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PERMANENT ORDER 317-11

13 November 2013

Battery A, 6th Battalion, 15th Artillery, 1st Infantry Division

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: 31 October 1967

Authority: AR 600-8-22, paragraph 7-14

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in the Republic of Vietnam on 31 October 1967. Battery A, 6th Battalion, 15th Artillery, 1st Infantry Division distinguished themselves with extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations against an armed enemy at Loc Ninh, Binh Long Province. While providing direct combat support to the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, Battery A was attacked on two sides by two well-equipped and highly motivated regiments. At 0055 hours, the Viet Cong launched a combined mortar, rocket and ground attack against the fire support base occupied by Battery A. The vastly superior Viet Cong Force moved in supported by intense mortar, small arms, rocket-propelled grenade, recoilless rifle and .50 caliber machine gun fire. With indomitable courage, Battery A repelled the attack with devastating direct fire. Despite the fact that numerous close air strikes pounded the enemy, the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Regulars persisted in their suicidal human wave attacks on Battery A's position for a period of three hours. When the insurgent force withdrew, Battery A continued to inflict casualties on them with rapid, accurate indirect fire. The gallant stand of Battery A resulted in the death of 126 Viet Cong. In addition a large quantity of equipment and weapons were captured. The great quantity of battle debris left behind by the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese regiments indicated that a numerically superior hostile force had departed in a rout. The extraordinary heroism and courage displayed by Battery A are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the 15th Artillery, 1st Infantry Division and the United States Army.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Coleen Carr", is written over a horizontal line.

COLEEN CARR
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