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I. WEAR OF VIETNAMESE UNIT AWARDS. Vietnamese unit awards may be worn on the military uniform on a permanent basis by personnel who were assigned to and present for duty with the unit at any time during the period of action cited; or attached by competent orders to and present for duty with the unit during the entire period or 30 consecutive days of the period of action cited. The awards may be worn on a temporary basis by all personnel who are assigned to the unit subsequent to the period of action cited. Temporary wear terminates upon reassignment from the unit.

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

2. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 12 July 1965 to 16 October 1968 to:

THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION and its assigned and attached units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Infantry Division
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade
- Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Infantry Division
- Artillery
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Band, 1st Infantry Division Support Command
- 1st Administration Company
- 1st Aviation Battalion
- 1st Engineer Battalion
- 1st Medical Battalion
- 1st Military Police Company
- 1st Supply and Transport Battalion
- 1st Battalion, 2d Infantry
- 2d Battalion, 2d Infantry
- 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry
- 1st Battalion, 5th Artillery
- 8th Battalion, 6th Artillery
- 1st Battalion, 7th Artillery
- 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry
- 2d Battalion, 16th Infantry
- 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry
- 2d Battalion, 18th Infantry
- 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry
- 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry

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2d Battalion, 28th Infantry
2d Battalion, 33d Artillery
121st Signal Battalion
701st Maintenance Battalion
5th Battalion, 60th Infantry
1st Military Intelligence Detachment
1st Platoon, Battery I, 29th Artillery
6th Battalion, 15th Artillery
17th Military History Detachment
Company B, 2d Battalion, 34th Armor
U.S. Air Force Weather Detachment 32, 5th Weather Squadron
35th Infantry Platoon
43d Public Information Detachment
44th Public Information Detachment
50th Military Intelligence Detachment
Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon, Company F, 52d Infantry
61st Infantry Platoon
Forward Air Control Personnel, U.S. Air Force
234th Artillery Detachment
242d Chemical Detachment
260th Artillery Detachment
266th Chemical Platoon
314th Aviation Detachment
317th Aviation Detachment
322d Aviation Detachment
340th Aviation Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 1st Infantry Division, United States Army, under the command of Major General *Keith L. Ware*, has been an outstanding and combat-experienced unit which has always shown a heroic fighting spirit and has actively supported the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam in many tactical operations to destroy the Communists. In actions from 12 July 1965 through 16 October 1968, although having to face many sacrifices and fighting under most difficult conditions, the men of the 1st Infantry Division were heroic in conducting tactical operations against enemy installations and preventing effective Communist actions in II Corps Tactical Zone and had glorious victories in the following operations: Bush Master, 10 November 1965—9 December 1965; Attleboro at Tay-Ninh, 5 November 1966—25 November 1966; Lam-Son at Binh-Duong and Bien Hoa, 1 February 1967—10 March 1967; Junction City in War Zone C, 22 February 1967—15 April 1967; Shenandoah II at Binh-Duong, 29 September 1967—19 November 1967; and Toan-Thang (1st Phase), 1 February 1968—10 March 1968. During the above tactical operations, the men of the 1st Infantry Division killed 1,300 enemy, captured a large amount of enemy weapons, equipment and supplies, and destroyed vital enemy training centers and logistical agencies. With brilliant results the men of the 1st Infantry Division have contributed greatly to defeating the Communists, protecting freedom and peace in Vietnam, and have upheld the heroic traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

3. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period December 1965 to August 1968 to:

THE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION and its assigned and attached units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 4th Infantry Division
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade, 25th Infantry Division
- Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 25th Infantry Division Artillery
- Headquarters Company and Band, 25th Infantry Division Support Command
- 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry (Mechanized)
- Battery B, 5th Battalion, 2d Artillery
- Company C, 4th Engineer Battalion
- Company D, 4th Medical Battalion
- 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry
- 1st Battalion, 8th Artillery
- 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry
- 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry
- 1st Battalion, 69th Armor
- 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry
- 2d Civil Affairs Company
- Troop C, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry
- 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry
- 2d Battalion, 9th Artillery
- 2d Battalion, 12th Infantry
- 2d Battalion, 22d Infantry
- 2d Battalion, 14th Infantry
- 2d Battalion, 27th Infantry
- 2d Battalion, 34th Armor (less Company B)
- 2d Battalion, 77th Artillery
- 3d Battalion, 22d Infantry
- 3d Battalion, 13th Artillery
- 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry
- 4th Battalion, 23d Infantry
- 6th Battalion, 77th Artillery
- 7th Battalion, 11th Artillery
- 9th Chemical Detachment
- 15th Public Information Detachment
- 18th Military History Detachment
- 20th Public Information Detachment
- 25th Administration Company
- 25th Aviation Battalion

25th Medical Battalion
 25th Supply and Transportation Battalion
 25th Military Police Company
 25th Military Intelligence Detachment
 38th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)
 40th Medical Detachment
 40th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)
 44th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)
 46th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)
 Company F, 50th Infantry
 65th Engineer Battalion
 66th Infantry Platoon (Combat Tracker)
 125th Signal Battalion
 257th Field Artillery Detachment
 258th Field Artillery Detachment
 341st Aviation Detachment, 58th Aviation Battalion
 390th Quartermaster Detachment
 Company B, 704th Maintenance Battalion
 725th Maintenance Battalion

The citation reads as follows:

The 25th Infantry Division, United States Army, under the command of Major General *Ellis W. Williamson*, has been an outstanding and highly combat-experienced unit which has achieved many outstanding victories and is a great terror to the Communist aggressors. During the period from December 1965 to August 1968, the 25th Infantry Division operated with great enthusiasm, either unilaterally or in coordination with units of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, in launching many large-scale operations to destroy Viet Cong bases in Hau Nghia, Gia Dinh, Tay Ninh, Long An, and Binh Duong Provinces. The 25th Infantry Division personnel were particularly remarkable during the following operations: Atlanta, 18 November 1967—23 December 1967 in the Iron Triangle Area; Yellowstone, 8 December 1967—24 January 1968 in War Zone C; Saratoga, 8 December 1967—10 March 1968 in areas adjacent to Hau Nghia, Long An, and Binh Duong Provinces; Toan Thang (Phase I), 7 April 1968—1 June 1968 in Tay Ninh, Hau Nghia, Gia Dinh, Long An, and Binh Duong Provinces; Toan Thang (Phase II), 1 June 1968—30 August 1968 in Tay Ninh, Long An, Binh Duong, Hau Nghia, and Gia Dinh Provinces. During these operations, although confronted by intense hostile fire and unfavorable terrain conditions, the courageous men of the 25th Infantry Division, with extensive combat experience and adamant resolution to fight until victory, fought stubbornly and with great calmness to destroy many Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Regular Army units, killing more than 12,000 of the enemy in action, capturing thousands of weapons, along with large quantities of ammunition, clothing, equipment, documents, and destroying many important enemy bases and installations. Units of the 25th Infantry Division were also highly effective in overwhelming two all-out enemy attacks during the Tet period and May 1968, and in thwarting Viet Cong attempts to attack Tay Ninh Province late in July 1968, inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy. Simultaneous with their military efforts, the 25th Infantry Division personnel also partici-

pated enthusiastically in various civic action activities, such as constructing schools and houses, repairing roads, conducting medical clinics, and distributing medicine and food to local inhabitants, thereby promoting the bonds of friendship between the Vietnamese people and the U.S. Armed Forces. Through these brilliant efforts, the 25th Infantry Division has contributed substantially and effectively to the struggle against Communism in the Republic of Vietnam.

4. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 1 July 1966 to 31 July 1966 and 9 December 1966 to 18 January 1967 to:

THE 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)
and its assigned and attached units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade
- 1st Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry
- 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry
- 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry
- Company A, 326th Engineer Battalion
- Battery A, 2d Howitzer Battalion, 320th Artillery
- Troop A, 2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry
- 42d Infantry Platoon
- 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Aviation Section
- 1st Platoon, 101st Military Police Company
- 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division Support Battalion (Provisional)
- 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (Provisional)
- 3d Radio Research Unit
- 20th Chemical Detachment
- Team 9, 41st Civil Affairs Company
- Battery B, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery
- 181st Military Intelligence Detachment
- 245th Psychological Operations Company
- 406th Radio Research Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), United States Army is an outstanding unit which exhibits a gallant fighting spirit at all times. During the period that the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), was stationed in the 24th Special Sector, Republic of Vietnam, it conducted many important and successful operations to thwart enemy plans for seizing the highlands and to block the enemy from moving into the coastal region. In particular, during various battles at Toumorong in July 1966 and during Operation "Pickett," conducted from 9 December 1966 to 18 January 1967 along the Cambodian-Vietnamese-Laotian border, north of Kontum, and in the Dakakoi Valley, northeast of Kontum, units of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), fought bravely, destroying the entire 24th Regiment of the North Vietnamese Army, and achieved the following brilliant results: 598 Viet Cong killed in action; 34 Viet Cong taken prisoner; 4 Viet Cong surrendered; 25 crew-served and 195 individual weapons, along with a large quantity of clothing and important documents, captured; and 67 tons of rice destroyed. Over and above these outstanding achievements, the 1st Brigade,

101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), has proved its matchless ability and strength by attacking and destroying the enemy and, at the same time, providing effective support for the 24th Special Sector of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces in the mission of blocking the waves of Communist aggression.

5. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 19 April 1968 to 15 August 1968 to:

THE 2D BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)
and its assigned and attached units:

- 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), Headquarters and Headquarters Company
- 1st Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry
- 2d Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry
- 1st Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry
- 1st Battalion (Airborne), 321st Artillery
- 2d Squadron, 17th Cavalry
- Company C, 326th Engineer Battalion
- Company B, 326th Medical Battalion
- Company B, 501st Signal Battalion
- 2d Platoon, Company A, 801st Maintenance Battalion
- 2d Platoon, 101st Military Police Company
- Forward Support Element, 501st Supply Company
- 265th Radio Research Company
- 34th Public Information Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), United States Army, under the command of Colonel *John E. Cushman*, is an excellent, veteran unit which always displays an enthusiastic spirit of dedication to destroying the Communists. While participating in battles in the 11th Division Tactical Area, the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), along with various organic and attached units, fought courageously and achieved splendid victories through two outstanding operations. The first operation, Lam Son 216-Carentan II was conducted from 19 April 1968 to 17 May 1968 in the Quang Dien District. During this operation, the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) soldiers heroically attacked and destroyed enemy rear bases and forward headquarters, thus preventing the enemy from attacking the city of Hue. Operation Lam Son 224-Nevada Eagle was conducted from 16 May 1968 to 15 August 1968. During this operation the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) soldiers not only protected the local inhabitants' crops but also inflicted heavy losses upon Viet Cong units and entirely destroyed the 803d Regiment/324th-B Division of the North Vietnamese Army. During these two operations, soldiers of the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile), killed 2,382 Viet Cong, captured 257 Viet Cong and seized 119 crew-served and 505 individual weapons as well as a large quantity of equipment. Through these splendid achievements, the soldiers of the 2d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) contributed significantly to the fight against Communism to preserve freedom in Vietnam and, at the same time, displayed the indomitable will and the heroic tradition of the United States Armed Forces.

6. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 15 May 1964 to 16 August 1968, to:

DETACHMENT B-52 (PROJECT DELTA), 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 1ST SPECIAL FORCES

The citation reads as follows:

The brave soldiers of this unit successfully accomplished their mission despite many dangers. During the four years since the establishment of Project Delta, the advice and support given to the Vietnamese Special Forces Training Center in combat operations throughout the four corps tactical zones of Vietnam has been outstanding. These highly trained personnel contributed immeasurably to stemming Communist aggression through cooperation with the Vietnamese Special Forces in 36 combat operations, utilizing reconnaissance, infiltration and raiding techniques, to destroy known Viet Cong secret bases. In addition to successfully advising the Vietnamese Special Forces, Detachment B-52 has participated in several victorious operations with other Republic of Vietnam and allied forces at Vung Ro, Duc Co, and Plei Me, resulting in 958 enemy killed in action, 94 captured, and the seizure of 28 crew-served and 89 individual weapons plus a large quantity of equipment and important documents. Numerous important enemy installations were destroyed by tactical air support directed by elements of Detachment B-52. The above results show the determination of these soldiers to fight the Communists in the Republic of Vietnam, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

III. THE VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM (SECOND AWARD). 1. The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Second Award) which was awarded by the Republic of Vietnam to the following unit of the United States Army is confirmed.

2. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Second Award) has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 22 February 1967 to 17 May 1968 to:

THE 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Aviation Brigade
 1st Signal Detachment
 3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry
 4th Signal Detachment
 5th Aviation Detachment
 5th Quartermaster Detachment
 6th Signal Detachment
 7th Squadron, 1st Cavalry
 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry
 8th Medical Detachment
 8th Military History Detachment
 9th Signal Detachment
 10th Aviation Battalion
 11th Aviation Battalion
 12th Aviation Group

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12th Public Information Detachment
13th Aviation Battalion
13th Security Platoon (Provisional)
14th Aviation Battalion
14th Security Platoon (Provisional)
16th Aviation Group
16th Signal Company
16th Transportation Detachment
17th Aviation Group
17th Aviation Company
18th Aviation Company
21st Aviation Company
25th Aviation Company
25th Medical Detachment
26th Signal Detachment
28th Signal Detachment
Battery H, 29th Artillery
39th Transportation Detachment
40th Transportation Detachment
41st Medical Detachment
48th Aviation Company
52d Aviation Battalion
52d Quartermaster Detachment
52d Security Platoon (Provisional)
53d Quartermaster Detachment
54th Aviation Company
57th Aviation Company
58th Aviation Battalion
58th Aviation Detachment
61st Aviation Company
62d Quartermaster Detachment
65th Signal Detachment
68th Aviation Company
68th Infantry Detachment
68th Signal Detachment
69th Infantry Detachment
70th Signal Detachment
71st Aviation Company
73d Aviation Company
74th Aviation Company
78th Artillery Detachment
80th Transportation Detachment
83d Medical Detachment
85th Medical Detachment
87th Quartermaster Detachment
92d Aviation Company
93d Medical Detachment
94th Medical Detachment
94th Signal Detachment
96th Signal Detachment

98th Transportation Detachment
114th Aviation Company
116th Aviation Company
117th Aviation Company
118th Aviation Company
119th Aviation Company
120th Aviation Company
121st Aviation Company
125th Air Traffic Control Company
128th Aviation Company
129th Aviation Company
129th Medical Detachment
130th Medical Detachment
131st Aviation Company
132d Aviation Company
134th Aviation Company
134th Medical Detachment
135th Aviation Company
140th Transportation Detachment
145th Aviation Battalion
145th Security Platoon (Provisional)
147th Aviation Company
150th Transportation Detachment
151st Transportation Detachment
154th Medical Detachment
155th Aviation Company
162d Aviation Company
163d Medical Detachment
164th Aviation Group
165th Transportation Detachment
166th Transportation Detachment
167th Transportation Detachment
170th Aviation Company
171st Transportation Detachment
173d Aviation Company
174th Aviation Company
175th Aviation Company
176th Aviation Company
178th Aviation Company
179th Aviation Company
180th Aviation Company
183d Aviation Company
184th Aviation Company
185th Aviation Company
187th Aviation Company
188th Aviation Company
189th Aviation Company
190th Aviation Company
190th Signal Detachment
191st Aviation Company

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192d Aviation Company
193d Medical Detachment
195th Aviation Company
196th Aviation Company
197th Medical Detachment
198th Medical Detachment
198th Signal Detachment
199th Aviation Company
200th Aviation Company
201st Aviation Company
203d Aviation Company
205th Aviation Company
208th Signal Detachment
210th Aviation Battalion
212th Aviation Battalion
213th Aviation Company
214th Aviation Battalion
219th Aviation Company
220th Aviation Company
221st Aviation Company
222d Aviation Battalion
223d Aviation Battalion
225th Aviation Company
231st Signal Detachment
234th Signal Detachment
235th Aviation Company
240th Aviation Company
242d Aviation Company
243d Aviation Company
243d Signal Detachment
244th Aviation Company
245th Aviation Company
255th Quartermaster Detachment
255th Transportation Detachment
256th Signal Detachment
256th Transportation Detachment
257th Signal Detachment
268th Aviation Battalion
269th Aviation Battalion
271st Aviation Company
272d Aviation Company
273d Aviation Company
277th Signal Detachment
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281st Aviation Company
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282d Signal Detachment
283d Signal Detachment
285th Signal Detachment
286th Medical Detachment

296th Signal Detachment
307th Aviation Battalion
308th Aviation Battalion
320th Signal Detachment
325th Signal Detachment
329th Transportation Detachment
334th Aviation Company
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400th Transportation Detachment
402d Transportation Detachment
403d Transportation Detachment
405th Transportation Detachment
407th Transportation Detachment
408th Transportation Detachment
409th Transportation Detachment
411th Transportation Detachment
430th Medical Detachment