

As confirmed in Department of the Army General Order 22, 1968, the

VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM

has been awarded by General Cao Van Vien, Minister of Defense, Republic of Vietnam, for outstanding service to the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 March 1966 to 26 March 1967 to:

THE 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE and its assigned and attached units:

71st Aviation Company, 94th Signal Detachment; 151st Transportation Detachment

The citation reads as follows:

The 1st Aviation Brigade, U.S. Army, under the command of Brigadier General GEORGE P. SENEFF, has proved to be an outstanding and combat-experienced unit. It has always maintained a gallant fighting spirit, and has devotedly assisted the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces in military operations against the Communists throughout the various Corps Tactical Zones. Operating in Vietnam from 1 March 1966 to the present (26 March 1967), the 1st Aviation Brigade has achieved a glorious combat record during such operations as: Long Phi 511 (conducted from 13 to 15 December 1966), Khe Sanh (conducted from 28 November to 25 December 1966), Cedar Falls (conducted from 8 to 26 January 1967), Attleboro II (conducted from 4 to 20 November 1966), Tae Pong III (conducted from 17 to 20 December 1966) and Sam Houston (conducted from 1 to 31 January 1967).

In particular, on 26 March 1967 at Hoa Binh (Vinh Long Province), during Operation Long Phi 999G, units of the 1st Aviation Brigade gallantly penetrated hostile ground fire to disembark troops on the battlefield and also to provide effective support for troops of the 9th Infantry Division, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, in their advance and seizure of objectives. As a result, the following heavy personnel and weapon losses were inflicted upon the enemy: 142 killed in action, four captured, 13 crew served weapons, 24 individual weapons, and a large quantity of clothing and equipment seized. By these brilliant combat achievements, the 1st Aviation Brigade has contributed significantly to the glorious victories for the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, and reflects the utmost credit upon the U.S. Army.