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II—MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 203, AR672- 5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following named units of the United States Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the periods indicated :

The citations read as follows :

100. THE 221ST RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY, (0-1) and attached unit:
325th Signal Detachment

For exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service: The 221ST RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY (0-1) and attached unit distinguished themselves in support of military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from February 1966 through November 1966. The members of this unit demonstrated extraordinary fortitude, tenacity and professional competence in providing phenomenal combat aviation support to allied forces throughout its area of tactical responsibility. Flying an average of 3000 hours per month, the unit has consistently accomplished a remarkably high quality of aerial reconnaissance and surveillance missions over the 30,000 square mile IV Corps tactical zone. The unit pilots and crews selflessly flew innumerable missions under the most adverse weather conditions, darkness and hostile fire which resulted in a meticulous daily account of enemy location, numerical strength and weaponry. Constantly maintaining the ultimate in aerial support, the 221ST RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY (0-1) repeatedly performed beyond its normal capabilities in serving not only as an observation element, but also as radio relay, convoy escort, artillery adjustment, aerial resupply and command liaison. The timely and effective support rendered by the personnel of this exemplary company served as the impetus behind friendly victories over hard-core enemy forces. In compliance with the end mission of the allied forces, the Company adopted an orphanage, contributed regularly to two other orphanages and actively participated in voluntary civic programs to solidify the rapport between the Vietnamese people and the allied personnel. The boundless courage, perseverance and dedicated devotion to duty displayed by the members of the 221ST RECONNAISSANCE AIRPLANE COMPANY (0-1) were 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 Army :

Official: HAROLD K. JOHNSON, *General, United States Army,*
KENNETH G. WICKHAM, *Chief of Staff.*
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

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