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VALOROUS UNIT AWARD

Presented to

**Troop C, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry, 9th Infantry Division
Troop C, 3rd squadron, 5th cavalry, 9th infantry division
distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism while engaged in
military operations on 2 and 3 February 1968 in defense of Xuan Loc,
the provincial capital on Long Khanh province in the Republic of
Vietnam. When the enemy launched a three pronged attack
against the city of Xuan Loc during the joint North Vietnamese/Viet
Cong Tet Offensive, the troop was deployed to the police station
which was bearing the brunt of the assault. While traveling along
the city's streets, lethal volleys of enemy fire rained upon the entire
armored column. Unable to utilize their mounted weapons because
of the narrowness of the roads, the undaunted members of Troop C,
3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry, 9th infantry Division, fought tenaciously
with their personal weapons and reached their objective without
losing a single vehicle. They demonstrated exemplary courage and
steadfast determination in driving the enemy force from the station
before the communists could inflict many casualties upon the army
of the Republic of Vietnam soldiers. The cavalrymen regrouped and
set up three strong points at the north and south gates and in the
center of the city. When the assailants attacked again, the fearless
troopers saturated the area with a devastating volume of
suppressive fire, driving the foe from the battlefield and wreaking
death and destruction among the enemy's ranks. Through their
relentless perseverance, singular bravery, and tactical proficiency,
the troop's members were instrumental in the successful defense of
the city of Xuan Loc. The men of Troop C, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry,
9th Infantry Division 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.**

Leo B. Jones

Brigadier General, U.S. Army

Chief of Staff

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