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SUBJECT: After Action Report - Battle of Quang Tri

TO: Commanding Officer
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1. This report is submitted in compliance with 1st Bde, 1st Air Cav Div letter AVDAIR-SC, dtd 13 March 1968, Subject: After Action Report - Battle of Quang Tri.

2. The 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry participated in two significant contacts during the pursuit phase of the Battle of Quang Tri. Details concerning each contact are attached as inclosures 1 and 2. Details concerning personal acts of valor are attached as inclosure 3.

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- 3 Inclosures
1- Gia Dang III
2- Xa Dong
3- Acts of Valor

CONTACT AT GIA DANG III (YD4360)

1. ORGANIZATION

- A. MANEUVER ELEMENTS: A AND B CO, 1ST BATTALION 8TH CAVALRY.
- B. FIRE SUPPORT
 - (1) A BATTERY, 2ND BATTALION 19TH ARTILLERY (105MM)
 - (2) 5TH MARINE PROVISIONAL BATTERY (155MM/8IN)
 - (3) A BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION 30TH ARTILLERY (155MM)
 - (4) A BATTERY, 2ND BATTALION, 20TH ARTILLERY (ARA)
 - (5) D CO, 229TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER BATTALION
 - (6) USS MANLEY (NAVAL GUN FIRE)
 - (7) 11TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING
- C. AIR LIFT ELEMENTS:
 - (1) C CO, 229TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER BATTALION
 - (2) B CO, 228TH ASSAULT SUPPORT HELICOPTER BATTALION
- D. RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENTS:
 - (1) 1ST BRIGADE, 1ST AIR CAV DIV, AVIATION PLATOON.
 - (2) B TRP, 1ST BATTALION 9TH CAVALRY
- E. SECURITY ELEMENT: C CO, 1ST BATTALION, 8TH CAVALRY.

2. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: TO EXPLOIT INTELLIGENCE INDICATING PRESENCE OF AN NVA BATTALION AND POSSIBLY A REGIMENTAL CP AT GIA DANG III (YD4360), A TEMPORARY FIRE BASE WAS ESTABLISHED AND A TWO COMPANY COORDINATED AIRMOBILE RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE WAS PLANNED AND EXECUTED ON 16 FEBRUARY. THE RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FOLLOWED BY A TWO COMPANY COORDINATED ATTACK ON 17 FEBRUARY.

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRE BASE: AT 160601 FEBRUARY C CO MOVED BY LAND FROM A LOCATION AT YD405544 TO A LOCATION AT YD392544 TO PROVIDE FIRE BASE SECURITY FOR A BATTERY, 2ND BATTALION 19TH ARTILLERY. THE COMPANY CLOSED AND SECURED THE NEW BASE BY 0705H. DURING A DETAILED SEARCH OF THE SECURED AREA, C CO FOUND 3 CHI CON LMGS, 4 SKS CARBINES, 1 AK47 AND 3 ROCKET LAUNCHERS. A BATTERY'S AIR MOVE BY CH47 WAS CONDUCTED BY 0900H, AND THE BATTERY WAS LAID AND READY TO FIRE BY 0930H.

B. AIRMOBILE RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE: A AND B COS, 1ST BATTALION 8TH CAVALRY WERE COMBAT ASSAULTED AT 1000H AND 1042H RESPECTIVELY. ALTHOUGH BOTH LZ'S WERE GREEN, ARA RECEIVED FIRE AND SUSTAINED ONE CASUALTY OVER GIA DANG III, ONE KILOMETER TO THE NORTH OF THE LZ. IMMEDIATE RECONNAISSANCE OF THAT AREA BY SCOUT SHIPS REVEALED NO ENEMY LOCATIONS. A AND B COS LINKED UP, DISPOSED ABREAST AND SWEEPED THROUGH GIA DANG II TO THE NE. NEGATIVE ENEMY SIGHTINGS WERE MADE. AT THIS JUNCTURE, SCOUT SHIPS WERE

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called back on station to assess further enemy activity in the area. At 1203H the scouts reported sighting one active enemy bunker at GIA DANG III. The Battalion Command and Control ship proceeded on station, and the artillery liaison officer called in 180 mixed 105MM and 8 inch artillery rounds. B Co was committed along the coast to the NW to assess the artillery concentrations and continue the reconnaissance mission. At 1410H lead security elements advanced to within 50 meters of the bunker complex and came under intense automatic weapons fire. The element immediately sustained nine casualties and the entire company was pinned down. Tube artillery was again called into the area and ARA called on station. Tube artillery was lifted and ARA was called in against the well defined, linear bunker complex. On long final, the ARA ship received heavy anti-aircraft (.50 cal) fire, sustained one casualty and was required to break for med-evac. Sustained tube artillery was adjusted to within 50 meters of friendly positions, and initial extraction of the security elements commenced. These efforts were deterred by enemy 60MM mortar fire. A Co, committed to B Co's left flank, brought A1 and M79 fire on suspected enemy mortar locations. This maneuver supported by additional tube artillery silenced the enemy mortars and allowed the final extraction of the pinned down elements. A PZ already prepared and secured during A Co's flanking maneuver, accommodated immediate evacuation of the wounded and a resupply of ammunition. One air strike and additional tube artillery was placed in the contact area as A and B Cos redeployed into a night defensive perimeter. Heavy H&I fires, to hold the enemy in place, were concentrated in the area during the night of 16 February.

On 171000H February, under the protective umbrella of two ARA GS concentrations, sandwiched between two 10 minute artillery and naval gun TOT's, A and B Companies deployed abreast and jumped off in the attack. Within two hours GIA DANG III was secured without resistance. Police of the battle area turned up 20 enemy dead, 3SKS rifles, 3AK 47 rifles, 1 RPD IMC, 1 60MM mortar tube; rifle, machine gun and mortar rounds; and assorted military equipment and medical supplies. During the action, 1st BDE scouts reported destroying one .50 cal. HMG, and the 1/9th Scouts reported observing one other .50 cal. HMG that had been destroyed.

CONTACT AT XA DONG (VD3954)

1. ORGANIZATION

- A. MANEUVER ELEMENTS: C Co 1/8TH CAV.
- B. FIRE SUPPORT ELEMENTS:
 - (1) A BATTERY, 2ND BATTALION 19TH ARTILLERY (105MM)
 - (2) B BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION 77TH ARTILLERY (105MM)
 - (3) B BATTERY, 1ST BATTALION 30TH ARTILLERY (155MM)
- C. AIR LIFT ELEMENTS:
 - (1) RESUPPLY, B Co 229TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER BATTALION
 - (2) MEDEVAC, 15TH MED DET, 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION
 - (3) FLARE SHIPS, B Co 229TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER BATTALION

2. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: C Co, WHILE STILL DEPLOYED IN DEFENSIVE POSTURE AT XA DONG (VD392544) (SEE INCL 1), WAS ATTACKED BY AN ESTIMATED NVA BN ON 180107 FEB. THE ATTACK HAD BEEN FORECASTED BY AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT RECEIVED DURING THE EARLY EVENING 17 FEB, AND THE COMPANY ACCORDINGLY STIFFENED THEIR DEFENSES AND COMMITTED ADDITIONAL OP'S. THE ATTACK, SCHEDULED FOR 0200, WAS TRIGGERED PREMATURELY AT 0107 BY AN OP VIC VD392544. THE COMPANY, DIRECTED BY THE BN CO TO BE ON 100% ALERT AS OF 0100, IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED WITH OVERWHELMING ORGANIC AND INORGANIC FIRES, PULLING IN THE COMPROMISED OP. THE 40 NVA TROOPS, COMPRISING THE ENEMY'S INITIAL GROUND ATTACK ECHELON, WAS SENT REELING BACK IN DISORDER. AT 0130 HEAVY ENEMY MORTAR AND B40 ROCKETS SATURATED THE COMPANY'S DEFENSIVE AREA. INCLEMENT WEATHER PRECLUDING USE OF ARA, THREE ARTILLERY BATTERIES MASSES FIRES ON SUSPECTED ENEMY LOCATIONS. ENEMY FIRES WERE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED, RESUMING AGAIN AT 0152 HOURS. THESE ENEMY FIRES WERE COMPLEMENTED WITH TWO GROUND ATTACKS FROM THE WEST AND NORTHWEST OF THE PERIMETER. AT THIS JUNCTURE, THE COMPANY FIRED ITS FINAL PROTECTIVE FIRES, AND ALL 3 SUPPORTING BATTERIES FIRED AN AWESOME BARRIER OF STEEL AROUND THE COMPANY'S POSITION. PLASTER FROM BUILDINGS WITHIN THE PERIMETER, CHIPPED BY FRIENDLY FIRES, RAINED DOWN ON THE DEFENDERS' HEADS. EASILY THE TURNING POINT OF THE ATTACK, THE NVA ELEMENTS WERE AGAIN SENT REELING BACK INTO PROTECTIVE IRRIGATION DIKES 100 TO 200 METERS FROM THE PERIMETER. MEDEVAC AND RESUPPLY MISSIONS WERE ACCOMPLISHED UNDER SPORATIC AW FIRE, AS THE COMPANY REORGANIZED AND CONSOLIDATED ITS POSITION, PREPARING FOR THE NEXT ATTACK. IT DID NOT COME! ALTHOUGH MOUNTING SEVERAL MORE SPORATIC AND INEFFECTIVE ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACKS AND ONE ADDITIONAL GROUND PROBE FROM THE EAST, THE ENEMY'S BACK WAS BROKEN, AND HE RETREATED, DRAGGING HIS DEAD AND WOUNDED WITH HIM. POLICE OF THE BATTLE AREA THE NEXT DAY REVEALED 8 NVA KIA, 6 AK47'S, NUMEROUS SATCHEL CHARGES, 35 GRENADES, LARGE QUANTITIES OF B40 RL, AK AND IMG AMMUNITION, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AND ASSORTED NVA EQUIPMENT. NUMEROUS BLOOD POOLS AND DRAG MARKS INDICATED LARGE NUMBERS OF NVA KIA HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED

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AWAY. SHALLOW GRAVES DISCOVERED IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK VERIFIED THIS INDICATION. OF CURIOUS NOTE, ONE OF THE NVA KIA WAS FOUND IN A SITTING POSITION, NOTEBOOK AND PENCIL IN HAND. DOCUMENT READOUTS INDICATED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE COMPANY COMMANDER OF ONE OF THE ATTACKING INFANTRY ELEMENTS, AND HE HAD BEEN TAKING NOTES OF THE BATTLE FROM A POSITION WITHIN 20 METERS OF THE DEFENSIVE PERIMETER.



By direction of the President

THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL
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Is presented to

SPECIALIST FOUR DAVID J. BOWMAN

United States Army

For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Four Bowman distinguished himself by heroism in action on 16 February 1968, while serving as a rifleman with Company B, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 8th Cavalry during a combat mission in Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam. When his unit became heavily engaged with a large enemy force, Specialist Bowman volunteered to move forward as a radio-telephone operator. Disregarding his own safety, Specialist Bowman continually exposed himself to the hostile fire to insure that communications were maintained within his unit. His display of personal bravery and devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

P R O P O S E D C I T A T I O N

FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SORENSON DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A MACHINGUNNER DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. AS HIS UNIT WAS ADVANCING TOWARD A SERIES OF WELL DUB IN HOSTILE POSITIONS IT CAME UNDER INTENSE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. ACTING IMMEDIATELY, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SORENSON BEGAN TO RETURN THE FIRE. ALTHOUGH HE IMMEDIATELY CAME UNDER EXTREMELY HEAVY FIRE HE CONTINUED TO STAND HIS GROUND AND PLACED HIS FIRE SO EFFECTIVELY THAT HIS UNIT WAS ABLE TO ADVANCE AND SECURE THE FLANK. IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS ACTION HE WAS STRUCK AND MORTALLY WOUNDED BY THE ENEMY FIRE. HIS HEROIC ACTION WAS AN INSPIRATION TO HIS ENTIRE UNIT AND CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF HIS UNIT'S MISSION. HIS COURAGE AND STEADFAST DEVOTION TO DUTY AT THE COST OF HIS OWN LIFE STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

P R O P O S E D C I T A T I O N

FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE. SPECIALIST HALL DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A SQUAD LEADER DURING OPERATIONS NEAR THON GIA DONG. DURING ACTION AGAINST A WELL DUG IN NORTH VIETNAMESE COMPANY IT WAS THE MISSION OF SPECIALIST HALL'S SQUAD TO PROVIDE FIRE SUPPORT FOR A PINNED DOWN PLATOON AND ALSO TO MARK THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE COMPANY'S POSITION WITH SMOKE GRENADES TO ALLOW ARTILLERY AND AERIAL ROCKET ARTILLERY TO STRIKE AT THE ENEMY POSITIONS WITHOUT HITTING THE FRIENDLY FORCES. HE LED HIS SQUAD ACROSS AN OPEN BEACH AREA UNDER HEAVY FIRE TO ITS ASSIGNED POSITION. WHEN THE SUPPLY OF SMOKE GRENADES RAN OUT SPECIALIST HALL, REALIZING THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF HIS MISSION, UNHESITATINGLY, AND WITHOUT REGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, RAN BACK ACROSS THE BEACH UNDER HEAVY FIRE TO GET A RESUPPLY OF SMOKE GRENADES. AFTER DOING THIS HE AGAIN BRAVED THE HOSTILE FIRE TO RETURN TO HIS POSITION. HIS COURAGEOUS ACTION WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN SAVING FRIENDLY LIVES AND CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE MISSION. SPECIALIST HALL'S HEROIC ACTIONS STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

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FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE, SERGEANT PINCURA DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A SQUAD LEADER DURING OPERATIONS NEAR THON GIA DONG. AS HIS UNIT WAS MOVING THROUGH A WOODED AREA IT CAME UNDER INTENSE FIRE FROM A FORCE OF WELL ENTRENCHED NORTH VIETNAMESE REGULARS. IN THE INITIAL STAGE OF THE ACTION SERGEANT PINCURA'S PLATOON LEADER WAS FATALLY WOUNDED, LEAVING HIM IN CHARGE OF THE PLATOON. IMMEDIATELY TAKING CHARGE, SERGEANT PINCURA REALIZED THE NECESSITY OF POSITIONING HIS MEN AND PROVIDING COVER FOR THE EVACUATION OF THE CASUALTIES. WITHOUT REGARD FOR HIS OWN SAFETY HE BRAVED THE HOSTILE FIRE TO PLACE HIS MEN AT STRATEGIC POSITIONS TO PROVIDE COVER FOR THE WOUNDED. FREQUENTLY EXPOSING HIMSELF COMPLETELY TO THE HOSTILE FIRE, HE MANEUVERED HIS MEN AND THEN TOOK UP A POSITION HIMSELF. HIS DETERMINED LEADERSHIP AND PERSONAL FORTITUDE WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SMOOTH EVACUATION OF THE WOUNDED. HIS HEROIC ACTS STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

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FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE. SERGEANT CHAMPINE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A SQUAD LEADER DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. AS HIS UNIT WAS MOVING THROUGH A SMALL VILLAGE IT CAME UNDER HEAVY ENEMY FIRE. THE PLATOON LEADER OF SERGEANT CHAMPINE'S PLATOON WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED IN THE INITIAL STAGE OF THE CONFLICT, LEAVING HIM IN COMMAND. IMMEDIATELY TAKING OVER THE DISORGANIZED PLATOON HE MANEUVERED THEM SKILLFULLY AND SET UP A BASE OF FIRE AGAINST THE HOSTILE POSITIONS. NEXT, REALIZING THAT THERE WERE WOUNDED MEMBERS OF HIS UNIT STILL EXPOSED TO THE HOSTILE FIRE, HE PERSONALLY MOVED FORWARD TO ASSIST THEM. UNDER ENEMY FIRE HE COMPLETELY DISREGARDED HIS PERSONAL SAFETY AND MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO THE FOREMOST ELEMENT TO ASSIST THE WOUNDED AND HELP THEM TO THE REAR FOR EVACUATION. SERGEANT CHAMPINE'S OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND PERSONAL COURAGE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF HIS UNIT AND SAVED THE LIVES OF SEVERAL OF HIS COMRADES. HIS HEROIC ACTIONS WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

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FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE. STAFF SERGEANT MORRIS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A PLATOON SERGEANT DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. AS HE WAS LEADING HIS PLATOON TOWARD A SERIES OF WELL DUC IN HOSTILE POSITIONS, STAFF SERGEANT MORRIS' UNIT CAME UNDER INTENSE ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. MOST OF THE MEN IN HIS PLATOON CONVERGED TOWARD THE LEFT TO TAKE COVER. NOTING THIS, HE IMMEDIATELY SENT A SQUAD TO PROVIDE SECURITY ON THE RIGHT FLANK. AS THE SQUAD MOVED OUT THREE OF THE MEN WERE WOUNDED BY THE ENEMY FIRE. AT THIS TIME, WITH UTTER DISREGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, STAFF SERGEANT MORRIS RAN TOWARD THE POSITION OF THE WOUNDED MEN IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE COVERING FIRE. AS HE DID SO HE WAS STRUCK AND MORTALLY WOUNDED BY THE ENEMY FIRE. HIS COURAGEOUS ACTION SERVED AS AN INSPIRATION TO THE REST OF HIS UNIT AND SUBSEQUENTLY MORE OF HIS COMRADES BRAVED THE HOSTILE FIRE AND RECOVERED THE BODIES OF THE WOUNDED MEN. STAFF SERGEANT MORRIS' HEROIC ACTION, PERFORMED AT THE COST OF HIS OWN LIFE, STANDS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

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FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SEVERINO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A RIFLEMAN DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. AS HIS UNIT WAS ADVANCING TOWARD A SERIES OF WELL DUG IN HOSTILE POSITIONS IT CAME UNDER INTENSE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. ACTING IMMEDIATELY, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SEVERINO BEGAN TO RETURN THE FIRE. ALTHOUGH HE IMMEDIATELY CAME UNDER EXTREMELY HEAVY FIRE HE CONTINUED TO STAND HIS GROUND AND PLACED HIS FIRE SO EFFECTIVELY THAT HIS UNIT WAS ABLE TO ADVANCE AND SECURE THE FLANK. IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS ACTION HE WAS STRUCK AND MORTALLY WOUNDED BY THE ENEMY FIRE. HIS HEROIC ACTION WAS AN INSPIRATION TO HIS ENTIRE UNIT AND CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF HIS UNIT'S MISSION. HIS COURAGE AND STEADFAST DEVOTION TO DUTY AT THE COST OF HIS OWN LIFE STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

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FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CAPOZZI DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A RIFLEMAN DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. AS HIS PLATOON WAS ADVANCING TOWARD THE HOSTILE POSITIONS IT CAME UNDER INTENSE ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. HIS SQUAD WAS SENT OUT TO PROVIDE FLANK SECURITY FOR THE REST OF THE UNIT. WITHOUT HESITATION HE MOVED TOWARD THE HOSTILE POSITIONS, LAYING DOWN A HEAVY BASE OF FIRE AS HE WENT. WHEN THE SQUAD'S MOVEMENT WAS HALTED BY THE INTENSITY OF THE ENEMY FIRE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CAPOZZI CONTINUED TO EXPOSE HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY AND KEEP UP HIS RATE OF FIRE, EVEN THOUGH A HOSTILE POSITION WAS ONLY A FEW METERS AWAY. AT THIS POINT HE WAS STRUCK AND FATALLY WOUNDED BY THE ENEMY FIRE. HIS HEROIC ACTION WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ALLOWING THE REST OF HIS UNIT TO ESCAPE THE WITHERING HOSTILE FIRE. HIS COURAGE AND STEADFAST DEVOTION TO DUTY STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

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FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE. SPECIALIST KRAFT DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A SQUAD LEADER DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. WHEN HIS UNIT CAME UNDER HEAVY ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE ONE OF THE PLATOONS LOST RADIO CONTACT WITH THE REST OF THE UNIT AND WAS CUT OFF. IMMEDIATELY SPECIALIST KRAFT, WHO WAS IN THE REAR, RAN FORWARD THROUGH THE ENEMY FIRE TO TAKE CHARGE OF ONE OF THE CUT OFF SQUADS. HE IMMEDIATELY TOOK CHARGE OF THE DISORGANIZED BODY OF MEN AND SOON HAD THEM UNDER COMPLETE CONTROL AND RETURNING FIRE AT THE ENEMY POSITIONS. HE CONTINUED TO LEAD THE SQUAD UNDER FIRE THE REST OF THE CONTACT. HIS COURAGEOUS ADVANCE THROUGH THE ENEMY FIRE AND QUICK GRASP OF THE SITUATION WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR TURNING A DISORGANIZED GROUP INTO A FIGHTING ELEMENT AT A CRUCIAL TIME. SPECIALIST KRAFT'S HEROIC ACTIONS STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

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FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE. SERGEANT LYNCH DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A SQUAD LEADER DURING OPERATIONS NEAR THON GIA DONG. DURING AN ENGAGEMENT WITH A COMPANY SIZE FORCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE REGULAR TROOPS SERGEANT LYNCH'S UNIT SUSTAINED SEVERAL CASUALTIES FROM HEAVY HOSTILE FIRE. WITH UTTER DISREGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY SERGEANT LYNCH MOVED ACROSS AN OPEN RICE PADDY UNDER INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE TO REACH THE SIDE OF SEVERAL OF HIS WOUNDED COMRADES. ALTHOUGH ENEMY POSITIONS WERE FIRING AT HIM FROM ONLY FORTY METERS AWAY, HE CONTINUED TO ASSIST THE WOUNDED. AS HE WAS CARRYING ONE OF THE CASUALTIES TO SAFETY HE WAS HIMSELF WOUNDED BY A BURST OF ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. IGNORING HIS PAINFUL WOUND HE CONTINUED TO HELP HIS WOUNDED COMRADE AND SUCCEEDED IN TAKING HIM TO SAFETY. HE REFUSED MEDICAL TREATMENT UNTIL THE REST OF THE WOUNDED HAD BEEN CARED FOR. HIS COURAGEOUS ACTIONS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF SEVERAL OF HIS COMRADES AND SERVED AS AN INSPIRATION TO HIS ENTIRE UNIT. SERGEANT LYNCH'S PERSONAL HEROISM AND DEVOTION TO DUTY STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

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FOR CALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE. SPECIALIST ANDERSON DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS AN ARTILLERY FORWARD OBSERVER DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. DURING THIS ACTION ONE PLATOON CAME UNDER INTENSE ENEMY FIRE AND WAS UNABLE TO MOVE. DISREGARDING THE SERIOUS CASUALTIES WHICH THE PLATOON HAD SUFFERED, SPECIALIST ANDERSON WENT OUT THROUGH THE HOSTILE FIRE TO ADJUST ARTILLERY ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS. ALTHOUGH CONTINUOUSLY EXPOSED TO INTENSE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, HE STOOD HIS GROUND AND CONTINUED TO BRING IN ARTILLERY FIRE IN AN EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE MANNER. HIS COURAGEOUS ACTION AND DISREGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR INFLECTING CASUALTIES ON THE ENEMY FORCE AND ALLOWING THE FRIENDLY TROOPS TO ADVANCE MORE RAPIDLY. HIS HEROIC ACTIONS STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY

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FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE. LIEUTENANT BLEVINS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A PLATOON LEADER DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. AS HE WAS LEADING HIS PLATOON THROUGH A SMALL VILLAGE TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS WERE DISCOVERED HIDING IN A BUNKER. UPON CONFIRMATION, ONE OF THEM CAME OUT AS IF TO SURRENDER BUT INSTEAD BEGAN TO THROW TWO HAND GRENADES. REACTING TO THE SITUATION IMMEDIATELY, LIEUTENANT BLEVINS RAN STRAIGHT AT THE MAN AND SIZED HIS HANDS, PREVENTING HIM FROM HURLING THE GRENADES. HE THEN THREW THE ENEMY SOLDIER TO THE GROUND, CAUSING THE GRENADES TO GO OFF AND BE ABSORBED INTO THE MAN'S BODY. MOMENTS LATER, WHEN ANOTHER PLATOON WAS PINNED DOWN BY INTENSE ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, LIEUTENANT BLEVINS AGAIN EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY AND PERSONALLY LED HIS MEN TO ASSIST THE BELEAGUERED ELEMENT. HE CONSISTANTLY EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE TO DIRECT THE MOVEMENT OF HIS PLATOON. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, WITH COMPLETE DIS REGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, HE AGAIN BRAVED THE ENEMY FIRE TO ASSIST THE WOUNDED PERSONNEL TO POSITIONS OF SAFETY. THROUGHOUT THE DAY HIS COURAGEOUS ACTS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING MANY FRIENDLY LIVES AND CONTRIBUTED IMMEASURABLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE MISSION. HIS PERSONAL HEROISM AND DEVOTION TO DUTY STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

P R O P O S E D C I T A T I O N

FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE. SPECIALIST GLYNN DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A MEDICAL AIDMAN DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. WHEN HIS PLATOON WAS PINNED DOWN BY INTENSE ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE SPECIALIST GLYNN UNHESITATINGLY RAN ACROSS EIGHTY METERS OF OPEN AREA TO ATTEND TO HIS WOUNDED COMRADES. ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS HE CRAWLED THROUGH HEAVY FIRE AND DRAGGED WOUNDED MEN BACK TO SAFETY. IN ONE INSTANCE, WHILE HE WAS TREATING ONE OF THE WOUNDED, HE CAME UNDER FIRE BY A NEARBY ENEMY SOLDIER. IMMEDIATELY HE PICKED UP AN M-16 RIFLE AND KILLED THE HOSTILE SOLDIER. AFTER THIS HE CONTINUED TO EXPOSE HIMSELF TO GIVE AID TO THE WOUNDED. HIS HEROIC ACTIONS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING THE LIVES OF SEVERAL OF HIS COMRADES AND SERVED AS AN INSPIRATION TO HIS ENTIRE UNIT. HIS OUTSTANDING COURAGE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

P R O P O S E D C I T A T I O N

FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE. SPECIALIST MEDEL DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A MACHINEGUNNER DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. WHEN OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS PLATOON HAD KILLED TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS HIDING IN A BUNKER SPECIALIST MEDEL DETECTED ANOTHER ENEMY SOLDIER FLEEING THE AREA AND KILLED HIM. SHORTLY AFTERWARD, WHEN ANOTHER PLATOON IN HIS COMPANY WAS PINNED DOWN BY INTENSE HOSTILE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, HE RAN ACROSS AN OPEN AREA TO PROVIDE COVER FOR THE BELEAGUERED ELEMENT. AS HE RAN HE WOULD FREQUENTLY STOP AND, STILL EXPOSED TO THE ENEMY FIRE, FIRE LONG BURSTS OF MACHINEGUN FIRE AT THE ENEMY POSITIONS. HE TOOK COVER BEHIND A RISE ONLY THIRTY METERS FROM THE HOSTILE POSITIONS AND CONTINUED TO EXPOSE HIMSELF IN ORDER TO COVER THE PLATOON. HIS COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY WAS AN INVALUABLE FACTOR IN THE ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF HIS UNIT'S MISSION. HIS HEROIC ACTION STANDS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

P R O P O S E D C I T A T I O N

FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS
AGAINST AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE. FIRST SERGEANT POWELL DISTINGUISHED
HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS FIRST SERGEANT ON A COMBAT
OPERATION IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. WHILE MOVING THROUGH HOSTILE TERRITORY
THE LEAD ELEMENT OF FIRST SERGEANT POWELL'S COMPANY CAME UNDER INTENSE
ENEMY FIRE AND WAS PINNED DOWN, SUFFERING SEVERAL CASUALTIES. IMMED-
IATELY, AND WITHOUT REGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, FIRST SERGEANT
POWELL RUSHED FORWARD THROUGH THE HEAVY FIRE TO ASSIST THE WOUNDED.
HE EXPOSED HIMSELF COMPLETELY TO THE ENEMY FIRE TO GIVE FIRST AID TO
THE WOUNDED AND MOVE THEM TO SAFETY. ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS HE RAN FROM
POSITION TO POSITION TO SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL WOUNDED AND REORGANIZE
THE DEFENSE OF THE PINNED DOWN ELEMENT. HIS PERSONAL COURAGE AND LEAD-
ERSHIP WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAVING SEVERAL LIVES AND MAINTAINED THE UNIT
AS AN EFFECTIVE FIGHTING FORCE. FIRST SERGEANT POWELL'S HEROIC ACTIONS
STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND
REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

P R O P O S E D C I T A T I O N

FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE. SPECIALIST MARTIN DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 16 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A MEDICAL AIDMAN DURING A MILITARY OPERATION IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. WHEN HIS UNIT CAME UNDER INTENSE ENEMY FIRE AND SUFFERED NUMEROUS CASUALTIES, SPECIALIST MARTIN IMMEDIATELY MOVED OUT FROM HIS SECURE POSITION TO AID THE WOUNDED. HE RAN TO THE VERY FRONT OF THE FRIENDLY POSITION THROUGH THE HEAVY FIRE TO REACH HIS WOUNDED COMRADES. WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY HE REMAINED COMPLETELY EXPOSED TO THE HOSTILE FIRE UNTIL HE HAD CARED FOR FOUR OF THE WOUNDED. HE THEN PERSONALLY HELPED TO CARRY SEVERAL OF THEM BACK THROUGH THE HOSTILE FIRE FOR EVACUATION. HIS COURAGEOUS ACTION AND CONCERN FOR HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS SAVED THE LIVES OF SEVERAL AND SERVED AS AN INSPIRATION TO HIS ENTIRE UNIT. SPECIALIST MARTIN'S HEROIC ACTIONS STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

P R O P O S E D C I T A T I O N

FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE. CAPTAIN POOR DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 18 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A COMPANY COMMANDER DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. EARLY IN THE MORNING OF THAT DAY CAPTAIN POOR'S COMPANY CAME UNDER AN INTENSE ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACK FROM A FORCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE REGULARS. DURING THIS ATTACK CAPTAIN POOR IMMEDIATELY TOOK CONTROL OF THE SITUATION AND THROUGH HIS PERSONAL COURAGE AND DY AMIC LEADERSHIP SUCCEEDED IN REPELLING THE ENEMY OFFENSIVE. AFTER CALLING IN ARTILLERY ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS HE PERSONALLY DIRECTED THE DEFENSE OF HIS COMPANY'S POSITION DURING THE SUBSEQUENT ENEMY GROUND ATTACK. HE CONTINUALLY EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY FIRE TO DIRECT HIS MEN AND KEEP HIS LEADERS INFORMED OF THE SITUATION. THROUGH HIS PERSONAL HEROISM AND CALM LEADERSHIP THE HOSTILE FORCES WERE DRIVEN BACK WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES. CAPTAIN POOR'S GALLANTRY IN ACTION STANDS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

P R O P O S E D C I T A T I O N

FOR CALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BRATCHER DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 18 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A RECOILLESS RIFLEMAN DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. WHILE ON GUARD NEAR HIS COMPANY'S POSITION PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BRATCHER WAS OPERATING A 90MM RECOILLESS RIFLE WHEN AN INTENSE ENEMY ROCKET AND MORTAR BARRAGE STARTED. DURING THE INITIAL PERIOD OF THE ATTACK HE SPOTTED ONE OF THE HOSTILE MORTAR POSITIONS. STANDING HIS GROUND AMID THE INTENSE FIRE HE OPENED FIRE ON THE ENEMY POSITION AND KNOCKED IT OUT. AT THIS POINT HE DETECTED AN ENEMY ROCKET POSITION. EXPOSING HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY HE AGAIN FIRED AND ELIMINATED THE SECOND HOSTILE POSITION. HIS POSITION WAS THEN HIT BY A ROCKET AND HE WAS FATALLY WOUNDED. HIS COURAGEOUS PERFORMANCE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ELIMINATING TWO HOSTILE POSITIONS AND SAVED HIS UNIT FROM SUFFERING NUMEROUS CASUALTIES. HIS HEROIC ACTIONS AND STEADFAST DEVOTION TO DUTY STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

P R O P O S E D C I T A T I O N

FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE. SPECIALIST GREEN DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 18 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A MACHINEGUNNER DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. WHEN HIS COMPANY'S POSITION CAME UNDER AN INTENSE ENEMY ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACK SPECIALIST GREEN WAS MANNING A MACHINEGUN AND IMMEDIATELY RETURNED FIRE. EXPOSING HIMSELF CONSTANTLY TO THE ENEMY FIRE HE CONTINUED TO TAKE THE HOSTILE POSITIONS UNDER FIRE. WITH GREAT ACCURACY AND WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY HE SUCCEEDED IN KNOCKING OUT TWO OF THE ENEMY POSITIONS. AS HE CONTINUED TO STAND HIS GROUND AGAINST THE ENEMY A MORTAR ROUND EXPLODED NEXT TO HIS POSITION AND FORTALLY WOUNDED HIM. THROUGH HIS COURAGE SPECIALIST GREEN'S COMPANY WAS ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE ENEMY ASSAULT. HIS HEROIC ACTIONS AND STEADFAST DEVOTION TO DUTY STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

P R O P O S E D C I T A T I O N

FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE. SERGEANT MC COLLUM DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY VALOROUS ACTIONS ON 18 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A SQUAD LEADER DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. ON THE NIGHT OF THAT DATE SERGEANT MC COLLUM'S COMPANY CAME UNDER AN INTENSE ATTACK BY ROCKETS AND MORTAR ROUNDS. DURING THE ATTACK HE CONTINUALLY LEFT HIMSELF COMPLETELY EXPOSED TO THE HOSTILE FIRE AS HE LEFT HIS OWN POSITION TO CHECK THE POSITIONS OF THE MEN IN HIS SQUAD. DURING ONE PARTICULARLY CRUCIAL PHASE OF THE ENEMY ATTACK ONE OF THE MACHINEGUNS ATTACHED TO HIS SQUAD CEASED TO FIRE. WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY HE RAN ACROSS AN OPEN AREA TO THE MACHINEGUN POSITION UNDER INTENSE ENEMY FIRE AND GOT IN BACK INTO THE ACTION. WHILE RETURNING TO HIS OWN POSITION HE RECEIVED WOUNDS FROM AN ENEMY ROCKET THAT ULTIMATELY PROVED FATAL. HIS HEROIC ACTION WAS OF IMMEASURABLE VALUE TO THE SUCCESSFUL DEFENSE OF HIS COMPANY'S POSITION. SERGEANT MC COLLUM'S COURAGE AND STEADFAST DEVOTION TO DUTY AT THE COST OF HIS OWN LIFE STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

PROPOSED CITATION

FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS TURNBULL DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 18 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A RECOILLESS RIFLEMAN DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS TURNBULL'S COMPANY CAME UNDER AN INTENSE ENEMY ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACK WHILE HE WAS MANNING A 90MM RECOILLESS RIFLE. IMMEDIATELY HE BEGAN TO RETURN FIRE AT THE HOSTILE POSITIONS. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS TURNBULL CONTINUALLY EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY IN ORDER TO POINT OUT ENEMY POSITIONS. WHEN AMMUNITION RAN LOW HE LEFT HIS POSITION AND RAN ACROSS AN OPEN AREA TO SECURE A RESUPPLY. WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY HE EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE AND BROUGHT BACK THE MUCH NEEDED AMMUNITION. SHORTLY THEREAFTER HIS POSITION WAS HIT BY AN ENEMY ROCKET ROUND AND HE WAS FATALLY WOUNDED. HIS COURAGEOUS ACTIONS WERE INVALUABLE FACTORS IN THE DEFENSE OF THE FRIENDLY POSITION, ALLOWING THE ENEMY ATTACK TO BE REPELLED EVEN AT THE COST OF HIS OWN LIFE. HIS HEROISM AND STEADFAST DEVOTION TO DUTY STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

P R O P O S E D C I T A T I O N

FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE. FIRST SERGEANT FISHER DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 18 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A FIRST SERGEANT DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF THAT DATE FIRST SERGEANT FISHER'S COMPANY CAME UNDER AN INTENSE ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACK BY AN ESTIMATED TWO BATTALION SIZE FORCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE REGULARS. DURING THIS ATTACK AND THE SUBSEQUENT GROUND ATTACK FIRST SERGEANT FISHER CONTINUALLY EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE INTENSE ENEMY FIRE TO MOVE SEVERAL WOUNDED MEN TO SAFETY. HE AGAIN EXPOSED HIMSELF WITHOUT REGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY TO PERSONALLY SUPERVISE THE EVACUATION OF THE WOUNDED. WHEN AN EMERGENCY RESUPPLY OF AMMUNITION CAME IN HE ONCE MORE EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY TO PERSONALLY UNLOAD AND DISTRIBUTE THE AMMUNITION. DURING THE HOSTILE GROUND ATTACK HE CHOSE TO LEAVE THE RELATIVE SECURITY OF THE COMPANY COMMAND POST IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE LEADERS OF AN EMBATTLED PLATOON. THROUGHOUT THE ACTION HIS COURAGEOUS ACTS WERE AN INSPIRATION TO THE MEN OF HIS UNIT AND CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESSFUL REPULSION OF THE HOSTILE ATTACK. HIS PERSONAL COURAGE, OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND STEADFAST DEVOTION TO DUTY STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

P R O P O S E D C I T A T I O N

FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE. LIEUTENANT PARRAMORE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 18 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS AN ARTILLERY FORWARD OBSERVER DURING OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. ON THAT DATE LIEUTENANT PARRAMORE'S UNIT CAME UNDER A SAVAGE MORTAR AND ROCKET ATTACK BY A LARGE FORCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE REGULARS. DURING THE EARLY MOMENTS OF THE INTENSE ATTACK, LIEUTENANT PARRAMORE EXPOSED HIMSELF COMPLETELY TO THE HOSTILE ROCKET AND MORTAR FIRE IN ORDER TO CALL IN AND ADJUST ARTILLERY FIRE ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS. DURING A SUBSEQUENT GROUND ATTACK HE CONTINUED TO EXPOSE HIMSELF WITHOUT REGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY TO ADJUST FIRE ON THE ADVANCING ENEMY FORCES. MANY OTHER SMALLER PROBES WERE ALSO REPULSED BY HIS TIMELY AND ACCURATE ADJUSTMENT OF ARTILLERY FIRE. LIEUTENANT PARRAMORE'S PERSONAL COURAGE WAS THE DECIDING FACTOR IN THE SUCCESSFUL REPULSION OF THE HOSTILE ATTACK. HIS HEROIC ACTIONS AND PROFESSIONAL COMPETANCE STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

P R O P O S E D C I T A T I O N

FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION, IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE. SERGEANT SLEE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF ON 18 FEBRUARY 1968 WHILE SERVING AS A SQUAD LEADER DURING A MILITARY OPERATION IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. EARLY IN THE MORNING OF THAT DAY SERGEANT SLEE'S COMPANY CAME UNDER AN INTENSE ENEMY ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACK. AS HIS PLATOON'S WEAPON SQUAD LEADER, SERGEANT SLEE IMMEDIATELY DIRECTED FIRE AGAINST THE ENEMY POSITIONS. WITHOUT REGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY HE COMPLETELY EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY FIRE BY RUNNING FROM POSITION TO POSITION TO DIRECT THE FIRE AGAINST THE ENEMY. WHEN THE ENEMY ROCKET ATTACK INTENSIFIED AND HIS OWN POSITION CAME UNDER AN INTENSE ROCKET ATTACK HE AGAIN EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY TO DESTROY THE ENEMY ROCKET POSITION WITH RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE AND GRENADES. THROUGH HIS PERSONAL COURAGE AND SKILLFUL LEADERSHIP, AN IMPORTANT ENEMY POSITION WAS DESTROYED AND MANY LIVES SAVED. HIS HEROIC ACTS STAND IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.