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AWARD OF THE VALOROUS UNIT AWARD

TC 439 The following AWARD is announced:

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 202.1g(2), AR 672-5-1, the Valorous Unit Award is awarded to the following named unit of the United States Army for extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations during the period indicated.

The 131ST AVIATION COMPANY (SURVEILLANCE AIRPLANE)

The citation reads as follows:

The 131ST AVIATION COMPANY (SURVEILLANCE AIRPLANE) distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1 June 1966 to 31 December 1968. During this period, the unit supported and conducted over 6,300 visual, photo, reconnaissance, Side Looking Airborne Radar, and Infrared Surveillance combat missions, while flying over 29,000 combat hours. Continually faced with austere maintenance facilities, extremely adverse weather conditions, hazardous terrain and heavy concentrations of hostile anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missile fire, the members of the unit gallantly exceeded all expectations in the results produced and the intelligence gathered. Their devotion to duty, intense loyalty to their cause, indomitable courage and fierce determination to excel in all aspects of their operation, while suffering losses of several aircraft and personnel due to enemy fire, reflect an attitude above and beyond the call of duty on the part of all members of the unit. The gallant actions and extraordinary heroism demonstrated by members of the 131ST AVIATION COMPANY (SURVEILLANCE AIRPLANE) are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.