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AWARD OF THE 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 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 2D BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 3D BRIGADE, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION distinguished itself in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 November 1967 through 30 April 1968. Fighting a diversified enemy ranging from hamlet guerillas and main force Viet Cong companies to North Vietnamese Army regulars, the battalion maintained an exemplary record of halting communist aggression. The unit, which was under the control of six different brigades, was involved in numerous operations and moved on eight occasions over an area of nine hundred kilometers. Major displacements of the groups field trains further complicated mission achievement and a personnel turnover affecting every command and principal staff position added to operational problems. Despite these hindrances, the 2D BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 3D BRIGADE, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION performed all combat actions at peak efficiency, killing 716 enemy and capturing 60 prisoners of war. In addition, the organization conducted activities with four Allied elements ranging from Popular Forces platoons to regular Army of the Republic of Vietnam elements. The victories resulting from these endeavors greatly stimulated self-confidence, moral and esprit de corps in the Vietnamese units. While establishing an outstanding combat reputation, the battalion materially contributed to the Free World effort in the Republic of Vietnam. The remarkable proficiency and devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 2D BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 3D BRIGADE, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION 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.



By Order of the Secretary of the
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