

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION FOR VALOR & MERIT
(Submit in one copy)

THRU: Chief ACTIV APO 96243	TO: Commanding General USARV APO 96307	FROM: Chief Log/Comm Div, ACTIV APO 96243
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1. Recommend individual indicated be awarded:

SILVER STAR	LEGION OF MERIT
DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS	BRONZE STAR
SOLDIER'S MEDAL	AIR MEDAL
BRONZE STAR "V"	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL
AIR MEDAL "V"	X (Meritorious service) (Meritorious achievement)
ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL "V"	OAK LEAF CLUSTER (Indicate which cluster this award will be)

Sustained Operations (Air Medal only and attach USARV Form 131)

Personnel data on individual being recommended

2. DATE OF ACTION 27-30 July 1966	3. TIME	4. LOCATION OF ACTION Demilitarized Zone	5. PERIOD COVERED 27-30 July 1966
6. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MI Moulton Paul L.		7. SERVICE NUMBER RA 11 163 069	8. GRADE SFC E-7
9. BRANCH (PMOS if WO or EM Grade E7 - E9)	10. DEROS (Day-Month-Year) 3 Aug 1966	11. POSTHUMOUS YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	12. SERVICE HONORABLE SINCE ACT X YES NO If no attach Explanation
13. CURRENT ORGANIZATION U.S. Army Special Photo Det Pacific (6442) APO 96558		14. ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE U.S. Army Special Photo Detachment Pacific (6442) APO 96558	
15. PREVIOUS U. S. DECORATIONS (Army Commendation Medal or higher) (Do not include Combat Badges, Service ribbons or foreign decorations)			
DECORATION Unknown		DATES OF SERVICE RECOGNIZED	AUTHORITY

16. GENERAL SITUATION (Not applicable for Merit Award) Aerial surveillance of Demilitarized Zone during combat operations concurrent with Operation Hastings.
17. TERRAIN AND WEATHER (Not applicable for Merit Award) Mountainous and jungle terrain. Weather varied from clear and calm to partially obscured and moderate turbulence.
18. ENEMY CONDITIONS (Morale, proximity, fire observation, casualties, actions) Intelligence indicated the presence of two North Vietnamese Divisions and extensive anti-aircraft positions in the area of operation.
19. OTHERS RECOMMENDED FOR AN AWARD FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE SAME ACTION (Name and type award) (If a joint act all recommendations will be submitted at the same time) Colonel James L. Burke, Captain Edwin W. Bula and Captain Russell Ritchie
20. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES AND MISSION (Not applicable for Merit Award) Unknown

21. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (Describe in detail what the indiv did that warrants the special recognition afforded by a decoration. Use plain bond paper for continuation sheet if necessary)

SFC Paul L. Moulton, RA 11 163 069, distinguished himself by heroic and meritorious achievement while serving as photographer on six aerial surveillance missions in and south of the demilitarized zone at the 17th parallel. The mission objective was to photograph North Vietnam military activity within the demilitarized zone as evidence of North Vietnam violation of the Geneva Accords of 1954. SFC Moulton accompanied the delivery of a new high magnification camera system to the Army Concept Team in Vietnam from CONUS for the purpose of familiarizing personnel in ACTIV with the operation of the camera system. SFC Moulton arrived in country 23 July 1966, assembled the camera equipment 24 July 1966 and accompanied it on a test flight in the Saigon area. The aforementioned special intelligence mission originated at this time and since SFC Moulton was the sole photographer in Vietnam with sufficient knowledge concerning the operation of the camera system he was assigned as photographer for the mission. SFC Moulton performed his assigned task admirably. Repetative flights were made at dangerously low altitudes and airspeeds over extremely unfavorable enemy offensive positions. Despite the heavy artillery, mortar and anti-aircraft fires being conducted in the area he diligently concentrated on photographing the target areas pointed out to him. His courage combined with his professional skills and dedication to the mission were resultant in obtaining many photographs of North Vietnam military activity in the demilitarized zone. SFC Moulton's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.

22. EYEWITNESSES

Colonel James L. Burke, Captain Edwin W. Bula and Captain Russell Ritchie

23. INCLOSURES

24. INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION

Signature and date: _____

Name, Grade, and Position: JAMES L. BURKE
Colonel, SigC
Chief, Log/Comm Div

25. RECOMMENDATION OF THRU COMMAND:

Recommend: Approval Disapproval(Explain) Other (Explain)

Signature and date: _____

Name, Grade, and Position: MERRILL G. HATCH
Colonel, Artillery
Chief