destroying him and his bases. The Brigade has made substantial contributions to the Republic of South Vietnam's struggle against Communist aggressors.

3. The Gallantry Cross with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 1 March 1970 through 30 October 1970 to:

11TH ARMORED CAVALRY and its assigned and attached units:

- 37th Medical Company
- Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry
- 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry
- 2d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry
- 3d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry
- Air Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry
- 919th Engineer Company
- 7th Army Postal Unit
- 17th Public Information Detachment
- 28th Military History Detachment
- 5th Field Detachment, Company B, 6th Psychological Warfare Battalion
- 33d Chemical Detachment
- 124th Aviation Detachment
- 398th Transportation Detachment
- 409th Radio Research Detachment
- 541st Military Intelligence Detachment

Tactical Air Support Detachment, 19th Tactical Air Support Squadron,
 United States Air Force
 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry (For the period of 24 June to 27 June 1970)
 Company C, 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry (For the period 16 May to 20 May
 1970)
 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry (For the period 19 May to 27 May 1970)
 Company C, 31st Engineer Battalion (For the period 14 May to 25 June
 1970)
 60th Engineer Company (For the period 26 May to 23 June 1970)
 984th Engineer Company (For the period 13 June to 26 June 1970)

The citation reads as follows:

An outstanding and courageous unit, always demonstrating an indomitable will to carry the fight to the enemy. During the period from 1 March to 31 October 1970, with a view to completely relieving all the remaining Communist pressure within their area of responsibility in Military Region 3 and destroying the safe and highly important rear bases of the Communists' Central Office for South Vietnam on Cambodian territory, the men of the 11th Armored Cavalry demonstrated extraordinary courage and enthusiastically dedicated all their efforts to attaining their goals. In every clash with the enemy during the combined Vietnamese-American operations, the 11th Armored Cavalry always gained the initiative on the battlefield and made maximum use of its tactical superiority to nullify the enemy reactions, inflicting defeat upon them on every field. Most notably, during the period of its military operations on Cambodian territory, from 1 May to 28 June 1970, the 11th Armored Cavalry achieved many victories. These victories not only inflicted heavy personnel casualties and weapons losses upon the enemy, but also undermined the fighting spirit of Communist units in South Vietnam since they effectively prevented all strength replenishment and reinforcement and neutralized the Communists' key command organizations hitherto operating from large, safe bases on Cambodian territory. As the overall results of the eight months of operations, the men of the 11th Armored Cavalry inflicted heavy personnel casualties upon the enemy, seized hundreds of weapons, tons of food, and destroyed many enemy bases and vehicles. The 11th Armored Cavalry has contributed significantly to the Republic of Vietnam's fight against the Communist aggressors. 4. The Gallantry Cross with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 23 October 1965 to 23 June 1970 to:

6TH BATTALION, 14TH ARTILLERY and its attached units:

Battery A, 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery
 Battery B, 1st Battalion, 92d Artillery

The citation reads as follows:

Operating in the South Vietnamese Highlands from 23 October 1965 to 23 June 1970, the 6th Battalion, 14th Artillery has proven to be an outstanding unit. The Battalion has provided effective support for more than 56 military operations conducted by South Vietnamese and allied forces against the enemy. Firing more than three hundred thousand rounds during this period, the Battalion has inflicted devastating casualties upon the enemy as well as destruction of his war-making potential. The Battalion has contributed immeasurably to the struggle against the Communist aggressors in the Republic of South Viet-

nam, upholding the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

II. CIVIL ACTIONS MEDAL, FIRST CLASS, WITH OAK LEAF DEVICE. 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.

1. 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 July 1969 to 20 July 1970 to:

3D BRIGADE, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division

6th Battalion, 31st Infantry

2d Battalion, 47th Infantry

2d Battalion, 60th Infantry

5th Battalion, 60th Infantry

2d Battalion, 4th Artillery

99th Support Battalion (For the period 1 October 1969 to 20 July 1970)

~~Company E, 7th Infantry~~

39th Cavalry Platoon

45th Infantry Platoon

65th Infantry Detachment

19th Military History Detachment

39th Chemical Detachment

493d Military Intelligence Detachment (For the period 1 October 1969 to 20 July 1970)

56th Signal Company (For the period 1 October 1969 to 20 July 1970)

571st Engineer Company (For the period 1 October 1969 to 20 July 1970)

483d Military Police Platoon (For the period 1 October 1969 to 20 July 1970)

264th Artillery Detachment (For the period 29 July 1969 to 24 April 1970)

276th Artillery Detachment (For the period 1 October 1969 to 20 July 1970)

361st Aviation Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

Stationed in the Long An Sector of the Republic of South Vietnam from 26 July 1969 to 20 July 1970, the 3d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, in addition to its military efforts, has effectively assisted local authorities in the Pacification and Rural Development Program. The Brigade constructed homes, dispensaries, and schools and administered medical treatment to more than 200,000 patients. Additionally, the Brigade distributed large quantities of medicine, medical equipment, clothing, food, and construction material in an effort to ease the suffering and hardships endured by the local people. Through its many contributions, the 3d Brigade, 9th Infantry has strengthened the bonds of friendship between the peoples of the Republic of South Vietnam and the United States of America.

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 1 May 1969 to 15 May 1970 to:

12TH AVIATION GROUP and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 12th Aviation Group
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Battalion
 390th Quartermaster Detachment
 213th Aviation Company
 68th Aviation Company
 430th Medical Detachment
 118th Aviation Company
 190th Aviation Company
 520th Medical Detachment
 25th Aviation Company
 54th Aviation Company
 73d Aviation Company (For the period 1 May 1969 to 20 April 1970)
 74th Aviation Company
 184th Aviation Company
 758th Medical Detachment
 135th Aviation Company
 147th Aviation Company
 195th Aviation Company
 93d Medical Detachment
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 269th Aviation Battalion
 187th Aviation Company
 541st Medical Detachment
 3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry
 575th Transportation Detachment
 812th Signal Detachment
 369th Transportation Detachment
 816th Signal Detachment
 128th Aviation Company
 432d Medical Detachment
 173d Aviation Company
 759th Medical Detachment
 205th Aviation Company
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 145th Aviation Battalion
 324th Aviation Detachment
 145th Security Platoon (Provisional)
 334th Aviation Company
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 210th Aviation Battalion
 197th Medical Detachment
 85th Medical Detachment
 316th Aviation Detachment
 365th Aviation Detachment
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 222d Aviation Battalion
 315th Aviation Detachment
 87th Quartermaster Detachment
 772d Medical Detachment
 117th Aviation Company
 273d Aviation Company
 652d Transportation Detachment (For the period 1 May 1969 to 1 February
 1970)
 3d Platoon, 478th Aviation Company

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116th Aviation Company
431st Medical Detachment
242d Aviation Company
576th Transportation Detachment
813th Signal Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

Operating in the Republic of Vietnam from 1 May 1969 to 15 May 1970, the 12th Aviation Group has proven to be an outstanding unit, composed of distinguished servicemen who have always demonstrated an exemplary spirit of service. In addition to its military efforts, the 12th Aviation Group has endeavored to carry out civil affairs projects under the pacification and rural development program of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam. Although faced with great difficulties and hardships, the men of the 12th Aviation Group have overcome all obstacles in achieving the restoration of churches, hospitals, dispensaries, orphanages, markets, and homes; conducting thousands of hours of English instruction attended by more than five thousand students; repairing roads and bridges; digging wells; and installing water distribution systems. In addition, the unit provided tons of building materials and medicine. Also, the unit provided guidance on general sanitation and administered medical attention to thousands of patients in the III Corps Tactical Zone. The 12th Aviation Group has coordinated with government officials in the provinces of Military Region 3 in providing vocational training for the local inhabitants, bringing about favorable results. The 12th Aviation Group has contributed materially to the efforts to win the fight against disease and poverty. At the same time, it has further strengthened the already existing bonds of friendship between the Vietnamese and American peoples.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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