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I—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 unit of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

The citation reads as follows:

THE 809TH ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and the attached 561st ENGINEER COMPANY (CONSTRUCTION) distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service by constructing the Freedom Highway, also known as the Bangkok By-Pass Road, in Thailand, during the period February 1962 to February 1966. The members of these construction units demonstrated professional skill, ingenuity, and determination while building the Freedom Highway which provided an essential link between the Gulf of Thailand and Northeast Thailand. By working diligently on a vast project which included the construction of seven bridges, foundations for roads on rice paddies, a great number of culverts, and throughout a geographical region which presented numerous engineering challenges, they succeeded in completing a first class highway. Although construction operations were hampered during rainy seasons, they utilized all resources and time to the fullest, accomplishing the engineering feat on schedule. Through their dedicated efforts, the personnel of these construction elements provided Thailand with tangible evidence of the United States effort to contribute to the defense of Southeast Asia and to advance projects of great concern to the welfare of the local population. The professional ability, outstanding achievements, and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 809th ENGINEER BATTALION (CONSTRUCTION) and the 561st ENGINEER COMPANY (CONSTRUCTION) reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Army.

II—THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION. 1. So much of paragraphs 1 and 2, Section II, General Orders Number 3, Department of the Army, 27 January 1966, as pertains to award of the Distinguished Unit Citation to THE 197TH AVIATION COMPANY (ARMED HELICOPTER), THE 44TH RANGER BATTALION, THE 883D REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY and THE 42D RANGER BATTALION is rescinded.

2. General Orders Number 30, Department of the Army, dated 30 August 1965 and General Orders Number 38, Department of the Army, dated 30 November 1965 pertaining to the award of the Presidential Unit Citation to THE 44TH RANGER BATTALION (RV), THE 883D REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY and THE 42D RANGER BATTALION is amended to include the following "This citation carries with it the right to wear the Distinguished Unit Emblem and Streamer by each individual and unit concerned who served in Viet Nam during the stated period".

III—THE DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION. 1. So much of paragraph 1, General Orders Number 30, Department of the Army, 30 August 1965, as pertains to award of the Presidential Unit Citation to THE 197TH AVIATION COMPANY (ARMED HELICOPTER) as reads "The Presidential Unit Citation" is amended to read "Distinguished Unit Citation".

2. Section II, General Orders Number 3, Department of the Army, 27 January 1966 is rescinded.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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