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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 3 October 1969, 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
1ST BRIGADE, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
ASSIGNED, ATTACHED AND SUPPORTING UNITS

Assigned Unit:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division

Attached Units:

1st Battalion, 8th Infantry
3d Battalion, 8th Infantry
3d Battalion, 12th Infantry

Supporting Units:

6th Battalion, 29th Artillery

Company A, 4th Engineer Battalion

1st Platoon, 4th Military Police Company

Forward Area Signal Center Platoon, Company B, 124th Signal Battalion

50th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog)

1st Brigade Military Intelligence Detachment, 4th Military Intelligence Detachment

2d Platoon, Battery D, 4th Battalion, 60th Artillery

1st Platoon, Battery B, 29th Artillery

Supply Section, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Supply and Transport Battalion

Contact Team, Company D, 704th Maintenance Battalion

Battery A, 6th Battalion, 14th Artillery

Battery B, 8th Battalion, 14th Artillery

5th Battalion, 16th Artillery

1st Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 69th Armor

UNITED STATES ARMY

The 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division and its assigned, attached and supporting units distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations along the Cambodian border west of Pleiku, Republic of Vietnam, during the period 18 to 26 May 1967. In May 1967, the 1st Brigade launched an intensive spoiling operation designed to engage and contain a large North Vietnamese force massing in the rugged, sparsely inhabited jungle terrain east of the Cambodian border northwest of Duc Co. Nine days of heavy fighting began on 18 May when Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry came under ground attack by a battalion-size enemy force. As the intensity of fighting increased, the 4th Platoon was separated from its company and came under attack by withering rocket, small arms and automatic weapons fire. The company's concerted and gallant efforts to break through to the separated platoon were blocked as the superior enemy force made repeated attempts to overrun the platoon position. Fighting savagely for existence and demonstrating indomitable courage, the platoon called artillery fire on its own position as the enemy broke through and overran the perimeter. The coordinated employment of artillery, air and gunships, as well as the devastating fire from the men of Company B forced the enemy to withdraw, sustaining heavy casualties. The 1st Brigade pursued the delaying North Vietnamese while they attempted to withdraw from envelopment. On the evening of 20 May 1967, the defensive perimeter of Companies A, B, and C, 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry came under heavy mortar attack followed by a coordinated ground attack. The besieged companies met the challenge and, supported with massive artillery fire, repelled the enemy onslaught that had come within a few meters of the perimeter after two hours of fierce fighting. The 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry quickly maneuvered over rugged, jungle-matted mountains to block the North Vietnamese force from withdrawing west to its Cambodian sanctuary. When the enemy attacked Companies A and B on the morning of 22 May, they surged forward in waves to overrun the friendly position. Heavy close-in fighting raged for 4 hours until the enemy force finally broke contact and exfiltrated from the battlefield. Two more significant battles occurred on 24 and 26 May, with elements of the 3rd Battalion, 12th Infantry, and the 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry. In both battles, the forces of the 1st Brigade, supported by massive artillery and tactical air support, fought with such ferocity that the North Vietnamese attacks were beaten back. The main enemy force was fragmented and subsequently withdrew. The combined fortitude, determination and unwavering courage of the 1st Brigade's personnel rendered two North Vietnamese Army regiments ineffective and totally disrupted the 1967 summer monsoon offensive in the central highlands. The devotion to duty and extraordinary heroism of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division and its assigned, attached and supporting units, reflect distinct credit on themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.