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I~VALOROUS UNIT AWARD. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraphs 194 and 202.1, AR 672-5-1, the Valorous Unit Award is confirmed for the following-named unit of the United States Army for extraordinary heroism while engaged-in military operations during the period indicated as awarded by cited authority:

15Th MEDICAL BATTALION (MINUS) 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION,  
consisting of:

Company B, 15th Medical Battalion  
Company C, 15th Medical Battalion

Air Ambulance Platoon, Headquarters and Service Company, 15th Medical Battalion

For the period 11 August to 12 August 1969 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 548, 1971.

II~VALOROUS UNIT AWARD. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraphs 194 and 202.1, AR 672-5-1, the Valorous Unit Award is confirmed for the following-named unit of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period indicated as awarded by cited authority:

POPULAR FORCES PLATOON 100, BINH KHE DISTRICT, BINH DINH PROVINCE

On 22 August 1970 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 1004, 1971.

III~MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraphs 194 and 203, AR 672 5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is confirmed for the following-named units for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of out-standing service during the periods indicated as awarded by cited authority:

1. HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 3D BRIGADE, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION and its attached units:

Tactical Air Control Party, 19th Tactical Air Support Squadron, United States Air Force

Interrogation Prisoner of War Team 3, 1st Military Intelligence Company  
Civil Intelligence Team 3, 1st Military Intelligence Company

For the period 1 June 1967 to 30 August 1968 as announced in United States Army Vietnam General Orders 689, 1971.

**VIII--VIETNAMESE GALLANTRY CROSS WITH SILVER STAR. 1.**

The award of the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Silver Star by the Republic of Vietnam to a unit of the United States Army listed below is confirmed.

2. The Gallantry Cross with Silver Star has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 1 June 1969 to 30 August 1970 to:

**2D SQUADRON, 1ST CAVALRY and its subordinate units:**

**62d Signal Detachment**

**518th Transportation Detachment (For the period 30 June 1969 to 30 August 1970)**

The citation reads as follows:

An outstanding unit which always displays a gallant fighting spirit. Throughout its period of service in Binh Thuan Sector, the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry, has exerted itself in all operational missions, in providing air and artillery support, and in the Village and Hamlet Pacification Program in three districts in the northern part of Binh Thuan (Hoa Da, Hai Ninh and Phan Ly Cham). In particular, during the period from 1 June 1969 to 30 August 1970, the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry, successively conducted combat operations in three districts in the northern part of Binh Thuan. In other fields, the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry has coordinated closely with S5 of Hai Ninh, Hoa Da and Phan Ly Cham Subsectors and the 44th Infantry Regiment in conducting broadcasts appealing to Vietcong cadre and soldiers to rally to the government side, dropping 2,000,000 leaflets and putting up 10,000 posters. Furthermore, it has also carried out Civil Affairs projects assisting in the construction of schools and defensive systems in villages and hamlets, providing medical treatment and distributing medicine to the people of three districts in the northern part of Binh Thuan. With the above outstanding achievements, the 2d Squadron, 1st Cavalry, has made a substantial contribution to the Republic of Vietnam Government's Pacification and Development Program and at the same time has promoted Vietnamese-American friendship.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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