



## 4th BATTALION 3rd INFANTRY

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### BYE-BYE BIRDIE

What started out as another routine combat assault for 12 members of the 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry's Alpha Company, turned out to be quite an eventful day. A last minute change in the number of birds left the third platoon's Platoon Leader, Radio-Telephone-Operator, Medic and the nine man second squad last to leave the pick-up zone. The two returning birds informed them that they wouldn't be joining their company but would be dropped to secure a downed Light Observation Helicopter (LOH).

The apprehensive group was dropped into the foothills east of the Song Vc River. While making their way through the dense brush to a high bank overlooking a stream in which the LOH lay, they came across a wounded VC/NVA. As the platoon medic took care of his wounds the Platoon Leader questioned him. It was learned that he was shot by the door gunner of the LOH. His four VC/NVA "friends" took his weapon and fled.

Awaiting the arrival of a dust-off for the prisoner, movement was heard. The platoon was unable to recon by fire for fear of further damaging the LOH, so a hasty perimeter was formed. It was just after the completion of the dust-off when Private First Class Caesar Valasco (Indio, California) opened up with his M-16. A search of the area turned up one dead VC/NVA, and uncovered a cache containing 14 NVA packs, 100 pounds of rice, and a carbine. The packs contained new NVA uniforms, ammunition, medical supplies, women's clothing and some cloth.

Instructed to destroy the downed LOH, the third platoon secured the M-60 ammunition and other items of equipment and placed explosives on the bird. (Cont. Pg. 4, Col. 2)

### BRITISHER TURNS YANK

Some men join the Army for travel and adventure; some, to get away from it all. Then, there are those who are drafted. Private Gordon Pooley from Company A, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry got drafted because, "A bird (British slang for girl) in the hand is worth two (years) in the bush (Army)."

If you had lived twenty-five years without worrying about the draft, how would you choose between marrying THE GIRL and taking a chance of being drafted, or spending the rest of your life sailing around the world?

Not everyone has to make that choice, but Private Pooley did. Pooley (better known to his friends as "Sir Gordon") was born in South Hampton, England, twenty-five years ago, the son of a Sergeant Major in the British Army. When he was sixteen, Pooley did what many boys would like to do - he left home and went to sea as a seaman in the British Merchant Marine Academy. He sailed on his first ship, the Carmarvan Castle, to all the principal ports of South Africa. Since then, he has worked for five different lines and has tasted the local brew in such places as Israel, Egypt, Greece, Turkey, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Yugoslavia, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Australia, Tahiti, Fiji and an infinity of islands in the Caribbean.

During the course of his voyages he has crossed paths with such notables as Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor ("she wanted to go down into the seaman's bar on board ship, but the Captain wouldn't let her"), Billy Graham, Debby Reynolds, Haley Mills ("I got a good look at her legs and they're too skinny"), Stanley Moss, and the President of Monrovia. Peter Sellers once demanded that the Captain throw Pooley and several other seamen off the ship after they (Cont. on pg. 5, Col. 2)

## SUGAR & SPICE

The old adage, "Sugar and spice and everything nice," can easily be applied to the girls of Girl Scout Troop #439, who recently sent eight boxes of cookies to the men of the 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry.

The girls were represented in their endeavor by Diana Gaslar, (Champaign, Ill.) who put it this way, "Would appreciate it if you would give these cookies to some group of soldiers that are out in the field and are not close to a PX and don't get things very often."

The cookies were distributed among the men of Alpha Company and "B" Battery, 6/11 Artillery. As one man from Alpha Company put it, "Things like this make a person feel that what he is doing is right and our thanks go to the girls of Girl Scout Troop #439."

Diana will be made an honorary member of the Old Guard when the Battalion Adjutant, First Lieutenant David J. Sheehan sends her the Old Guard Crest. To officially make her a member of the Old Guard she must be presented with an Old Guard Crest that has previously been worn by a member of the Unit. I am sure that the men would gladly give up their Crest for these girls.

## MOVEMENT TO THE FRONT

The sun is hot and while the rays beat down on the members of Alpha Company's first platoon the word is passed back from the point, "Movement to the front." As the word is passed from man to man each member of the patrol reacts emotionally to the words. The thought formed in the mind of each man is, "How many are there; did we walk into an ambush?" From the time the words are received it is only a split second until these thoughts are passing through the minds of each man.

While the thoughts are still forming the men automatically hit the ground. Those who are closer to point strain their eyes to see what the pointman heard and those further back wait for a clearance sign or the sound of gunfire that will signal the start of the fire-fight. Either one will relieve the tension and the strain.

The men in the rear wait for the word from the pointman that will either signal an all clear or will confirm the presence of enemy soldiers. Then word reaches the men in the rear of the platoon that is only a deer, but to late, the deer is already bounding off into the woods.

Tensions are relieved, breathing returns to normal and the platoon again moves out. The same words will be passed back many times while a man is in the field, only the end result will change.

## CHARLIE NETS TWO

Charlie Company's 4.2 Mortar Platoon and Command Post teamed up recently to net two VC/NVA after a five-minute chase in an area two and one-half miles southwest of San Juan Hill.

The 4.2 Mortar Platoon was preparing to move out of its night ambush position to link-up with the rest of the company at a pre-determined resupply point when Specialist Four David Snyder (Stanley, Wis.) spotted two VC/NVA walking down a ridgeline to the northeast of their position. The Commanding Officer, First Lieutenant Richard Chandler was immediately informed of the sighting and a small patrol was sent out to check out the area.

Specialist Snyder said, "I thought that the VC/NVA were two ridgelines over when I spotted them but when we topped the first ridgeline about five minutes later we spotted the enemy down in a small ravine and passing through an old abandoned firebase." Specialist Snyder was just emplacing his weapon to engage the enemy when the platoon was spotted and the VC/NVA began to take evasive actions. As they turned to run Specialist Snyder opened up with the M-60 machinegun but had to disengage because by this time Lieutenant Chandler took in after them and told them to stop. When the VC/NVA continued to run he opened up with his M-16. The first to be hit was a young VC/NVA and as the other man was preparing to pick him up he was, in turn, shot.

Among the items confiscated was; rice, knives, an old plastic poncho and a hammock.

## "TRIP FLARE!!"

Bravo Company's 4.2 Mortar Platoon in conjunction with the Company Command Post was recently conducting search and clear operations in the foothills six miles west of Duc Pho when it engaged and killed one NVA.

The platoon set up just off of a trail and secured a moon shaped perimeter with the parallel line running across the thickly vegetated woodline. Having arrived at their ambush site in late evening the platoon dug in and then settled down for the night.

Specialist Four Phillip Girardin said, "It was early morning when a trip flare popped to the right of my position and then we heard the ominous warning, "trip flare." A mad scramble followed when blankets flew, weapons were secured and the men headed for their foxholes.

Then, Sergeant Timothy Nichols (Sims, N.C.), who was located on the opposite side of the perimeter, heard movement to his front, so he opened up with his M-16. While reloading his rifle, Sergeant Nichols again heard movement to the front so he called the Company Commander and requested permission to throw a hand grenade. Receiving permission, Sergeant Nichols (Cont. on pg. 3, Col. 1)

## "TRIP FLARE!!" CONT.

threw the hand grenade and as the sound of the explosion waned in the night a chicom landed in front of the foxhole and exploded. The platoon immediately opened up with small arms fire and then as the firing ceased, the moans and groans of something injured to the front was heard.

At first light, several mortar rounds were used to recon the area where several NVA/VC evaded to, and then a patrol was sent out to investigate the area. About 30 meters out from the perimeter an NVA was found lying face down in the bushes. Specialist Girardin said, "A rope was tied to his leg and he was pulled out of the bushes; a precaution taken against booby-traps."

The platoon also confiscated some personal items and a 9mm pistol, the type carried by NVA Officers.

## CLOTHING FOR FRIENDSHIP

Captain William Mynatt (Hazlewood, Indiana) a member of the 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry recently helped provide new clothing for the children at the Catholic Orphanage in Duc Pho.

During his tour in Vietnam, Captain Mynatt had never seen a friendly Vietnamese for he had spent his time in the field where the only Vietnamese he had seen was either a Viet Cong or an NVA. Finally, Captain Mynatt was rotated to the rear area at LZ Bronco, where he became Headquarters Company Commandant, and came into contact for the first time with friendly Vietnamese Civilians.

After meeting the children at the Catholic Orphanage in Duc Pho, he realized, "The children need love, and they need clothing."

In early March Captain Mynatt canvassed the Hazlewood Christain Church in Hazlewood, Indiana and pleaded with the congregation to, "Please help me promote friendship in these villages by sending me some childrens clothing to give to them." In April four boxes of clothing arrived but before Captain Mynatt could personally give the cloths to the Vietnamese children he was reassigned to Charlie Company and returned to the field as Company Commander.

Platoon Sergeant Willie Morgan was then chosen as the man to distribute the clothing to the orphanage children, so in early June the cloths were given to the orphanage. According to Sergeant Morgan, "I was down to the orphanage recently and the children were sure happy with their cloths; they really wanted to show them off."

Captain Mynatt said, "I hope by dressing a child today, the same child won't be pointing a gun at my men tomorrow."

## THE HILL "OUR HOME"

Forward Fire Support Base San Juan Hill, an artillery support base and Command post to many, a "home" for eight days out of the month for men of the 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry.

San Juan Hill carved out of the mountainous terrain northwest of Duc Pho stands isolated from the green valleys and dense jungle mountains which surround it. How any foreboding mountain made of sand bags and ammo boxes could possibly be called a home is only for the individual infantryman to know. San Juan is much more than its external sand bags and bunkers may reveal, it is security, rest, relaxation, and a few days of peace from the ever present war around us. The rest is well deserved, the peace of the beautiful scenery and star lite nights helps to keep the mind sane. The hill is also three hot meals a day, showers, packages, novices, clean cloths, and a roof to sleep under. These necessities which may seem common place to those in the rear or those at home are unobtainable and so precious to those of us in the field. An infantryman needs something to look forward to while spending his time out in the field. Knowing that San Juan is there to return to helps a great deal.

The hill is much more than I have described here; it serves a purpose not only to the Army but also to those infantrymen who built San Juan Hill and defend it for twelve months; it is a home away from home.

WRITTEN BY: PFC JAMES TABATA (CO. C)

## A TRUE JUNGLE WAR?

A Unit of the Americal Division's 11th Brigade (Jungle Warriors) recently killed a far older "Jungle Warrior" member when a 300 pound tiger walked into and sprung an ambush four miles west of Duc Pho.

The tiger was killed by a platoon from Company D, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry.

It was early morning when the third platoon members heard one of their claymores detonate. Sergeant Lee Temple (Belille, Miss.) said, "Right then I thought we had killed a couple of NVA so we moved down to check it out." The men were cautious as they approached the detonation area because they thought, "There might be an ambush."

Sergeant John Cavanaugh (Huntington, N.Y.) went up to check out the area and when he was within about 25 meters he jokingly asked, "Does an NVA have a tail?" Sergeant Temple told him, "No, it is probably some type of animal." (Cont. on pg. 5, Col. 1)

## PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

In a recent ceremony at FSB Bronco, the Recon Platoon of Company E, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade was presented the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism by General Creighton W. Abrams.

Among those in attendance at the ceremony were: General Creighton W. Abrams, CG, USARV; Lieutenant General Southerland, 24 Corp CG; Major General Albert E. Milloy, CG, Americal Division; Brigadier General Nguyen Van Toan, CG, 2nd ARVN Division; Colonel Kendrick B. Barlow, 11th Brigade Commander; Colonel Hugh T. Hoffman, Division Support Command; Lieutenant Colonel Dinh, Providence Chief; Lieutenant Colonel George R.H. Johnson, G-5; Lieutenant Colonel Leslie J. Stottle, G-3; and Lieutenant Colonel Philip D. Grimm, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry.

The Commander of Troops was Major William Holmes and the narrator was Captain Anthony Farinelli. The text of the order is as follows:

Award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) by the President of the United States of America to the following unit of the Armed Forces of the United States is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194 AR 672-5-1. The text of the citation, (GO 75) signed by President Nixon on 28 October 1969 reads as follows:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, I have to-day awarded

THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (ARMY)  
FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM  
TO  
THE RECONNAISSANCE PLATOON  
COMPANY E, 4TH BATTALION, 3D INFANTRY  
11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, AMERICAL DIVISION  
UNITED STATES ARMY

The Reconnaissance Platoon, Company E, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade distinguished itself by extraordinary heroism in action against a hostile force near the hamlet of Phuoc Loc, Quang Ngai, Republic of Vietnam on 6 and 7 September 1968. The platoon of 27 men was conducting a combat sweep operation on 6 September when it became engaged with a battalion-size enemy force entrenched in fortified defensive positions. Exposed to the heavy automatic weapons and small arms fire from the estimated 400-man enemy force, the men of the Reconnaissance Platoon gallantly fought against the numerical odds and established defensive perimeters. Maintaining their position integrity, men of the platoon, with complete disregard for their own safety, braved the heavy fire to bring their fallen comrades within the perimeters. Although under heavy fire and repeated attacks from the enemy, the men of the reconnaissance Platoon valiantly held their positions, directed airstrikes and artillery fires on the enemy positions, and repulsed all enemy efforts to overrun their defenses. The platoon was able to engage the enemy force until reinforcements arrived during the early morning hours of 7 September. A sweep of the battlefield on the morning of 7 September revealed that the Reconnaissance platoon had killed 48 enemy soldiers. Intelligence from captured prisoners in

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## BYE-BYE BIRDIE

With the flames of the devastating explosion behind them, clad in their new NVA camouflage covers, the "Dirty Dozen," exhausted but content with the satisfaction of another successful mission, anxiously moved out to link up with their unit.

WRITTEN BY: SERGEANT WAYNE BROWN AND SPECIALIST FOUR JOHN RILEY

## OLD GUARD

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## PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

dicated that the enemy force had suffered 88 casualties, rendering it ineffective as a fighting force. The Reconnaissance Platoon is credited with spoiling an impending attack on the city of Quang Ngai by discovering and inflicting heavy losses on one of the key enemy forces poised for attack, thereby sparing free world forces and the population of the city of Quang Ngai much loss of life, equipment and personal property. The heroic actions of the men of the platoon aided in the defeat of major enemy forces which had been poised for attacks on the major cities of Quang Ngai Province. The gallantry and devotion to duty of the men of the Reconnaissance Platoon, against numerically superior enemy forces, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States.

Following the reading of the General Order, General Creighton Abrams addressed those assembled. He said, "This is significant because so much of war depends on team work, on each member of the team, on each individual bearing his full share." Continuing, he said, "What this award means in the eyes of the United States Army is the same as it should mean for the individuals receiving it--the second highest individual award for bravery."

In the short ceremony General Abrams referred to all members of the Army, regardless of rank, as belonging to the long line of brave marching men who have made the Army what it is today. "I expect that the members of this platoon will carry on as those in 1968 did," concluded Gen. Abrams.

### JUNGLE WARRIOR

As the platoon began to close on the kill they saw black stripes covering a large object lying on the ground. "Right then, we knew this was no ordinary kill," said Sergeant Temple. Asked what he would have done if he had seen the tiger while he was setting out the claymores, Sergeant Temple replied, "I would have started running."

### "PUSSY KILLER"

Sergeant Leo Temple of Belville, Miss. has recently been given another nickname, "Pussy Killer" because it was his claymores that killed a tiger on 16 June 1970. The day before Sgt. Temple had killed another smaller cat and hence, deserves his present nickname. (Co. D)

I am that dreadful, blighting thing,  
Like ratholes to the flood.  
Like rust that gnaws the faultless blade  
Like microbes to the blood.

I know no mercy and no truth,  
The young I blight, the old I slay.  
Regret stalks darkly in my wake.  
And ignominy dogs my way.

Sometimes, in virtuous garb I rove,  
With facile talk of easier way;  
Seducing where I dare not rape  
Young manhood, from its honor's sway.

Again, in awesome guise I rush,  
Stupenduous, through the ranks of war.  
Turning to water, with my gaze,  
Hearts that, before, no foe could awe.

The maiden who has strayed from right,  
To me must pay the mead of shame.  
The patriot who betrays his trust,  
To me must own his tarnished name.

I spare no class, nor cult, nor creed,  
My course is endless through the year  
I bow all heads and break all hearts,  
All owe me homage--I am FEAR.

GEORGE S. PATTON JR.  
GEN. USA

### BRITISHER TURNS YANK

"accidentally" sprayed him with high pressure salt water while scrubbing the afterdeck.

Private Pooley's first trip to the United States was in 1961 and was followed by about fifty more. In 1965 he met a girl from Long Island, who was responsible for most of the return trips to New York.

In 1967 they were married and Private Pooley gave up his life at sea. His last six months at sea were on cruises from New York to Bermuda so that he could be in New York as much as possible.

He returned to England for a brief period to obtain immigration papers, and then settled down with his wife on Long Island within the New York City limits. Six Months after immigrating to the United States Pooley was required to register with his local board. Almost one year to the day of his immigration he found himself in the Army.

The Immigration Officer in the U.S. Embassy in London told him that there was only a small chance that he would be drafted. Pooley said that when he gets out of the Army he may go back and punch him in the nose, but Private Pooley isn't really sorry he took the chance that he would be drafted.

Private Pooley said that if he hadn't gotten married and settled down in New York, he probably would have ended up in New Zealand, where, "What they say about Sweden is really true."

Which would you have done?  
WRITTEN BY PFC LARRY HUBER

# VALOR AWARDS

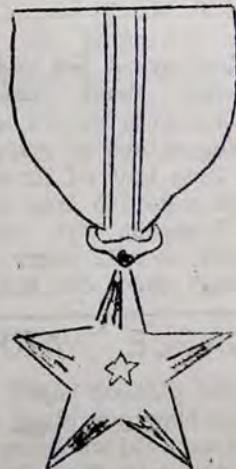
The following is a list of those individuals in the battalion who have recently received Valor Awards. They have distinguished themselves by valorous actions on the field of battle.

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11046, 24 AUGUST 1962, THE BRONZE STAR WITH "V" DEVICE HAS BEEN AWARDED TO: Sergeant Michael Borges, Private First Class Johnny Bethel, Private First Class George Caldwell, Specialist Four Leo Chadwell, Specialist Four Grover Cleveland, and Specialist Four John Dick.

Sergeant Michael Borges distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 2 March 1970 while serving as a Squad Leader with Company D, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was conducting routine combat operations near Nhon Loc when it was assaulted by a large enemy element. During the initial contact, several friendly soldiers were wounded and pinned down by fire. Ignoring the danger involved, Sergeant Borges repeatedly exposed himself to enemy rounds while directing the extraction of his fallen comrades. Spotting three friendly soldiers surrounded by insurgents, Sergeant Borges rushed toward their position and placed effective suppressive fire on several hostile soldiers, enabling his fellow soldiers to maneuver to a more secure area. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Borges remained exposed to the heavy volume of enemy fire while assisting several wounded men into MEDEVAC helicopters. Through his timely and courageous actions, Sergeant Borges was instrumental in thwarting the enemy attack and served as an inspiration to his entire unit.

Private First Class Johnny Bethel distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 2 March 1970 while serving as a Machinegunner with Company D, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was conducting a combat patrol in the vicinity of Tan Phu when it was assaulted by a large enemy force.

During the initial contact, part of the company sustained several casualties and became pinned down in an exposed area. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Bethel quickly maneuvered across the open terrain to a strategic position and began placing intense volumes of suppressive fire on the insurgents. Ignoring the dangers involved, he repeatedly exposed himself to the concentration of hostile fire, enabling his trapped comrades to move to a more tenable position.



Through his timely and courageous actions, Private Bethel was instrumental in thwarting the hostile assault.

Private First Class George Caldwell distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 2 March 1970 while serving as a Grenadier with Company D, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was conducting a combat patrol in the vicinity of Tan Phu when it was assaulted by a large enemy force. Realizing that the proximity of several friendly casualties to the hostile bunker complex precluded the use of his grenade launcher, Private Caldwell quickly maneuvered through the intense volume of enemy fire to a fallen comrade's position. Ignoring a painful wound inflicted by an enemy hand grenade, Private Caldwell picked up his fellow soldier and carried him out of the danger area. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he then returned to a strategic position thirty meters from the hostile emplacement and placed devastating volumes of suppressive fire on the insurgents. Through his timely and courageous actions, Private Caldwell was instrumental in saving the life of a fellow soldier and served as an inspiration to his entire unit.

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Specialist Four Leo Chadwell distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 2 March 1970 while serving with Company D, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was conducting a combat patrol in the vicinity of Tan Phu when it was assaulted by a large enemy force. Realizing that three friendly casualties lay in an exposed area, Specialist Chadwell unhesitatingly volunteered to recover his fallen comrades. Ignoring the danger involved, he maneuvered over the open terrain through intense volumes of enemy fire to the casualties' position. After neutralizing the enemy emplacement with devastating rifle fire, Specialist Chadwell picked up one of his fallen comrades and removed him to a secure area. Through his timely and courageous actions, he was instrumental in the successful recovery of his fellow soldiers and served as an inspiration to his entire unit.

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Specialist Four Grover Cleveland distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 2 March 1970 while serving with Company D, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was conducting a combat patrol in the vicinity of Tan Phu when it was assaulted by a large enemy force. Reacting immediately, Specialist Cleveland maneuvered through the intense volumes of hostile fire to an exposed area where several comrades lay wounded. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to the heavy volume of enemy fire while administering emergency first aid. When Specialist Cleveland became pinned down by the heavy concentration of hostile small arms and grenade fire, he quickly placed accurate bursts of suppressive fire onto the insurgents and neutralized their position. Through his timely and courageous actions, he was responsible for saving the lives of several fellow soldiers and served as an inspiration to his entire unit.

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Specialist Four John Dick distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 2 March 1970 while serving with Company D, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was conducting a combat patrol in the vicinity of Tan Phu when it was assaulted by a large enemy force. Maneuvering to a forward position, Specialist Dick volunteered to recover several fellow soldiers laying wounded in an exposed area. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he maneuvered through the concentration of hostile small arms and grenade fire towards the friendly casualties. Braving the heavy barrage of enemy fire, Specialist Dick picked up one of his fallen comrades and began carrying him to a secure area. As the volume of hostile fire increased, Specialist Dick utilized his weapon to engage the insurgents until he successfully silenced their position. Through his timely and courageous actions, he was instrumental in the success of the dangerous operation and 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: Private First  
Class Daniel Budde, Specialist Four James Eising, Private First Class Raymond  
Frost, Specialist Four Charles Kucera, Specialist Four Joseph Tulibaski, Private  
First Class Lee Scott and Private First Class Elmer Eide.

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Private First Class Daniel Budde distinguished himself by valorous actions on 2 March 1970 while serving with Company D, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the advance element of the company came under intense automatic weapons fire from a large enemy force. Seeing several friendly soldiers fall in the initial fire, Private Budde moved forward into the area of heaviest enemy concentration to provide protective fire for his comrades. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he remained in his vulnerable position, giving medical assistance to the friendly soldiers. With enemy fire impacting all around him, Private Budde helped evacuate the wounded men from the area. Through his timely actions, he was responsible for saving the lives of several men and was instrumental in the success of the mission.

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Specialist Four James Eising distinguished himself by valorous actions on 2 March 1970 while serving with Company D, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the advance element of Company D, came under intense automatic weapons fire from a large enemy force. Responding immediately to the urgency of the situation, Specialist Eising rushed forward from his relatively secure position to aid in the evacuation of the wounded. Repeatedly exposing himself to heavy concentrations of hostile fire, he secured the abandoned weapons and equipment left behind during the evacuation. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Specialist Eising continued to assist his comrades despite wounds received from enemy fragmentation grenades. Through his timely actions, he was able to save the lives of several friendly soldiers and was instrumental in the success of the operation.

## VALOR AWARDS

Private First Class Raymond Frost distinguished himself by valorous actions on 2 March 1970 while serving with Company D, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, an advance element of the company came under intense automatic weapons fire by a large enemy force near Tan Phu. Seeing several friendly soldiers fall in the initial fire, Private Frost immediately left his relatively secure position and rushed forward to assist the wounded men. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he maneuvered near his comrades and began putting out a solid base of protective fire. Despite the extreme vulnerability of his position, Private Frost engaged the enemy until the last of the wounded soldiers had been evacuated. Through his timely actions, he helped save the lives of several friendly soldiers and was instrumental in the success of the mission.

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Specialist Four Charles Kucera distinguished himself by valorous actions on 2 March 1970 while serving with Company D, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, an advance element of the company came under intense automatic weapons fire from a large enemy force near Tan Phu. Seeing several friendly soldiers fall in the initial firing, Specialist Kucera immediately left his relatively secure position and rushed forward to assist the wounded men. Repeatedly exposing himself to heavy concentrations of hostile fire, he aided in the prompt evacuation of the downed soldiers. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Specialist Kucera then returned to the battle area to secure weapons and equipment left behind during the evacuation. Despite being injured by an enemy fragmentation grenade, he continued to assist his comrades throughout the operation. Through his timely actions, he helped save the lives of several friendly soldiers and was instrumental in the success of the mission.

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Specialist Four Joseph Tulibaski distinguished himself by valorous actions on 2 March 1970 while serving with Company D, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the advance element of Company D came under intense automatic weapons fire by a large enemy force. Seeing several friendly soldiers fall in the initial fire Specialist Tulibaski rushed forward to assist the wounded men. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he advanced to within twenty meters of his comrades, where he began laying down a solid base of suppressive fire. Aiding in the evacuation of the men, Specialist Tulibaski remained in his highly vulnerable position until all the men had been safely removed. Ignoring the continued barrage of hostile fire, he then returned to his original defensive position. Through his timely actions, he was responsible for saving the lives of several friendly soldiers and was extremely instrumental to the success of the unit's mission.

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Private First Class Lee Scott distinguished himself by valorous actions on 2 March 1970 while serving as a machinegunner with Company D, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was conducting routine combat operations near Phon Loc village when its forward element was suddenly assaulted by a large enemy force. Responding immediately to the urgency of the situation, Private Scott rushed forward to the contact area and began to place heavy volume of suppressive fire on the enemy, enabling others to evacuate the casualties without further injury. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private Scott remained in his forward position until the last of the friendly soldiers had reached relatively secure positions. Through his timely actions, he was instrumental in saving the lives of several of his fellow soldiers and in the subsequent defeat of the enemy force.

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Private First Class Elmer Eide distinguished himself by valorous actions on 2 March 1970 while serving with Company D, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry. On that date, the company was conducting routine combat operations near Phon Loc village when the forward element was suddenly assaulted by a large enemy force. During the initial burst of fire, Private Eide saw several of his comrades fall wounded. Reacting immediately to the urgency of the situation, he rushed to the area of contact. Heedless of the danger to himself, Private Eide administered first aid to his wounded comrades and personally helped evacuate several of them. Observing his actions, the insurgents placed heavy volumes of suppressive fire onto his position but were unable to impede his movement. Although the firefight raged around him, he refused to leave the wounded until he had carried them to a relatively secure area. Through his timely actions, Private Eide was responsible for saving the lives of several friendly soldiers and was instrumental in the success of the mission.