

18TH MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE



VIETNAM COMBAT CERTIFICATE

Let it hereby be known that SP/4 Teal has faithfully served his country with the D/87th Inf, 95th MP Bn of the 18th Military Police Brigade in the Republic of Vietnam for the period 6 July 1968 to 4 Jan 1969. He is deserving of the honors and respect afforded all Soldiers whose courageous deeds and sacrifices have preserved the liberty of South Vietnam and advanced the cause of freedom throughout the world.

OUR UNIT

The 18th Military Police Brigade, the largest and only combat tested MP Brigade in the Corps' history, has been operational in Vietnam since September 1966. The force of over 5500 men is stationed throughout the Republic from the Mekong Delta to the First Corps Zone in the North. Elements of the Brigade perform diversified missions to include direct support to combat units and have taken part in many major combat operations, including Cedar Falls and Billings. In 1967, the Brigade was assigned its own tactical area of responsibility, a twenty square kilometer area near to Long Binh Post. During the Tet hostilities, our men proved their capabilities by successfully meeting the first enemy thrusts against major cities in Vietnam. Employed in a ground combat role, they fought in the streets and on the roadways, thwarting the enemy efforts at every turn. Since that time, men of the Brigade have been involved, in increasingly greater numbers, working with Vietnamese National and Military Police. On occasion, they stand side by side, facing the common enemy, each confident in the others ability to perform with the courage borne of professionalism. Thus, the hallmark of Brigade operations now, and in the future, will be an extension of mutually supporting operations with police forces of the Free World and Vietnam. Recognizing that peace is encouraged by stability, and that law enforcement represents internal order, the members of the 18th Military Police Brigade will continue to work in concert with our allies, to assist in bringing peace with justice to Vietnam.

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Acting Commander