



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND
200 STOVALL STREET
ALEXANDRIA VA 22332-0400

PERMANENT ORDERS 089-10

30 March 2010

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 14th Aviation Battalion
(8 February 1971 to 7 April 1971)
71st Aviation Company (8 February 1971 to 28 March 1971)
116th Aviation Company (5 March 1971 to 24 March 1971)
174th Aviation Company (8 February 1971 to 7 April 1971)
176th Aviation Company (5 March 1971 to 24 March 1971)
756th Medical Detachment (8 February 1971 to 7 April 1971)
Troop F, 8th Cavalry (8 February 1971 to 7 April 1971)

Announcement is made of the following award:

Award: Valorous Unit Award

Period of service: As listed above

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

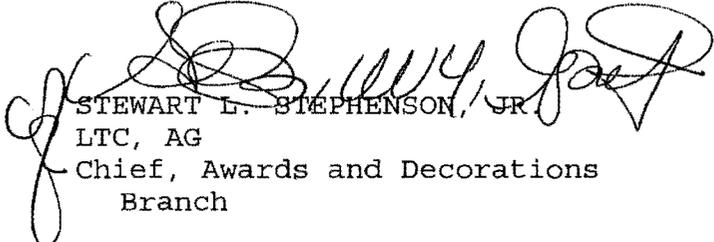
Reason: For extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy and in support of military operations against hostile forces. During the period 8 February 1971 to 7 April 1971, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 14th Aviation Battalion and its subordinate units displayed extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy in support of allied combat operations in the Kingdom of Laos and along the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Southeast Asia. The unit conducted numerous combat assaults into areas congested with anti-aircraft weapons and armor. Enemy gunners were highly accurate and positioned themselves strategically so as to disrupt the helicopters' flight paths as much as possible. Although harassed by the intense enemy fire, the unit continued to fly mission after mission into the increasingly dangerous combat zone. As the operation neared completion, enemy fire intensified. Displaying unwavering courage and exceptional skill, the unit began to extract the besieged allied troops. The unmerciful enemy inflicted severe damage to numerous aircraft and continually rained a hail of rocket and mortar fire into the pickup zones. Unit personnel were undaunted by enemy fire and expertly maneuvered their aircraft into the pickup zone to extract the beleaguered friendly troops. The determined aviators repeatedly entered the dangerous battlefield and ultimately extracted the entire friendly force. Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 14th Aviation Battalion's outstanding performance of duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflects great credit upon the unit and the United States Army.

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Additional Instructions: This order serves as official notification that a unit award has been approved for the organization(s) listed above and will serve as authority for eligible Soldiers to update their records and wear the award. The will use this permanent order to authorize the manufacture of an appropriate decoration streamer for any organization clearly entitled to display the award, and the completed streamers will be distributed by HRC.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



STEWART L. STEPHENSON, JR.
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