

## VALOROUS UNIT AWARD



**ALFA CO 1/35TH INFANTRY**

**15 MARCH 1966**

**General Orders No. 17**

The Valorous Unit Award is awarded by direction of the Secretary of the Army to:

**COMPANY A 1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 3D BRIGADE, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION for extraordinary heroism:**

**COMPANY A 1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION, distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism on 15 March 1966 while engaged in military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. When the 35th INFANTRY base camp was mortared in the early morning of 15 March, the 3D PLATOON, COMPANY A 1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION set out to pursue and fix the Viet Cong force while the rest of the company prepared to reinforce it when contact with the insurgents was made. Just as the pursuit force was preparing to return to the base after a fruitless search, a point man discovered a communications wire and followed it into a hostile camp. The pursuit platoon was quickly engaged and found itself receiving intense fire from two Viet Cong companies. When this friendly unit had been under constant, violent attack for over an hour, another platoon of COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION was helilifted into a nearby landing zone. Although the insurgents threw themselves into a suicidal, human wave attack as the reinforcing unit landed, the men repulsed them, inflicted numerous casualties among the insurgents, and began to support their sister platoon against the overwhelmingly larger Viet Cong force. A short time later, a third platoon of COMPANY A 1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION arrived and gave the friendly force strength to overrun the still numerically superior insurgents. The men of all three platoons dauntlessly assaulted the enemy lines, penetrated the Viet Cong defenses, and drove the enemy from their positions. In coordination with the blocking artillery fire, the company then destroyed the two hostile companies. The men of COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION displayed extraordinary courage and devotion to duty which were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Army.**