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I. THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY). Award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) 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, signed by President Richard Nixon on 21 February 1974, reads as follows:

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 PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY)
 FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM
 TO THE

- 158TH AVIATION BATTALION, 101ST AVIATION GROUP
- 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, UNITED STATES ARMY
- AND THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNED UNITS:
- HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
- COMPANIES A, B, C, AND D
- 159TH TRANSPORTATION CORPS DETACHMENT
- 168TH TRANSPORTATION CORPS DETACHMENT
- 169TH TRANSPORTATION CORPS DETACHMENT
- AND THE
- 273RD TRANSPORTATION CORPS DETACHMENT

The 158th Aviation Battalion and assigned units distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism in action against a hostile force in Southeast Asia during the period 8 February to 24 March 1971. The unit conducted combat assaults and resupply missions deep into enemy territory in support of Army of the Republic of Vietnam forces. The initial airlift into the concentrated enemy stronghold in the area around the Ho Chi Minh trail resulted in the discovery of one of the most intensified hostile forces ever encountered in the Vietnam war. The enemy troop movement and resupply network was well fortified and anti-aircraft weapons, .51 caliber machine guns and a multitude of individual weapons. The valorous aircrews of the 158th Aviation Battalion flew mission after mission through barrages of enemy fire. Each assault and extraction was challenged by an intense fusillade of fire from the North Vietnamese Army. Through determination and unparalleled skill, members of the 158th Aviation Battalion accomplished each mission and added greatly to the success of Operation LAMSON 719. The selfless and unremitting support rendered by the units stands as an example of indomitable spirit and dedication to the counterinsurgency effort of the Free World. The men of the 158th Aviation Battalion and its assigned units 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. 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 United States Army for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period indicated :

The 4th Battalion, 77th Artillery, 101st Airborne Division, United States Army, during the period 8 February 1971 to 8 April 1971.

III. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under provisions of paragraph 203, AR 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following unit of the Armed Forces of the United States for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated :

1. The 1st Battalion, 3d Infantry, United States Army, during the period 20 January 1969 to 26 January 1973.

2. The United States Military Liaison Mission to the Commander in Chief, Group of Soviet Forces in Germany, during the period 14 June 1971 through 14 December 1972.

3. The United States Army Courier Station, Saigon and its substations as indicated below :

The United States Army Courier Station, Saigon (1 October 1970 to 23 March 1973) ;

The United States Army Courier Substation, Cam Ranh Bay (1 October 1970 to 12 July 1971) ; and

The United States Army Courier Substation, DaNang (1 October 1970 to 1 November 1972).

4. The United States Army Supply and Maintenance Activity, Sagami, during the period 1 January 1965 to 30 June 1973.

5. The Armed Services Medical Regulating Office, during the period 1 January 1965 to 28 March 1973.

6. Advisory Team 118, Logistics Directorate, United States Army Element, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, during the period 1 December 1971 to 30 November 1972.

7. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Engineer Group, Vietnam, during the period 1 May 1972 to 28 March 1973.

8. The 3rd Surgical Hospital, United States Army, during the period 1 July 1970 to 29 February 1972.

9. The 4th Medical Detachment, during the period 1 January 1972 to 31 January 1973.

10. Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, United States Army Health Services Group, Vietnam, during the period 1 May 1972 to 19 March 1973.

11. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Engineer Command, Vietnam, and assigned units as indicated below :

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Engineer Command, Vietnam (1 February 1970 to 30 April 1972) ;

Northern District Engineers, United States Army Engineer Command, Vietnam (1 February 1970 to 30 April 1972) ;

Central District Engineers, United States Army Engineer Command, Vietnam (1 February 1970 to 30 April 1972) ;

Southern District Engineers, United States Army Engineer Command, Vietnam (1 February 1970 to 30 April 1972);
 227th Engineer Detachment (1 April 1970 to 1 April 1972); and the
 26th Public Information Detachment (1 February 1970 to 26 April 1971).

12. The 9th Signal Battalion, 9th Infantry Division, during the period 1 July 1968 to 24 January 1969.

13. Special Troops, Headquarters, United States Army Element, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, during the period 1 January 1972 to 28 March 1973.

14. Advisory Team 8, United States Army Element, Military Assistance Command during the period 1 January 1971 to 30 June 1972.

15. Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command and assigned and attached units as indicated below :

Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command (15 May 1972 to 28 March 1973);

United States Army Vietnam, Special Troops (15 May to 6 November 1972); and

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, The Support Troops, United States Army Vietnam/MACV Support Command (7 November 1972 to 28 March 1973).

16. Advisory Team 6, First Area Logistics Command, Office of the Director of Logistics, United States Army Element, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, during the period 1 December 1970 to 19 September 1972.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army :

CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS
General, United States Army
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