

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST BRIGADE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96347

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SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation

TO: Troopers of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division

1. Once again you have demonstrated the spirit and skill of the best fighting team in Vietnam. Results of Operation Hawthorne were: 492 KIA (BC); 439 KIA (Est); 117 captured weapons; and 21 Viet Cong captured. This is a remarkable job --- professional in every respect.
2. Your efforts in this operation were recognized throughout the United States and Vietnam. A quote from a letter addressed to the Brigade read in part: "Truly, the great traditions of the 101st Airborne Division are being carried to new and greater heights by the men of the 1st Brigade."
3. To every member of "THE TEAM" I extend my most sincere congratulations. My admiration and respect for each of you increases with every operation. You have defeated an NVA Regiment on the battlefield. Such success is the result of individual heroism, unit esprit and teamwork, and your determination to close with the enemy and destroy him. I salute you all.



WILLARD PEARSON
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

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