

## 4th BATTALION 3rd INFANTRY

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### RECON NETS 4

Gunships from the 174th Aviation Company teamed up with a recon unit from the 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry and killed three VC/NVA and confiscated one AK-47 rifle.

It was early morning when the recon team set up its ambush along an old trail two and one-half miles northwest of San Juan Hill. The squad was nestled in the bushes waiting for the sign that their ambush had been sprung while the sun steadily climbed to its zenith. Then, the sound of an exploding claymore with accompanying screams pierced the heat of the day and the members of the recon team knew that it was time to move down and check it out. "We were in an ambush site on the side of a hill overlooking a rice paddy when we heard the claymore go off, and as we looked up we spotted an armed enemy soldier dragging his comrade across the rice paddy toward the high ground to the northwest," said Specialist Four Randolph Gordon.

Upon investigating the site of the explosion, the recon team found one dead NVA/VC and three hastily discarded packs containing various food items. Following a thorough search of the area the recon team again moved out, this time toward the high ground and in pursuit of the two enemy soldiers who had fled across the rice paddy.

The recon team had just crossed a small creek when another claymore went off to its right. "Right then, I thought we had walked into an ambush," said Specialist Gordon. The recon team moved out again, this time to check out the area surrounding the second claymore. Finding nothing, the squad again moved back to where the first claymore had detonated. "We had just crossed the creek for the second time when

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### ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

If the third platoon kills three VC/NVA then the first platoon should kill one. This seemed to be the logic followed by Alpha Company recently when it was on search and ambush operations seven miles southeast of Duc Pho.

The contact was initiated when the men of Alpha Company's third platoon heard the earsplitting sound of a claymore go off. "We were just beginning to settle down into our daytime ambush position, close to a main travel route, when we heard the claymore go off," said Sergeant Wayne S. Brown (Shelton, Wash.) Platoon Sergeant for the third platoon. "The blast of the claymore was still in the air, when three VC/NVA suddenly appeared in front of our position."

Sergeant John M. Roberts (Charlotte, N.C.) said, "I glanced up just in time to see one of them not more than three meters from me." Sergeant Roberts and the rest of the platoon immediately engaged the VC/NVA with small arms fire and when the smoke had cleared away, one NVA lay dead and another seriously wounded. Two more VC/NVA were spotted evading through the thick foliage and were able to escape.

"Our work had just begun," said Sergeant Brown. "We left four men behind to secure our equipment and the rest of the platoon moved down the trail to check out the damage the claymore had caused."

A quick, visual-recon of the area revealed a lot of blood and equipment, and two sets of Ho Chi Minh sandals. It didn't take long to locate two badly wounded NVA soldiers lying together in the brush. Very cautiously the platoon began to close in on the two wounded soldiers.

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## ~~TWO AMBUSHES - 2 VC/NVA~~

What you don't get in one ambush you can always get in another one seemed to be the logic applied by Charlie Company as it counted for two dead NVA/VC while operating in the rough mountainous region two miles northwest of San Juan Hill.

Charlie Company set up two ambushes about 300 meters apart along the old French Highway running through the 515 Valley. The Command Post had linked up with the 81mm mortar personnel for one ambush and the first platoon set up the other one.

First Lieutenant Richard Chandler, acting Company Commander, said, "We heard them talking from quite a ways off. The point man was young and behind him was an older man. The point ran right into the claymore and then it went off we opened up." Moments later when the platoon ceased fire, one NVA/VC lay dead.

The other NVA/VC realizing what had happened, immediately turned around and started back down the trail. He ran about 300 meters and then tripped a trip flare set up to protect the rear of the first platoon ambush. A Claymore was immediately detonated and another NVA/VC lay dead.

According to Lieutenant Chandler, "They were members of a food carrying party and I am pretty sure that between the two ambushes we got all of them."

### LIKES & DISLIKES

Using the Vietnamese rating system of either number 1 or number 10, we took a random survey of the likes and dislikes of the men in the Battalion.

#### NUMBER 1 is-

- an early out.
- finding Marlboros in your "C" ration pack.
- your R&R finally comes through and you got the country and time you applied for.
- being the mortar platoon on Montazuma.
- knowing that your buddy back home in the National Guard will still be going to meetings and summer camp long after you are out of the Army.
- learning that your brother with a nice safe job in the Air Force just arrived in country and therefore you can go home.
- a letter from home.
- a dry pair of socks.

#### NUMBER 10 is-

- just arriving in country and hearing other guys yelling short.
- the day you come back from R&R.
- having bunker guard right next to the Chinook landing pad.
- "humping" an air mattress all day and discovering that it has a hole in it.
- losing your shot record before going on R&R.

## ~~CHAPLAIN'S CORNER~~

What motivates a priest or minister to forgo the social niceties, safety and relative comfort of civilian ministry?

"Let's say it's an awareness of a need," explained Chaplain (Major) Gordon B. Hanson (Fargo, N.D.). Men from our homes and churches have come here, so we must follow them."

Chaplain Hanson, whose eldest son is presently receiving basic training at Ft. Polk, La., was ordained at Luther Theological Seminary (St. Paul, Minn.). During his college and seminary years he followed the wheat harvest from "Texas to the Dakotas" as a combine operator.

He likes the variety of the military ministry: "The clergyman's product is people. In the Army I've had the opportunity to serve a wide variety of people in many places." During his 21 years as a chaplain he served in "a small isolated base in Turkey, total population: 500" and also spent three years in Japan.

The American Lutheran minister and ~~Brigade Staff~~ chaplain will long be remembered here for his "Christmas Fellowship" at the officer's club. Unknown to the 40 officers of headquarters area, Chaplain Hanson wrote to their wives and families requesting favorite slides and photographs. The secret was well-kept and the response enthusiastic. On Christmas night, the group was surprised to see themselves and their families mysteriously appear from the chaplain's slide projector.

Chaplain Hanson feels that "the men over here are more open--all the facade of civilian life is gone." He also notices a corresponding increase in devotion in the field.

### MORTAR AMBUSH

On 20 May, Delta Company's mortar platoon killed one VC/NVA in a night ambush four miles southeast of Duc Pho.

The stillness and gloom of the night hide the ambush from the wary eyes of the enemy. Then, at 2130 hours an exploding claymore split the eerie still of the night. An enemy had walked into the ambush. Immediately the 81mm mortar platoon opened fire and sent three well placed mortar rounds into the center of the claymore blast area.

According to Captain Robert G. Yeargan, Delta Company's Commanding Officer, "The most significant fact about the whole thing was the excellent job a non-line platoon did in setting up an effective ambush.

For the rest of the night the area was periodically prep'd with artillery fire and early the next morning the area was searched and one dead NVA/VC was found.

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YOUR PILL  
PILL MALARIA PILL  
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## ARE DRUGS YOUR BAG?

Drug abuse has a particularly important consequences for the Armed Forces. Unlike civilians, those in the military service have a special dependency on each other. The lives of all those on a Navy ship may depend on the alertness of one man assigned to close certain watertight doors. Each member of an Army patrol is dependent on his buddies for survival in a combat situation. There are no "passangers" in fighter aircraft or bombers. No one can trust the fate of his unit, ship, or plane to a man who may be under the influence of drugs.

The drug abuser in military service leaves himself wide open as a security risk--for example, he can be blackmailed by threat of exposure. He also can be led to sell or give away classified information to support a drug habit. Also, while under the influence of narcotics he may overlook or ignore proper security measures.

In military law, wrongful acts concerning narcotics and marijuana have traditionally been charged as "conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline" and they are still so charged today. There is no article of the Uniform Code of Military Justice specifically dealing with drug offenses, but such offenses are prosecuted as violations of the "general article" (Article 134, UCMJ).

Marijuana is the drug most widely abused by Americans in Vietnam. The dried flowering tops of the hemp or cannabis plant are usually smoked. Marijuana dulls the thinking process as well as judgement and coordination. In mild doses, it is much like alcohol, although in comparable doses, it is more disruptive to thought processes. Muscular coordination and reflexes are impaired for 12 hours although the user may not be aware of this. Marijuana increases emotions and sensations. It appears to exaggerate all feelings the individual is having at the time of use. Sensitivity to stimuli such as light and sound is increased, and effects may be interpreted as exciting or irritating, depending on the mood.

To date, available information indicates that marijuana has few detrimental effects on an individual's physical health. Psychological dependence and the drug's effect, however, may lead to extreme lethargy, self-neglect, and preoccupation with use of marijuana to a degree that precludes constructive activity. Researchers have observed, that, from a psychiatric point of view, there is very little difference between marijuana dependence and narcotic addiction.

The Army sponsors a continuing Amnesty Program under which an individual may turn in his supply of the drugs he

uses and go to his chaplain or surgeon for help. So long as he is not already being investigated or prosecuted for drug abuse, no one will say a word against him, and he will get the help he needs without fear of punishment.

The dangers of drug abuse is increased in Vietnam because the soldier finds himself in a combat zone where the lives of his buddies may depend on him. The degree to which you meet and fulfill your duties in Vietnam will be a measure of your own maturity and your pride in yourself as a man. Don't let drugs be your "bag", or you may go home in ~~one~~ RE: USARV Fact Sheet 26-70

## NEW REFERRAL PROGRAM

The serviceman about to retire may find the way paved smoothly into a meaningful second career under the Defense Department's new Referral Program set to begin June 1.

Active duty personnel about to leave the service may register their post-service employment objectives with the referral service at that time.

Statistics gathered by the Defense Department show that a need exists to help the 65,000 to 70,000 servicemen who retire each year.

While referral participation does not guarantee a job for a retiring serviceman, it is designed to meet some of his unique problems by providing improved communications with the civilian labor market.

It should be pointed out that the Referral Program is not designed as a means for servicemen to obtain civil service employment. Retiring personnel seeking a civil service position with the federal government will be referred to the nearest Federal Job Information Center, the Base Civilian Personnel Office, or other appropriate activity where detailed information and application forms can be obtained. Federal employers may submit job vacancies to the Referral computer to obtain names of potential employers, but any hiring must be accomplished in accordance with appropriate Civil Service Commission regulations and other governing directives.

Once a determination of employment objectives has been made, the retiree will register his preferences and other personal data with the program's computer facility. This registration must be accomplished within the six-month period before the serviceman leaves active duty.

Meantime, employers both public and private, with specific employment opportunities will be permitted to submit "job orders" to the Referral Computer facility.

At this point--based on the stand-  
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## BRAIN TEASER

"Man, I tell you it was awful" Al Martin said. "I'm not likely to ever forget that old fellow's jump as long as I live. He screamed as if he'd changed his mind while he was on the way down."

Martin and Inspector Winters stood on the viaduct. Below, a police ambulance was removing the shattered body of Harry Falk, 70.

The old man had come to rest 15 feet outward from the viaduct's railing on the level but rocky dry riverbed some 50 feet below.

"I was driving home at 2 this morning," Martin said under the inspector's questioning. "My headlights caught the old fellow standing on the railing. I stopped and ran to restrain him. I was too late. He shouted, 'I'm tired of it all!' and jumped. "Then he screamed as he plunged downward."

"Did you know him?" asked the inspector.

"Yeah, he's sort of the local character," replied Martin. "Lives like a hermit. Takes walks by himself at any hour."

That night at the club, the inspector recounted the case to Dr. Haledjian.

"Martin telephoned the police right away," concluded the inspector. "I talked with the old man's neighbors. He had no money and no family. I guess he got tired of being alone and old. Its a clear case of suicide."

"Hardly, my dear inspector," contradicted Dr. Haledjian.

How come?

## MYSTERY ANSWER

Several years-old Harry Falk could not have jumped 15 feet outward from the viaduct railing. A person cannot broaden jumps farther from a height than the width of the railing. A person cannot make death appear as suicide.

## JOB REFERRAL

ardized input from retiring personnel and employers alike--the computer will accomplish a man-job match.

From the computer will come resumes of personnel who meet stated job qualifications. These will be provided the employer in response to job orders. At his option, the prospective employers may contact any or all of the persons about whom resumes are provided.

After making contact, the employer and the serviceman may engage in direct negotiations for employment purposes.

Serviceman soon to retire should report to the nearest Referral registration point or to the Base Personnel Office for additional information.

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"we heard movement to our front on the high ground," said Specialist Gordon. The recon team opened fire and then called in gunships while it moved back down the creek and set up behind a rice paddy dike.

The gunships strafed the area for about 30 minutes. During the ensuing contact, the machinegunner on the Light Observation Helicopter (LOH) spotted two VC/NVA lying in an open area. They looked like they were dead but they didn't have any bullet holes that the gunner could see, so when one of the NVA/VC flinched the machinegunner opened up.

When the recon team moved up the hill and investigated the gunship damage they found two more dead NVA/VC. One canteen, one bolt, several first aid pouches, a pack of condensed milk, two hammocks, one AK-47 rifle, one five gallon can of cooking oil and several yards of green cloth were confiscated.

## ALL IN A DAYS WORK

"After seeing the damage our claymore had done we figured their fighting days were over," said Sergeant Brown. "I guess one of them had different ideas. With dying strength, he attempted to pull the pin on a hand grenade which was lying next to him." The platoon immediately hit the ground and instinctively opened up with M-60s and M-16s. The NVA soldier never had a chance to completely release the pin on the grenade before he was mortally wounded.

Later in the afternoon, the first platoon of Alpha Company found another blood trail. The platoon followed the blood trail until it lead them to a tunnel. After dropping a couple of hand grenades into the hole the platoon picked up another VC/NVA.

"Four enemy dead, several items of equipment confiscated. Not a bad days work for the men of Alpha," said Specialist Four John Riley (Bronx, N.Y.). (Written by Sergeant Wayne Brown and Specialist Four John Riley- EDITED BY Sergeant Robert Daniels)

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LTC Philip D. Grimm  
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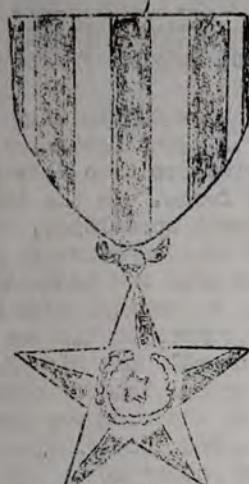
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# -5- SILVER STAR AWARDS

The following is a list of those individuals in the battalion who have recently received Valor Awards. They have distinguished themselves by valorous actions on the field of battle.

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED 9 JULY 1918, THE SILVER STAR FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WAS AWARDED TO: SERGEANT AARON BAKER AND SPECIALIST FOUR STEPHEN WILLAREDT.

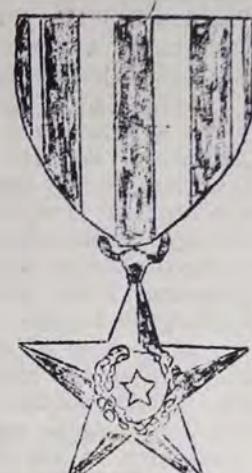


SILVER STAR

The Silver Star is given for personal heroism, professional competence, and devotion to duty which is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflects great credit upon themselves, the American Division and the United States Army.

Sergeant Aaron J. Baker distinguished himself by intrepid actions on 3 January 1970 while serving as a Squad Leader with Company B, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was located near Xuan Son when it came under

intense enemy mortar, rocket propelled grenade, and automatic weapons fire followed by a fierce ground attack. After repositioning his men and directing their fire against the enemy, Sergeant Baker moved through the hostile fire to secure additional much needed ammunition. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he again braved the enemy fire to help carry a wounded comrade to an area for evacuation. While returning to the perimeter, Sergeant Baker noticed a position under attack by four enemy sappers. Reacting immediately, he raced to the position and took the insurgents under fire. Although he was wounded, he was able to silence the enemy soldiers and keep them from breaching the perimeter. Sergeant Baker then refused medical attention until the enemy force had been completely driven off. Through his timely and courageous actions, Sergeant Baker contributed significantly to the successful defense of the position.

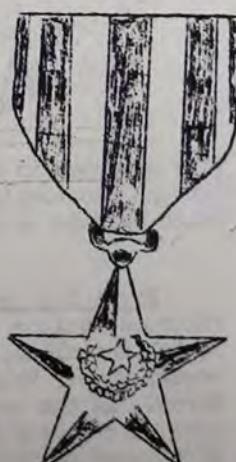
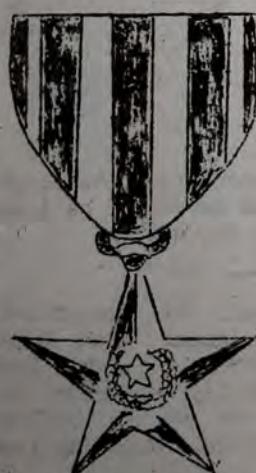


SILVER STAR

Specialist Four Stephen Willaredt distinguished himself by intrepid actions on 3 January 1970 while serving with Company B, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was located near Xuan Son when it came under intense enemy mortar rocket porpelled grenade, and automatic weapons fire followed by a ground attack. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Specialist Willaredt left

the relative security of his foxhole and maneuvered through the enemy fire to treat his wounded comrades. Braving intense enemy fire Specialist Willaredt made several trips across open terrain to carry the wounded men to a rear location to await extraction. Specialist Willaredt then secured a quantity of ammunition and began distributing it among his comrades manning the perimeter. Upon reaching one emplacement where all the defenders had been wounded he unhesitatingly remained in the position to place a

heavy volume of fire on the enemy. Specialist Willaredt manned the emplacement through-out the night, and contributed significantly to thwarting the enemy attack.



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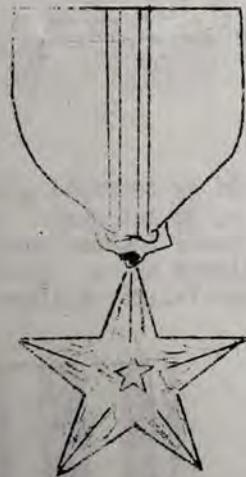
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BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS ON EXECUTIVE ORDER 11046, 24 AUGUST 1962, THE BRONZE STAR WITH "VV" DEVICE HAS BEEN AWARDED TO: First Lieutenant John D. Gaines, First Lieutenant Thomas J. Norton, First Lieutenant Richard G. Renner, Specialist Four David Crabtree, Specialist Four Milton Febles, Specialist Four Thomas M. Hobbs, Specialist Four Phillip Joyce, Specialist Four Charles Padilla Jr., Private First Class Andrew C. Anderson, Private First Class Duwayne T. Anderson, Private First Class John E. Mishler and Private First Class Michael Wojciechowski.

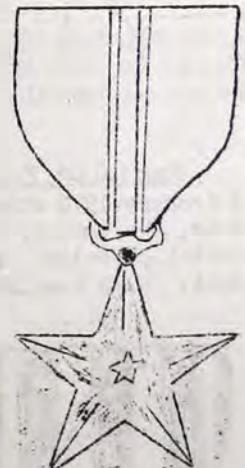
First Lieutenant John D. Gaines distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 3 January 1970 while serving with Company B, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was in a night defensive position near Phong Don when it was assaulted by a large North Vietnamese Army force. In the initial exchange of fire, Lieutenant Gaines' platoon sustained several casualties. Realizing the extreme urgency of the situation, Lieutenant Gaines immediately maneuvered through the hostile rounds impacting throughout the area and administered emergency first aid to the severely wounded men. Spotting a medical evacuation helicopter landing within the perimeter, Lieutenant Gaines organized his men for the extraction of casualties, and then gallantly carried several of his fallen comrades to the aircraft. At this time, a resupply helicopter landed carrying desperately needed ammunition. After securing a quantity of the ordnance, Lieutenant Gaines again exposed himself to the intense enemy fire and distributed the ammunition to his fellow soldiers. Through his timely and courageous actions, Lieutenant Gaines served as an inspiration to his unit and was instrumental in thwarting the enemy attack.

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First Lieutenant Thomas J. Norton distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 3 January 1970 while serving with Company B, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was in a night defensive position near Phong Don when it was assaulted by a large North Vietnamese Army force. As the initial enemy rounds began impacting in the area, Lieutenant Norton, with complete disregard for personal safety, maneuvered to a key position along the defensive perimeter. Despite the danger involved, Lieutenant Norton repeatedly exposed himself to the determined insurgents in order to direct effective retaliatory mortar fire. Spotting three severely wounded comrades, Lieutenant Norton rushed to their position and administered emergency first aid. At this time, a helicopter landed with a resupply of ammunition. Again exposing himself to enemy fire, Lieutenant Norton secured a quantity of the desperately needed ordnance and distributed it to his fellow soldiers. He



then assisted in carrying the casualties to a medical evacuation helicopter. Through his timely and courageous actions, Lieutenant Norton served as an inspiration to this entire unit and was instrumental in thwarting the attack.



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First Lieutenant Richard G. Renner distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 3 January 1970 while serving as Platoon Leader with Company B, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was in a night laager position near Phong Don when it was assaulted by a numerically superior enemy force. In the initial stages of the battle, a section of the unit's defensive perimeter became severely weakened under the intense enemy fire. Reacting immedi-

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mediately to the urgency of the situation, Lieutenant Renner directed several of his men to the endangered area. Ignoring the enemy rounds impacting throughout the area, Lieutenant Renner then assisted in carrying friendly casualties to a MEDEVAC helicopter. Despite the danger involved, Lieutenant Renner continued to maneuver through the heavily strafed area, carrying desperately needed ammunition to the section of the perimeter under the most concentrated fire. Through his timely and courageous actions, Lieutenant Renner was instrumental in thwarting the enemy attack.

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Specialist Four David Crabtree distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 3 January 1970 while serving with Company B, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was in a night defensive position near Phong Don when it was assaulted by a numerically superior enemy force. In the initial exchange of fire, the friendly unit sustained several casualties. Despite the danger involved, then Private Crabtree unhesitatingly left his relatively safe position and moved to the side of his fallen comrades. Braving the hostile fire impacting all around him, Private Crabtree then administered emergency first aid to the severely wounded men and assisted the casualties to a nearby evacuation point. Realizing that the personnel manning the perimeter were critically low on ammunition, Private Crabtree secured the necessary ordnance and again repeatedly exposed himself to the heavy insurgent fire while distributing it to his comrades. Through his timely and courageous actions, Private Crabtree was instrumental in saving the lives of his fellow soldiers and in thwarting the enemy attack.

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Specialist Four Milton Fobles distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 3 January 1970 while serving with Company B, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was in a night defensive position near Phong Don when it was assaulted by a numerically superior enemy force. In the initial contact, several members of Specialist Fobles' squad were critically wounded. Reacting immediately, Specialist Fobles maneuvered through the enemy fire impacting throughout the area and administered first aid to his fallen comrades. Continuing to brave the intense hostile fire, he then carried the casualties to an evacuation helicopter. After he had placed the wounded men aboard, Specialist Fobles, realizing his comrades along the perimeter were running dangerously low on ammunition, secured the desperately needed ordnance and returned to his squad. Despite the danger involved, he then again repeatedly exposed himself to hostile fire in order to properly distribute the ammunition. Through his timely and courageous actions, Specialist Fobles was instrumental in saving the lives of two fellow soldiers and in thwarting the enemy attack.

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Specialist Four Thomas Hobbs distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 3 January 1970 while serving with Company B, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was in its night laager position near Xuan Son when it came under intense hostile fire from a heavily armed enemy force. As the initial volley of enemy rounds impacted in the area, Private Hobbs assumed a key fighting position and began placing effective retaliatory fire on the determined insurgents. Observing several wounded comrades located in an adjacent position, Private Hobbs gallantly left the relative security of his foxhole and rushed to assist the casualties. He skillfully administered first aid and then assisted his fellow soldiers to a secure location to await medical evacuation. At this time, Private Hobbs secured additional ammunition and returned to the forward point of contact in order to resupply weakened positions of the perimeter. Shortly afterward, he was wounded by a burst of enemy rifle fire, but refused medical attention and returned to his foxhole to assist in battling the insurgents until reinforcements arrived. His courageous and timely actions were instrumental in saving the lives of several fellow soldiers and served as an inspiration to the remainder of the unit.

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Specialist Four Phillip Joyce distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 3 January 1970 while serving with Company B, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was in a night defensive position near Xuan Son when it came under intense hostile fire from a heavily armed enemy force. As the initial rounds began impacting in the area, Specialist Joyce observed several comrades fall wounded along the defensive perimeter. Realizing the extreme ur-  
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gency of the situation, he unhesitatingly maneuvered to the side of several casualties and skillfully administered first aid. Specialist Joyce then carried his wounded comrades to a secure location. At this time, he returned to the perimeter, secured a radio, and called in effective artillery strikes. With complete disregard for personal safety, Specialist Joyce then summoned dustoff helicopters and remained in an exposed position to guide the MEDEVAC aircraft into the laager site. His courageous and timely actions were highly instrumental in saving the lives of his fellow soldiers and in thwarting the enemy attack.

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Specialist Four Charles Padilla distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 3 January 1970 while serving with Company B, 4th Battalion 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was in a night laager position near Xuan Son when it came under intense hostile fire from a heavily armed enemy force. Upon receiving word of the attack, Specialist Padilla, who was located in the company's rear area, immediately began gathering ammunition and loading it aboard a resupply helicopter. With complete disregard for personal safety, he then volunteered to fly with the resupply aircraft and assist in dropping off the critically needed cargo. Upon arrival at the point of contact, Specialist Padilla gallantly braved the heavy volume of enemy fire directed against him as he distributed the ammunition among his comrades. At this time, he left the resupply aircraft and assisted in carrying several casualties back to the helicopter. Ignoring the hostile rounds impacting throughout the area, Specialist Padilla continued to help move his wounded comrades until all were safely aboard the ship. His courageous and timely actions were highly instrumental in saving the lives of several fellow soldiers and in thwarting the enemy attack.

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Private First Class Andrew Anderson distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 3 January 1970 while serving with Company B, 4th Battalion 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was in a night defensive position near Phong Don when it was assaulted by a numerically superior enemy force. Reacting immediately, Private Anderson directed his element to strategic firing positions. With complete disregard for personal safety, he then maneuvered through a heavy concentration of enemy fire and distributed desperately needed ammunition to his comrades. Spotting a friendly casualty, Private Anderson again braved the intense hostile fire as he moved to the side of the fallen soldier. After administering emergency first aid to the wounded man, Private Anderson gallantly carried him through the heavily strafed area to a waiting medical evacuation helicopter. Through his timely and courageous actions, Private Anderson served as an inspiration to his entire unit.

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Private First Class Duwayne T. Anderson distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 3 January 1970 while serving with Company B, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry, as a Radio-Telephone operator. On that date, the company was in a night defensive position near Phong Don when it was assaulted by a numerically superior enemy force. Spotting an unmanned machinegun position, Private Anderson, with complete disregard for personal safety, left his relatively secure position and maneuvered through intense enemy fire to the emplacement. Finding the weapon inoperable, Private Anderson directed two comrades to take over the position and then again exposed himself to the hostile rounds impacting throughout the area as he moved to the side of two friendly casualties. After administering emergency first aid, Private Anderson summoned a medic, but the aidman was wounded before he could reach the site of the original casualties. After again applying emergency first aid, Private Anderson assisted in moving the fallen soldiers to medical evacuation helicopters. Through his timely and courageous actions, Private Anderson served as an inspiration to his entire unit.

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Private First Class John E. Mishler distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 2 January 1970 while serving as a Medical Aidman attached to Company B, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was in its night defensive position near Xuan Son when it came under intense hostile mortar and rocket propelled grenade fire, followed by a fierce ground attack from a determined North Vietnamese Army force. Under the cover of darkness, several of the insurgents succeeded in breaching the perimeter and inflicted numerous casualties on the friendly element. Realizing the extreme urgency of the situation, Private (Continued on the following page)

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Mishler unhesitatingly left his relatively secure position and rushed forward to assist his fallen comrades. Ignoring the hostile rounds impacting throughout the area, Private Mishler skillfully administered first aid to several casualties and then carried them to a nearby landing pad to await evacuation. During this time, he effectively engaged two infiltrators who were moving across the laager site and attempting to thwart the dustoff operations. After insuring that the most seriously wounded men were properly cared for, Private Mishler returned to the perimeter and continued to provide assistance wherever possible throughout the night. His courageous and timely actions were directly responsible for saving the lives of several comrades and served as an inspiration to the remainder of the unit.

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Private First Class Michael Wojciechowski distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 3 January 1970 while serving with Company B, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was in a night laager position near Phong Don when it was assaulted by a numerically superior North Vietnamese Army force. Although wounded in the initial contact, Private Wojciechowski ignored his injuries and maneuvered 50 meters through intense enemy fire to the side of two friendly casualties. He then assisted in carrying the men to a medical evacuation helicopter that had arrived on station. Continuing to remain exposed to the hostile fire, Private Wojciechowski secured a quantity of ammunition and distributed it along the defensive perimeter. Gallantly returning to the evacuation site, Private Wojciechowski then resumed placing his wounded fellow soldiers aboard MEDEVAC helicopters. Through his timely and courageous actions, Private Wojciechowski served as an inspiration to his entire unit.

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BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 672-5-1 THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE HAS BEEN AWARDED TO: Staff Sergeant Richard Seaman and Private First Class James Pelletier.

Staff Sergeant Richard Seaman distinguished himself by valorous actions on 3 January 1970 while serving with Company B, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was located near Xuan Son when it came under intense enemy mortar, rocket propelled grenade, and automatic weapons fire, followed by a fierce ground attack. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Seaman left his relatively secure position to obtain desperately needed ammunition for his comrades. Braving the enemy fire, he then maneuvered along the perimeter, distributing the ammunition and directing the fire of his fellow soldiers. Through his timely and courageous actions, Sergeant Seaman contributed significantly to the successful defense of the position.

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Private First Class James Pelletier distinguished himself by valorous actions on 3 January 1970 while serving as a rifleman with Company B, 4th Battalion 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was located near Xuan Son when it came under intense enemy mortar, rocket propelled grenade, and automatic weapons fire followed by a ground attack. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Pelletier left his relatively secure position and moved through the enemy fire to assist two wounded comrades to an evacuation site. Ignoring the danger involved, he then maneuvered to a defensive position which was receiving exceptionally heavy fire and engaged the insurgents until the enemy force was driven off. Through his timely and courageous actions, Private Pelletier insured that his wounded comrades were evacuated swiftly, and contributed significantly to the successful defense of the position.

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