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

The citation reads as follows:

THE 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT and its assigned, attached, and supporting units:

- 3d Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment
- Air Cavalry Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment
- 7th Army Postal Unit
- 9th Signal Detachment
- 11th Tactical Air Control Party
- 17th Public Information Detachment
- 28th Military History Detachment
- 33d Chemical Detachment
- 37th Medical Company
- 46th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)
- 202d Military Intelligence Detachment
- 398th Transportation Detachment
- 409th Radio Research Detachment
- 506th Supply and Service Company
- 541st Military Intelligence Detachment
- 551st Light Maintenance Company
- 919th Engineer Company

The 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT and its assigned, attached, and supporting units distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism in action against communist forces in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 31 January 1968 to 5 February 1968. When the enemy initiated massive attacks in Binh Long, Binh Duong, and Bien Hoa Provinces, the regiment's squadrons reacted with speed, mobility, and determination in executing virtually flawless tactical motor marches southward from multiple locations near the Cambodian border. Demonstrating flexibility unique in an armored cavalry unit, the 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT tore into the 5th Viet Cong Division which was threatening key installations in the Long/Binh/Bien Hoa area. The regiment's timely presence at the beleaguered post caught the enemy offensive while it was still in its developing stage, precipitating an off-balance communist withdrawal. The savage, violent reaction by the men of the regiment saved countless American lives and was a major factor in eliminating the enemy threat to the Long Binh/Bien Hoa area. The men of the 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT displayed extraordinary heroism

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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.** 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 Marine Corps for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

The citation reads as follows:

THE 9TH ENGINEER BATTALION (FLEET MARINE FORCE) and its attached unit:

3d Bridge Platoon, 1st Bridge Company, 7th Engineer Battalion (Fleet Marine Force) *Amended GO 31 '69*

The 9TH ENGINEER BATTALION (FLEET MARINE FORCE) and its attached unit, distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 20 April 1967 to 20 April 1968. Assigned the complex and dangerous mission of keeping National Route #1 open from Chu Lai to the Song Cau Lau River, the members of the battalion exhibited outstanding skill and fortitude in the face of the determined enemy, successfully constructing a total of 757 feet of bridging across a maze of rivers and rapidly flowing streams. Further, they applied their technical expertise and exemplary courage to upgrade 16 miles of road between Chu Lai and Tam Ky and to perform daily engineer maintenance on 31 miles of roadway between Tam Ky and the Song Cau Lau River. Although constantly harassed by enemy snipers and mine and boobytrap tactics, the men of the 9TH ENGINEER BATTALION (FLEET MARINE FORCE) accomplished their vital support mission in a timely and efficient manner. Their tireless efforts in support of the Americal Division and the 2d Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam were instrumental in the overwhelming success of Operation PINEAPPLE JUNGLE. By their effective teamwork, aggressive perseverance and singular bravery, the unit's personnel materially advanced the free world military assistance effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 9TH ENGINEER BATTALION (FLEET MARINE FORCE) 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.

**III. AIR FORCE OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARD.** Award of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award to the following United States Army Units for exceptionally meritorious achievement in support of military operations from 1 March 1966 to 29 February 1968 is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1: *Amended GO 28 '69*

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*IV. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION.* So much of paragraph 1, section II, DA General Orders 72, 1968, pertaining to the award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation to the 93d Military Police Battalion and its assigned and attached units, as reads: 177th Military Police Company, is amended to read: 177th Military Police Detachment.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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