



## VALOROUS UNIT AWARD CITATION

The 199th Light Infantry Brigade and its assigned and attached units: Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 199th Infantry Brigade; 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry; 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry; 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry; 2nd Battalion, 40th Artillery; 7th Support Battalion; 87th Engineer Company; Troop D, 17th Cavalry; 179th Military Intelligence Detachment; 40th Public Information Detachment; 503d Chemical Detachment; 152d Military Police Platoon; 44th Military History Detachment; 71st Infantry Detachment (LRP) (now Company M (Ranger), 75th Infantry); 49th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog); 11th Combat Tracker Team (Provisional) (redesignated and reorganized as the 76th Infantry Detachment); 856th Radio Research Detachment; Troop A, 3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry; Company F, 51st Infantry (LRP); and the 298th Signal Platoon (now 313th Signal Company) distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period Jan. 31 to Feb. 19, 1968 in support of Saigon and Long Binh Post during the Tet Offensive.

In the early morning hours on Jan. 31 insurgent forces launched savage attacks against Long Binh by firing rockets at II Field Force Vietnam and Bien Hoa Air Base. Brigade artillery promptly and effectively reacted to the attack, destroying two rocket bases and silencing the rest with a voluminous barrage. Thwarted in this aspect of their attempt, the Viet Cong then initiated well-organized and determined attacks upon Long Binh and the base camp of the brigade. In response clerks, cooks, mechanics and other support troops of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade manned the unit's perimeter while maneuver elements aggressively engaged and pursued enemy forces. During the fighting at Long Binh, the Brigade's firepower and indomitable spirit were instrumental in depriving concentrated enemy forces of progression into the city of Saigon. The resourcefulness and tactical expertise of unit commanders enabled units to retain constant contact with the insurgents and inflict numerous casualties which totally demoralized the enemy and destroyed his initiative. The men of the 199th Light Infantry Brigade displayed extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty which are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect distinct credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

