

**RECOMMENDATION FOR  
POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE  
MEDAL OF HONOR  
TO U. S. ARMY STAFF SERGEANT**



**HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT**

**ORIGINAL SUBMISSION TO  
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Dear Distinguished Addressees,

"The Friends of SSG Harold George Bennett" are very proud to present the attached Recommendation for posthumous award of the Medal of Honor for your favorable consideration and approval.

Rick Atkinson, a famous military history author was interviewing Paul Fussell, author of **The Boys' Crusade** for a C-SPAN book review late in 2003. Paul quoted another British author on the definition of heroism from World War II, but it is a timeless definition ever since eons ago, when one warrior engaged in a life or death struggle with his enemy: **"Heroism is not running away from the battlefield."**

As you will read, this is a story of incredible bravery and courage by three men who stayed with their mission against an over-powering enemy force until they were captured by the Viet Cong at Binh Gia, Republic of Vietnam on 29-31 December 1964. Under the inspired leadership of CAPT Donald G. Cook, USMC, he forged a covert resistance organization while in captivity together with U. S. Army SSG Harold George Bennett, and PFC Charles E. Crafts that would do battle with their captors. Sadly, SSG Bennett was executed by the Viet Cong on an unknown date in June, 1965; and CAPT Cook supposedly died of malaria on 8 December 1967, according to an accounting made by the Viet Cong's Provisional Revolutionary Government in 1973.

It is only because PFC Crafts was released on humanitarian grounds that the world would learn of the incredible feats of courage of CAPT Cook and SSG Bennett, both of whom were buried in unmarked jungle graves in communist Vietnam that have not been recovered.

# INTRODUCTION

**PURPOSE:** To present to the Secretary of the Army archival documentation and eye witness statements justifying award of the Medal of Honor to SSG Harold George Bennett.

**AUTHORITY:** Provisions of Section 1130, Title 10, United States Code, allows for referral of award recommendations by a Member of Congress:

**Sec. 1130. Consideration of proposals for decorations not previously submitted in timely fashion: procedures for review and recommendation:**

(a) Upon request of a Member of Congress, the Secretary concerned shall review a proposal for the award or presentation of a decoration (or the upgrading of a decoration), either for an individual or a unit, that is not otherwise authorized to be presented or awarded due to limitations established by law or policy for timely submission of a recommendation for such award or presentation. Based upon such review, the Secretary shall make a determination as to the merits of approving the award or presentation of the decoration and the other determinations necessary to comply with subsection (b).

(b) Upon making a determination under subsection (a) as to the merits of approving the award or presentation of the decoration, the Secretary concerned shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives and to the requesting member of Congress notice in writing of one of the following:

- (1) The award or presentation of the decoration does not warrant approval on the merits.
- (2) The award or presentation of the decoration warrants approval and a waiver by law of time restrictions prescribed by law is recommended.
- (3) The award or presentation of the decoration warrants approval on the merits and has been approved as an exception to policy.
- (4) The award or presentation of the decoration warrants approval on the merits, but a waiver of the time restrictions prescribed by law or policy is not recommended.

A notice under paragraph (1) or (4) shall be accompanied by a statement of the reasons for the decision of the Secretary.

(c) Determinations under this section regarding the award or presentation of a decoration shall be made in accordance with the same procedures that apply to the approval or disapproval of the award or presentation of a decoration when a recommendation for such award or presentation is submitted in a timely manner as prescribed by law or regulation.

(d) In this section:

- (1) The term "'Member of Congress'" means -
  - (A) a Senator; or

(B) a Representative in, or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, Congress.

(2) The term "'decoration'" means any decoration or award that may be presented or awarded to a member or unit of the armed forces.

This recommendation is a result of the efforts of an ad hoc group of Vietnam veterans who are determined to present the Secretary of the Army with the opportunity to recognize SSG Bennett's conspicuous courage and intrepidity in action during the Battle of Binh Gia on 29 December 1964, and his steadfast faith in God, Country, and his fellow prisoners that resulted in SSG Bennett's Viet Cong captors singling him out for execution for his actions as a hard-core POW resister.

**Members of the "Friends of SSG Harold George Bennett" in alphabetical order are:**

**LTC James E. Behnke, USA (Ret.),** was a Captain in 1964 and was the senior advisor to the ARVN 33<sup>rd</sup> Ranger Battalion. SSG Bennett and PFC Charles Crafts reported to him. In 1992 he wrote his Vietnam memoir **DAI - UY**. LTC Behnke is a native of Arkansas.

**Charles E. Crafts,** SSG Bennett's Radio Operator at the battle of Binh Gia. Crafts was held in captivity with SSG Bennett continuously from 29 December 1964 until the last time he was seen on 28 May 1965. He was released from captivity by the Viet Cong on 23 February 1967 on humanitarian grounds on account of his severe medical problems due to deliberate slow starvation and inadequate medical treatment for malaria and other tropical diseases while in jungle captivity for over two years. He smuggled out important documents from CAPT Donald Cook, USMC pertaining to the valor of his fellow prisoners.

**Duane E. Frederic,** a Vietnam veteran (1969-70,) who researched the captivity experiences of American jungle POWs, especially those from 1963-65. He prepared most of the successful Medal of Honor submission for U. S. Army Captain Humbert R. Versace, which was awarded by President George W. Bush on 8 July 2002.

**CSM Michael N. Martin, USA (Ret.)** He was an advisor to the ARVN Rangers during multiple combat tours in Vietnam. He was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame 1995 for his many achievements as an Army Ranger during a distinguished thirty-year military career. CSM Martin wrote the article "BINH GIA: The Capture and Execution of Ranger Harold G. Bennett," which appeared in the September/October 1997 issue of *BEHIND THE LINES* magazine. He is a published author of three books related to the Vietnamese Airborne and Rangers. CSM Martin sponsored SSG Bennett's induction into the 2004 Ranger Hall of Fame.

**COL Douglas E. Moore, USA (Ret.)** was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his extraordinary heroism as a medevac helicopter pilot during multiple tours in Vietnam. He monitored the radio transmissions of SSG Bennett during the battle of Binh Gia, during which Bennett and Crafts were captured by the Viet Cong. COL Moore wrote the article "Bad Day at

Binh Gia," which appeared in the August, 1999 issue of *ARMY* magazine. COL Moore is a native of Arkansas.

**COL Don Price, USMC (Ret.)**, a decorated combat veteran of multiple tours in Vietnam. He researched the Battle of Binh Gia for his soon to be published biography of Colonel Donald Cook, USMC. CAPT Cook was captured at Binh Gia on 31 December 1964, and was held in captivity with Bennett and Crafts.

**MG Edison E. Scholes, USA (Ret.)**, was Senior Advisor, I Corps Ranger Command (ARVN) during his second tour in Vietnam. He retired in 1996 after a distinguished thirty-five year military career that included four combat tours in three major conflicts, and leadership positions as Deputy Commanding General of XVIII Airborne Corps, Third U. S. Army, and a major NATO command.

**MG Eugene L. Stillions, Jr. USA (Ret.)**, a Vietnam veteran (1965-66 & 1971-72,) was the Quartermaster General of the Army from March, 1984 – June, 1987. After retirement from active duty in 1988, he served twelve years as a senior executive for a nationwide business engaged in developing jobs for persons with severe disabilities. He also served as President of the U.S. Army Quartermaster Foundation, Inc. from May, 2001-May, 2003. General Stillions currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for America's Pride, Inc., a service-disabled veteran owned business employing disabled veterans. He is a native of Arkansas.

We started this project on November 6, 2003 with a letter to LTG John LeMoyne, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 at Department of the Army. A response was from LTC Robert L. White, Jr., Chief of the Army Awards Branch at (TAB 1.)

We proceeded with a request to Clifford L. Snyder at the National Archives in College Park, MD to locate archival documents pertaining to SSG Bennett. His original response has been misplaced by Duane E. Frederic, but the same information is contained in his letter dated October 21, 2005 at (TAB 2.) The only record from the III CTZ Advisory Group to be located at the National Archives relating to the Battle of Binh Gia was SSG Bennett's Missing in Action Board of Inquiry, dated 15 January 1965. No archival documents were located from HQ, MACV other than the MACVJ3 Daily Journals for 29-30 December 1964.

**LIMITATIONS:** Overall, this staff study is severely limited by the lack of archival documents pertaining to SSG Bennett's captivity experience from 29 December 1964 – 28 May 1965.

The archival records pertaining to SSG Bennett's captivity experience are under the control of Headquarters, Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC). Many of the archival documents are still classified after 40 years, despite two Presidential Executive

**Orders to declassify them. This presents us with an overwhelming handicap in preparing SSG Bennett's MOH submission as follows:**

**First, we do not know the extent of the documents contained in SSG Bennett's case file (REFNO 0049.) We relied on the professional judgment of JPAC personnel to provide us with relevant documents pertaining to SSG Bennett's captivity timeframe.**

**Second, we were only given documents that JPAC chose to give us. Most of the items pertaining to SSG Bennett's captivity period (29 December 1964 – 28 May 1965) were redacted and/or fragments of complete documents. The majority of the documents released (with some redaction relating to American detainees and POWs) were from the agency's 1990s efforts at conducting oral histories with former Viet Cong cadre responsible for the operation of POW camps. All of these efforts from the 1990s were unsuccessful in determining the grave locations of American POWs who died in VC captivity. Most of the higher ranking cadre claimed limited or no direct knowledge of the deaths of American POWs in their custody. The lower ranking guards couldn't remember much either. There was only one Oral History interview from 2002 that provided very interesting information that is included in this submission.**

**Third and most damaging, we specifically asked for some archival documents discussed below, known to have existed in 1999 for Duane E. Frederic's archival research for U. S. Army Captain Rocky Versace's successful MOH upgrade.**

**The JPAC personnel responsible for release of documents in their files have heavily redacted source names which has made it difficult to relate "who said what to whom." Also, by releasing fragments of the original documents, it left much information unavailable for full comprehension of what the complete document would have revealed about SSG Bennett's captivity experience. Two examples of excessive redacting and fragmentary bits of archival documents are at (TAB 3.)**

- The first example is CPT James Behnke's testimony for SSG Bennett's MIA Board of Inquiry. His signature block was completely redacted. In fact, there was similar redaction of much of this very important archival document to make it difficult for the Senior Army Decorations Board to evaluate. Fortunately, we received a copy of this document without redaction from the National Archives.**
- The second is a one page fragment of a longer debriefing document of American civilian Donald Dawson. He was captured by the Viet Cong while searching in the jungle for his brother, U. S. Army 1LT Daniel G. Dawson, whose L-19 Observation aircraft was shot down, and his remains were never found. At the bottom of the page, Dawson starts to discuss his Vietnamese companion and translator, Colette Simone Emberger, but there are no other pages provided.**

**Most damaging to our ability to present SSG Bennett's case is withholding of any documents from defecting Viet Cong guards and cadremen (guards, interrogators,**

indoctrinators, and interpreters) from the jungle camps which housed SSG Bennett. During 1968-69, many VC soldiers defected to the Saigon government under the "Chieu Hoi" [Open Arms] program. These "returnees" were debriefed for intelligence information, and their statements were analyzed by MACV's Joint Personnel Recovery Center (JPRC) to track the locations of all reported sightings of American POWs for possible rescue and/or recovery operations.

For example, we requested through U. S. Senator Blanche Lincoln, the publication that was issued by the JPRC, dated 1 October 1968 entitled "Organization and Methods of Operation of Prisoner of War Camps in VC Military Zone III (IV Corps)" which contains detailed evaluations of each American POW in South Vietnam personally known by defected Viet Cong cadremen. It is a virtual treasure trove of information pertaining to how the VC evaluated each American prisoner's attitude and conduct while in jungle captivity. If SSG Bennett's evaluation is contained in that document, it would be of immense value to the Senior Army Decoration Board to have that information. This and similar documents are not available, per JPAC letter dated 3 February 2006, at (TAB 4.) To add insult to injury, JPAC did not respond to Senator Lincoln's request to verify the existence of the documents requested in her letter.

**OTHER LIMITATIONS:** There is only one living eyewitness to SSG Bennett's captivity experience: Charles E. Crafts. He has requested that his comments made under oath to Army debriefers in 1967 upon his release from captivity be used as the basis for his eyewitness statement. The hardships he endured during almost twenty-five months of brutal jungle captivity include: slow starvation rations; minimal medicines for treatment of multiple attacks of malaria and other jungle diseases; the execution of SSG Bennett and MSG Kenneth Rorabach; the death of MAJ John Schumann attributed to the effects of malnutrition and jungle diseases; and leaving behind CAPT Donald Cook to die alone in the jungle in 1967. These are long repressed memories that Charles Crafts has kept locked away in the recesses of his mind for forty years.

#### **MAP REFERENCE:**

Map, South Vietnam, AMS, Series L-7014 - 6430 II, "Xuyen Moc, Vietnam"  
Scale: 1:50,000

Extract provided by JPAC of the above map is at (TAB 5.)

SSG Bennett and PFC Crafts were captured at YS549755.

Other special maps of interest are at (TAB 6.)

- A map depicting the enemy situation in 1964.
- A map of III CTZ showing War Zones C and D and the Iron Triangle.
- A sketch map of the Battle of Binh Gia showing the approximate locations of activities occurring there from 28 December 1964 – 1 January 1965.

From: Maitland, Terrence and McInerney, Peter and the Editors of Boston Publishing Company. **A Contagion of War (The Vietnam Experience Series.)** Boston: Boston Publishing Company, 1983, page 79.

Duane E. Frederic's NOTE on the Binh Gia sketch map: The estimate of one VC Battalion at Binh Gia is probably too low. Other reports indicate at least one regiment of the VC 9<sup>th</sup> Division in Binh Gia, and another regiment covering the expected avenues of approach by ARVN reinforcements coming to Binh Gia. A CIA document "*BINH GIA - AN APPRAISAL*" estimated the enemy strength at 1,800 men.

## **TIMELINE OF SSG BENNETT'S CAPTIVITY FROM 29 DECEMBER 1964 - 28 MAY 1965**

(BASED ON CHARLES CRAFTS' STATEMENT DATED DECEMBER 16, 2005)

1. SSG Bennett and PFC Crafts were captured at Binh Gia on 29 December 1964 and were evacuated from the battlefield with some of the captured ARVN Rangers to an unnamed camp. On the trail, SSG Bennett told PFC Crafts that if the conditions were right and they were to be out of sight of their guards, the two would make a break for it. Unfortunately, their VC guards in front of them and especially the rear guards kept close to SSG Bennett and PFC Crafts, making a successful escape impossible at that time.
2. On 30 December 1964 SSG Bennett and PFC Crafts were held together with 50 - 70 ARVN enlisted POWs, 8 - 10 ARVN officer POWs, and 2 - 3 Vietnamese women prisoners at a location Crafts called "Camp ARVN." On 1 January 1965, SSG Bennett and PFC Crafts are moved to another camp about two miles away.
3. On 2 January 1965, CAPT Donald Cook, USMC joined SSG Bennett and PFC Crafts at the new camp. Both SSG Bennett and PFC Crafts pledged their loyalty and obedience to CAPT Cook as he assumed the leadership of being Senior American Prisoner, in accordance with the Code of Conduct. CAPT Cook established a covert organization from that beginning day that would last as long as he lived, in his unceasing attempts to undermine and bedevil their Viet Cong captors. CAPT Cook established code names for everything and everybody: his name was "Jose;" SSG Bennett was "Floyd;" and PFC Crafts was "Hobby." Crafts called this camp "Camp Jose," in honor of CAPT Cook.

In the afternoon of 2 January, SSG Bennett and PFC Crafts attempted their second escape. They used a set of SSG Bennett's keys (missed by the guards on 29 December 1964) to weaken the cheap Vietnamese locks on their leg shackles, and a nail clipper (also missed) to cut through a vine on the overhead poles of their cage. All was set for both of them to escape that night (without CAPT Cook, who was too weak from his leg wound.) But the normally noisy guards were too quiet that night, and any noise from climbing out of the top of their cage to make their escape would awaken the guards. In the morning, the cheap locks were replaced with U. S. Army brass locks which were impossible to pick.

4. On 26 January 1965, CAPT Cook, SSG Bennett, and PFC Crafts departed Camp Jose under VC guard. They traveled for two days to a village and stayed there for four days. CAPT Cook's wounded leg prevent him from keeping pace on their trek, and he was left in the village with guards to let his leg heal. On 30 or 31 January 1965, SSG Bennett and PFC Crafts were moved to a distant camp which Crafts called "Camp SOB."

5. On 6 February 1965, SSG Bennett and PFC Crafts arrived at Camp SOB. Sometime in February, SSG Bennett went on a self-imposed hunger strike to protest the poor quality of the food.

6. CAPT Cook rejoined SGT Bennett and PVT Crafts at Camp SOB during the middle of March, 1965. CAPT Cook and SSG Bennett attempted to escape on 20 March 1965. They were severely punished with solitary confinement, shackles, reduced rations, blindfolds, and beatings. Two VC officers held pistols to the heads of both men and threatened to kill them, but do not fire their weapons. SSG Bennett used rags to bandage his badly bitten finger suffered while trying to keep a VC guard from yelling for help. SSG Bennett has trouble eating rice; he gagged on the rice when swallowing, and vomited it up because he couldn't adapt to the taste of the rice diet. SSG Bennett's health starts a slow decline.

7. Sometime in April, 1965, American civilian Donald Dawson and his Vietnamese interpreter Colette Emberger were brought into camp as detainees. Dawson was searching for his brother when the two of them were captured by the Viet Cong. They were still at Camp SOB on 15 May 1965.

8. On 15 May 1965, CAPT Cook, SFC Bennett and PFC Crafts depart for "Camp Carefree." SSG Bennett becomes too weak and drops out of the march. He was last seen alive by CAPT Cook and PVT Crafts on 28 May 1965 being beaten and kicked by VC guards to keep moving. Later that day, guards tell CAPT Cook and PFC Crafts that they killed SSG Bennett. No shots were heard by either CAPT Cook or PFC Crafts.

9. On 1 June 1965 CAPT Cook and PFC Crafts arrived at Camp Carefree in Tay Ninh Province. Present at this camp were four American POWs who had been captured at the Special Forces Camp at Hiep Hoa on 24 November 1963. They were SP5 George E. Smith; SGT Claude McClure; SFC Kenneth Roraback; and SFC Isaac Camacho.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE WITNESS STATEMENTS AND ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTS TO JUSTIFY AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO SSG HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT**

The statement by LTC James E. Behnke states that SSG Bennett volunteered for a very dangerous mission on the "Christmas Day POW Raid" on 25 December 1965. Although there was no contact made with the enemy on that date, LTC Behnke noted SSG Bennett's aggressiveness and leadership in volunteering to lead a squad of ARVN Rangers in a helicopter

assault against the enemy at great risk to his life in order to attempt the rescue of three American POWs held in captivity near the Cambodian border.

LTC Behnke further describes the courage and bravery of SSG Bennett during the Battle of Binh Gia on 25 December which resulted in his being captured by the Viet Cong. He also provided a statement about the battle to the Board of Officers Missing in Action Inquiry following the battle.

The witness statement of COL Douglas E. Moore states that he twice heard SSG Bennett on the radio refuse offers by himself and another helicopter pilot to attempt a very risky rescue. Three helicopters were shot down on 29 December at Binh Gia, and one of them was totally destroyed by the deadly Viet Cong ground fire. SSG Bennett's selfless disregard for his own safety probably saved the two helicopters and their crewmen from being shot down and killed on 29 December. On 30 December, one U. S. Army helicopter was shot down with four Americans killed while in continued support of ARVN Rangers engaged at Binh Gia.

PFC Charles E. Crafts' eyewitness statement provides a comprehensive history of CAPT Cook, SSG Bennett, and himself while in captivity. It specifies SSG Bennett's specific acts of conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at great risk to his life during the battle of Binh Gia on 29 December 1965, and his bravery and courage in captivity until his execution by his VC captors on or about 25 June 1965. Please note the details of SSG Bennett's three escape attempts and the torture and reduced rations he received as result. It should be noted that PFC Crafts, at great risk to his release from captivity, smuggled out notes from CAPT Cook requesting that SSG Bennett receive the Bronze Star Medal with V device for Binh Gia on 29 December 1964; the Silver Star for the escape attempt of 20 March 1965, and a Purple Heart for his severe wound to one of his fingers while trying to keep a VC guard from yelling for help; and a Purple Heart with OLC for his execution on or after 28 May 1965 – the last day CAPT Cook and PFC Crafts saw SSG Bennett alive being kicked and beaten on the forced march to Camp Carefree.

U. S. Civilian Donald Dawson gives a glimpse of SSG Bennett receiving the wrath of his captors after the failed escape attempt of 20 March 1965.

The statement of ARVN LT Nguyen Binh Hoa states that "Sergeant BENNET (sic) refused to sign a statement for the VC, or cooperate with them in any way during his interrogation." Also in another statement, "... HOA learned from conversation with one of the VC guards that SGT BENNETT was being very "stubborn."

The Oral History interview with former VC Security Camp T1 Commander Mr. Nguyen Van Nha provides some interesting details about an attempted escape that may pertain to CAPT Cook and SSG Bennett. Mr. Nha was 72 years old and in poor health at the time of his interview in 2002. He did not state the date of the escape attempt, and his narrative seemed to morph both CAPT Cook and SSG Bennett into one person named "The Captain."

Similarly, he stated that "the Captain" was executed on the spot by Mr. Phi Hung with his K54 pistol when "the Captain" tried to make an escape while being escorted to COSVN headquarters

on a date not stated by Mr. Nha. This event would correlate perfectly with SSG Bennett, if in fact Mr. Nha was referring to the last day that CAPT Cook and PFC Crafts saw SSG Bennett alive on 28 May 1965.

There are two interesting fragments from archival document redacted by JPAC that were most likely from SFC Isaac Camacho's debriefing regarding comments made by CAPT Cook about his escape attempt with SSG Bennett, and Camacho's estimate "that SSG Bennett dropped out somewhere between the north side of Saigon and their present location" on the Cook trio's trek to Camp Carefree in Tay Ninh province.

Next are statements of support recommending posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to SSG Bennett by: MG Edison E. Scholes, USA (Ret.); CSM Michael N. Martin, USA (Ret.); COL Donald L. Price, USMC (Ret.); Duane E. Frederic; and MG Eugene L. Stillions, Jr., USA (Ret.) All of their statements are unanimous in their opinions that SSG Bennett has met the stringent requirements for "incontestable proof of extraordinary merit" to justify our nation's highest award for valor.

# **PART A**

## **DA FORM 638 AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR THE MEDAL OF HONOR**

**DA FORM 638 SIGNED BY LTC BEHNKE** (TAB 7)

**LTC BEHNKE'S STATEMENT SUPPORTING AWARD OF THE  
MEDAL OF HONOR TO SSG BENNETT** (TAB 8)

**PROPOSED MEDAL OF HONOR CITATION (POSTHUMOUS)  
TO BE AWARDED TO SSG HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT** (TAB 9)

**ADVISORY TEAM 95 MISSING IN ACTION BOARD OF INQUIRY  
15 JANUARY 1965** (TAB 10)

**JOINT TASK FORCE – FULL ACCOUNTING CASE NARRATIVE  
PASSED TO THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM GOVERNMENT  
DURING THE 30-31 JULY 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING** (TAB 11)

**Very Important Note: Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command Records  
reflect that SSG Bennett's execution date was 25 June 1965. The  
National Liberation Front's news release stated that SSG Bennett was  
executed at 1400 hours on 24 June 1965. He could have been executed  
anytime between 28 May and 24 June 1965.**

**SSG BENNETT'S SERVICE RECORDS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS  
FROM HIS 201 FILE** (TAB 12)

**MACVJ3 DAILY JOURNAL FOR 25 DECEMBER 1964** (TAB 13)  
**The J3 Journal entries for 25 December 1964 are items # 7 and 8 on page 2;  
#12, 13, and 15 on page 3; and # 17 and 18 on page 4.**

**Also included is a one page extract of the "Christmas Day POW Raid" operation from the  
unit history of the 120<sup>th</sup> Aviation Company for 1964.**

**MACVJ3 DAILY JOURNAL FOR 29-30 DECEMBER 1964**

**(TAB 14)**

The J3 Journal entries for 29 December 1964 are items #25, on page 8; #28, on page 9, and #31 on pages 10-11. Entries for 30 December 1964 are comment #2 of item #1 on page 2; #12 and #14 on page 5; #18 on page 6; #19 on page 7; #22 on page 8.

**VERY IMPORTANT**

**WITNESS STATEMENT OF COL DOUGLAS E. MOORE,  
USA (Ret.) RECOMMENDING AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF  
HONOR TO SSG HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT**

**(TAB 15)**

**VERY IMPORTANT**

**EYEWITNESS STATEMENT OF CHARLES E. CRAFTS  
PERTAINING TO THE CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND  
INTREPIDITY OF SSG HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT AT THE  
BATTLE OF BINH GIA AND DURING HIS CAPTIVITY BY  
THE VIET CONG UNTIL HIS EXECUTION BY HIS CAPTORS**

**(TAB 16)**

**EXTRACTS OF CHARLES E. CRAFTS' DEBRIEFING VERIFYING  
STATEMENTS HE MADE IN HIS EYEWITNESS STATEMENT.**

**(TAB 17)**

**Duane E. Frederic's Information NOTE: In the following archival documents,  
capitalization and bold lettering are as they appeared in the original documents.**

**CIVILIAN DONALD DAWSON'S COMMENTS ON SSG BENNETT:** **(TAB 18)**  
Donald Dawson's brother U. S. Army 1LT Daniel George Dawson, piloted a U. S. Army L-19 Light Observation Aircraft which crashed in the jungle. Donald went looking for his brother with a female Vietnamese interpreter named Colette Simone Emberger, a French citizen of German-Vietnamese descent. They were captured on 1 April 1965 and spent some time in the same POW camp holding Bennett, Crafts, and Cook. They were both released from captivity on 24 August 1965. Donald Dawson died from cancer in 2004. The remains of his brother Daniel George Dawson were never recovered.

Donald Dawson made these statements to Army debriefers on 22 September 1965 following his return from captivity:

- **“DAWSON was not able to talk to any of three American detainees, due to the camp policy that all detainees and prisoners must remain silent at all times. HE knew the American detainees only as the Captain [Donald Cook, USMC], the Lieutenant [PVT Charles Crafts] and the Sergeant [Harold George Bennett...]” Dawson then gave physical descriptions of each man and The Sergeant’s Distinguishing Characteristic was “Appeared to pray often – religious type.”**
- **“The Captain and The Sergeant were shackled together in the opposite end of the cage from where DAWSON was located. DAWSON thought they were shackled because they had tried to escape the camp sometime prior to DAWSON’S arrival. They were not permitted to leave the cage at anytime, except to relieve themselves. The Sergeant was often abused by the guards, and definitely received harsher treatment than any other detainee or prisoner at the camp. One of the punishments he suffered was not being allowed to go to the toilet for several days at a time. HE was always kept blindfolded. DAWSON did not know why he was so especially mistreated by the camp staff. On one of the few occasions when the detainees could secretly whisper, The Sergeant asked DAWSON to make arrangements for The Sergeant’s mother to receive \$100 a month. Just prior to the departure of the American detainees, DAWSON gave the Sergeant a crucifix HE had been carrying. The Sergeant cried when DAWSON made this presentation...”**
- **“DAWSON believed the American detainees to be only in fair health, although no combat wounds were observed. The morale of the Captain and The Lieutenant [PVT Crafts] seemed good, however, The Sergeant was always very depressed.”**

**Duane E. Frederic’s NOTE: This is another example of a fragment of a more complete document not released in its entirety.**

**STATEMENTS FROM ARVN LT NGUYEN BINH HOA PERTAINING TO SSG BENNETT’S CAPTIVITY EXPERIENCE THAT REFLECT HIS UPHOLDING THE CODE OF CONDUCT (TAB 19)**

**LT HOA was captured with Bennett and Crafts at Binh Gia on 29 December 1964. He was later released by the VC. On 14 December 1966 LT HOA was interviewed by the 135<sup>th</sup> MI Gp. He made the following statement contained in report 6 075 1567 67 dated 17 January 1967:**

**“Sergeant BENNET [sic] refused to sign a statement for the VC, or cooperate with them in any way during his interrogation. He was not beaten, but rather was tied hand and foot for 24 hours. During that time, BENNET [sic] did not receive any food. HOA heard BENNET [sic] tell his interrogators that he would not cooperate with the VC because he was a Catholic, anti-communist, and because of the policy of the American Government and the US Army prohibited his cooperation with them...”**

Duane E. Frederic's ANALYSIS: LT Hoa's statement of 17 January 1967 pertains to his knowledge of the first three days of SSG Bennett's captivity only. LT Hoa's statement that "The VC did not beat BENNET [sic] or any other prisoner, Vietnamese or American at the main camp" may have been true for those three days, but beatings and other tortures would follow after the arrival of CAPT Cook.

This document references an ARVN Sergeant Nong na VI, released with LT HOA on 1 May 1965. I read VI's debriefing report, and concluded that he did not have any contact with CAPT Cook (because he was in another place recovering from his wounds.) Sergeant VI thought PVT Crafts (who wore glasses) was "The Captain," (who did not.) Also it is my opinion that VI's story is based upon what LT HOA told him about SSG Bennett and "The Captain." It contained many discrepancies from LT HOA's statement, reinforcing my opinion that SGT VI's statement was worthless, even though the intelligence agents did not comment about the striking differences in the statements of these two men.

LT HOA was interviewed by the 135<sup>th</sup> MI Gp on 26 April 1967 and made the following statement contained in report 6 026 3248 67 dated 10 May 1967:

"On 2 January 1965, HOA heard from one of the VC guards at the PW camp, that BENNETT and the PFC [Charles Crafts] were taken to a "special" PW camp for more important prisoners. During the next week, HOA learned from conversations with one of the VC guards that SGT BENNETT was being very "stubborn." HOA heard no more of BENNETT until after his release in May 1965, when he heard that BENNETT had been executed by the VC."

## **VERY IMPORTANT**

**ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW OF FORMER VC SECURITY CAMP T1  
COMMANDER MR. NGUYEN VAN NHA, AKA CHIN THIEN CONDUCTED 4 JUNE -  
2 JULY 2002 BY JOINT AMERICAN - VIETNAMESE FIELD ACTIVITY. THIS IS  
DOCUMENT CDR, JTF-FA HONOLULU HI//170732Z JAN 03 (TAB 20)**

**"((2)) ESCAPE ATTEMPT. ONE DAY (NFI), [NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED] WHILE MR. OANH [VC GUARD] WAS GUARDING THE TWO AMERICANS AS THEY RELIEVED THEMSELVES OUTSIDE THE PRISON GATE. THEY ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE. ALTHOUGHT IT WAS PRISON POLICY TO NEVER ALLOW ONE GUARD TO ESCORT MORE THAN ONE PRISONER, MR. OANH MADE AN EXCEPTION BECAUSE THE PRISONERS APPEARED TO BE IN PAIN.**

ONCE OUTSIDE THE CAMP, THE PRISONERS THREW THEMSELVES TO THE GROUND FEIGNING STOMACH PAINS. WHEN MR. OANH CAME TO ASSIST THEM THE CAPTAIN GRABBED MR. OANH'S AK-47 AND ATTEMPTED TO SHOOT MR. OANH BUT THE WEAPON DID NOT FIRE. AT THAT POINT, MR. OANH BIT THE AMERICAN CAPTAIN ON THE HAND. THE AMERICAN CAPTAIN USED HIS BODY TO SLAM INTO MR. OANH SENDING HIM STUMBLING TO THE FLOOR. BOTH AMERICANS FLED WITH THE AK-47. GUARDS WERE SENT OUT TO RECAPTURE THE AMERICANS. THE AMERICANS HID THEMSELVES IN SOME BUSHES AND FIRED AT THE GUARDS, BUT DID NOT HIT ANY OF THEM. AFTER RUNNING OUT OF AMMUNITION, THE AMERICANS SURRENDERED TO THE PRISON GUARDS."

Duane E. Frederic's ANALYSIS: This information does not give a specific date, otherwise it may be describing the escape attempt of CAPT Cook and SSG Bennett on 20 March 1965. Per PFC Crafts, only SSG Bennett had a finger bitten to the bone. Also, CAPT Cook and SSG Bennett seem to have been "morphed" into one person "The Captain." Most likely, Mr. Nha was referring to CAPT Cook aiding SSG Bennett in his struggle with the VC guard he was attempting to prevent yelling for help. After the guard bit one of SSG Bennett's fingers to the bone, the guard was able to yell for help to capture CAPT Cook and SSG Bennett.

**"((3)) DEATH OF AN AMERICAN PRISONER.**

APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS AFTER THESE AMERICANS WERE BROUGHT TO T1, AN ESCORT SQUAD ARRIVED AT THE T1 CAMP TO TAKE THEM TO COSVN [CENTRAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH VIET NAM.] COSVN ORDERED THIS TRANSFER BECAUSE THEY INTENDED TO SUBSEQUENTLY MOVE THE AMERICANS TO HANOI. SINCE THE T1 CAMP HAD NO RADIO OR TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS, THESE ORDERS WERE TRANSMITTED BY 1LT PHI HUNG (PHI HUNG), [PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION], AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING INTERROGATOR ASSIGNED TO ERSV [EASTERN REGION SOUTH VIETNAM] WHO ACCOMPANIED A SQUAD OF MILITARY ESCORTS THAT WERE TO TAKE THE AMERICANS TO COSVN. THE ESCORTS MADE THE AMERICAN PRISONERS WEAR BLACK PAJAMAS WHILE IN TRANSIT IN ORDER TO AVOID ENEMY DETECTION DURING MOVEMENT. SEVERAL DAYS AFTER DEPARTING THE T1 CAMP WITH THE PRISONERS, MR. PHI HUNG RETURNED AND TOLD MR. NHA WHAT HAD OCCURRED ON THE WAY TO COSVN. ACCORDING TO MR. PHI HUNG, AFTER ESCORTING THE AMERICANS AWAY FROM THE T1 PRISON CAMP FOR TWO DAYS THE AMERICAN CAPTAIN REFUSED TO WALK ANY FARTHER. AT THAT POINT, THE CAPTAIN MADE AN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM THE ESCORT TROOPS AND MR. PHI HUNG SHOT AND KILLED HIM ON THE SPOT WITH HIS K54 PISTOL. THE SENIOR NCO CONTINUED WITH THE ESCORTS TO COSVN WITHOUT RESISTANCE. MR. NHA OPINED THAT BECAUSE THE AMERICANS WERE LACKING SUFFICIENT FOOD AND WATER THEY PROBABLY STRUGGLED TO KEEP UP WITH THEIR ESCORTS. SO, AFTER

**TWO DAYS OF THIS THE CAPTAIN COULD GO NO FARTHER. MR. NHA DID NOT KNOW THE NAMES OF ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ESCORT SQUAD."**

**"((4)) BURIAL LOCATION. THIS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE ALONG THE UPPER SAIGON RIVER (MES SOONG SAIF GONF THWONGJ) [PHONETIC PRONUNCIATION]. MR. PHI HUNG AND THE OTHERS BURIED THE AMERICAN NEAR THE COMMO-LIAISON ROUTE ALONG THE BANK OF THE SAIGON RIVER. THE ONLY COMMO-LIAISON STATION ALONG THAT ROUTE THAT MR. NHA COULD REMEMBER WAS CALLED STATION 27 AND IT BELONGED TO THE ERSV. STATION 27 WAS APPROXIMATELY A ONE-DAY WALK FROM THE T1 PRISON CAMP, SO IT WAS APPROXIMATELY HALFWAY BETWEEN THE T1 CAMP AND THE AMERICAN CAPTAIN'S BURIAL SITE. MR. NHA OPINED THAT EVEN IF MR. PHI HUNG WAS LOCATED AND TAKEN BACK TO THE VICINITY OF THE BURIAL, IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND THE EXACT BURIAL SITE DUE TO THE CHANGES IN THE TERRAIN AND VEGETATION."**

**Duane E. Frederic's ANALYSIS: From these descriptions in sub paragraphs ((3)) and ((4)) above, "THE CAPTAIN" correlates perfectly to SSG Bennett, because CAPT Donald Cook and PFC Crafts made it successfully to Camp Carefree on 1 June 1965. However, the Joint Task Force - Full Accounting analysts attributed the death of the American Prisoner to CAPT Cook, which in my opinion may be a factual mistake. In 1973, the Provisional Revolutionary Government's "DIED IN CAPTIVITY" list stated that CAPT Cook died of malaria on 8 December 1967, and SSG Bennett died on an unspecified date in June, 1965.**

**Also the location stated by Mr. Nha at which SSG Bennett was buried seems to correlate with a redacted statement dated 10 August 1965, which Duane E. Frederic attributes to SFC Issac Camacho's estimate "... that Bennett had dropped out somewhere between the north side of Saigon and their present location [Camp Carefree, AKA Camp Paradise to Camacho's group.]"** (TAB 21)

**ACCOUNT OF A VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN WHO WAS CONFINED IN THE SAME CAMP AS BENNETT, COOK AND CRAFTS, AND WAS LATER RELEASED BY THE VIET CONG** (TAB 22)

**Duane E. Frederic's NOTE: THIS INTELLIGENCE WAS RATED "F" FOR SOURCE [RELIABILITY UNKNOWN], AND "6" FOR INFORMATION [TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED] - THE LOWEST RANKINGS IN BOTH CATEGORIES. THE INTERROGATOR'S REPORT NOTED: "It is my opinion that this individual's story is too pat. It should be looked into very carefully. After two years of captivity, source was in good health and has not lost any weight." Below the interrogator's note is this handwritten comment, presumably from an analyst from MACV'S Joint Personnel Recovery Center group that was reviewing intelligence reports seeking leads to locate American POWs still in captivity: "That's because his information is true."**

**It is the opinion of Duane E. Frederic that this Vietnamese civilian probably heard stories from VC guards, and knew enough about the three American POWs to paint a believable**

account of the escape attempt, even though he probably was not a direct eyewitness to the escape attempt. From comments of Charles Crafts, CAPT Cook loved to sing while in captivity. Therefore, I concluded that references to "The Captain" in this account correctly pertain to CAPT Cook.

**REDACTED DOCUMENT THOUGHT TO BE FROM SFC ISAAC CAMACHO'S DEBRIEFING STATEMENT OF 19 AUGUST 1965 PERTAINING TO CAPT COOK'S DISCUSSION OF HIS ESCAPE ATTEMPT WITH SSG BENNETT (TAB 23)**

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY MG EDISON E. SCHOLLES, USA (Ret.) RECOMMENDING AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO SSG HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT (TAB 24)**

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT BY CSM MICHAEL N. MARTIN, USA (Ret.) RECOMMENDING AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO SSG HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT (TAB 25)**

**STATEMENT OF COL DONALD L. PRICE, USMC (Ret.) RECOMMENDING AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO SSG HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT (TAB 26)**

**STATEMENT OF DUANE E. FREDERIC, A VIETNAM VETERAN AND POW/MIA RESEARCHER, RECOMMENDING AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO SSG HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT (TAB 27)**

**STATEMENT OF MG EUGENE L. STILLIONS, JR., USA (Ret.) RECOMMENDING AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO SSG HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT (TAB 28)**

## **CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:**


Despite the paucity of useful information relating to SSG Bennett's captivity experience provided by JPAC, this staff study has presented our best case to justify posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to him. We sincerely feel that the archival documents and eyewitness statements attesting to SSG Bennett's conspicuous bravery and courage on the battlefield and while in captivity until his execution have met the very stringent requirement that "incontestable proof of the performance of the service will be exacted and

each recommendation for award of this decoration will be considered on the standard of extraordinary merit."

SSG Bennett's remains are buried in an unmarked jungle grave known only to God in communist Vietnam. The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command has classified his case (REFNO 0049) as "Remains Not Recoverable." The goal of the "The Friends of SSG Bennett" is to see that this brave American soldier is given recognition for his conspicuous gallantry on the battlefield, and his intrepidity as a prisoner of war. He was exceptionally loyal to CAPT Cook, and upheld the Code of Conduct to the utmost. SSG Bennett's courage to attempt a last escape, knowing that his death from malnutrition was imminent, marks this man among the bravest of those brave American prisoners of war who were posthumous recipients of the Medal of Honor who died in captivity in Southeast Asia.

In addition to this valor award recommendation, we recommend that a Purple Heart Medal with OLC be awarded posthumously to SSG Bennett for the wound suffered during his escape attempt of 20 March 1965. This second Purple Heart was recommended by CAPT Cook in the notes that PFC Crafts smuggled out in his glasses case when he was released from captivity. The only medal presented to SSG Bennett's mother was a Purple Heart, presumably for his execution by the Viet Cong.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the  
"Friends of SSG Harold George Bennett"

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Duane E. Frederic". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Duane E. Frederic



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November 6, 2003

LTG John LeMoyne  
Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1  
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Washington, DC 20310

Dear General LeMoyne,

I was involved in doing the archival research for the successful Medal of Honor submission for U. S. Army CPT Humbert R. Versace, awarded (posthumously) by President Bush on July 8, 2002.

The reason that I am writing you, is that I am part of an ad hoc group of U. S. Army and one Marine (all of us are Vietnam veterans) calling ourselves "Friends of SSG Harold George Bennett," (RA 18542931; SSAN 307-28-8129.)

We anticipate being able to submit a fully justified recommendation for posthumous award of the Medal of Honor for SSG Harold George Bennett early in 2004. He was captured by the Viet Cong at the battle of Binh Gia in Phuoc Tuy province, RVN while serving as an advisor to the ARVN 33<sup>rd</sup> Ranger Battalion, on 29 December 1964. He was executed by them o/a June 25, 1965 for being a hard-core POW resister, and for repeated attempted escapes. Additionally, SSG Bennett is being nominated for the Ranger Hall of Fame at Ft. Benning, GA.

We are in the process of compiling a comprehensive and exceptionally well documented collection of "conspicuous acts of valor" required for award of the MOH to SSG Bennett.

**We need direction on how to submit the recommendation; e.g. (if DA Forms are needed, please supply them,) and whether it should be directed to an Army command and in what format. We will probably get Congressional sponsorship from the Arkansas Senators and/or a Congressman for SSG Bennett's NOK (Dick Bennett, youngest brother) who lives in the vicinity of Bigelow, AR 72016.**

(When I prepared CPT Versace's MOH archival documentation, I submitted it to Special Operations Command at Ft. Bragg, NC which approved it and sent it through military channels and on to Capitol Hill.)

We want to have the U. S. Army fully support SSG Bennett's MOH recommendation, and request guidance and if possible a POC for further discussion and assistance in getting the documentation sent to the correct agency for processing our nation's highest award for valor.

Very truly yours,

Duane E. Frederic



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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December 4, 2003

Military Awards Branch

Mr. Duane E. Frederic  
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Dear Mr. Frederic:

This is in response to your letter of November 6, 2003, to Lieutenant General John LeMoyne, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, concerning a recommendation to award the Medal of Honor to the late Mr. Harold G. Bennett for his actions while being held as a Prisoner of War during the Vietnam conflict. Your letter was forwarded to this office, the proponent for the Army's Awards and Decorations Program, for reply.

The Medal of Honor is awarded by the President in the name of Congress to soldiers who distinguish themselves, conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his or her life, above and beyond the call of duty, while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States. The deed performed must have been one of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his comrades. Incontestable proof of the performance of the service will be exacted and each recommendation for the award of this decoration will be considered on the standard of extraordinary merit.

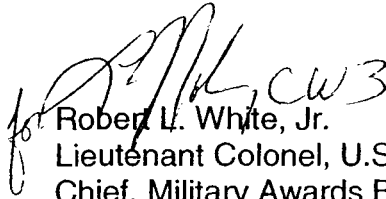
To be considered for an award of the Medal of Honor, our Nation's highest award for valor, requires substantive evidence, including an official unit report of the action, maps or diagrams of the location of the action, and eyewitness affidavits.

In this regard, anyone with firsthand knowledge of the late Mr. Bennett's actions may recommend him for this award under the provisions of Section 1130, Title 10, United States Code, which allows for referral of award recommendations (including requests for upgrade of previously approved awards) by a Member of Congress. The enclosed worksheet identifies those documents essential to the recommendation being fully and fairly considered. Completed documentation and award recommendations must be referred by a Congressional Member and forwarded to: U.S. Army Human Resources Command, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22332-0471. At the bottom of the worksheet are various agencies available to assist you with additional research. Please note that the burden and costs for researching and assembling documentation to support award recommendations rest with the requester. Once we receive the recommendation with required supporting documentation we would be pleased to forward it to the Army Decorations Board for consideration.

Historical records for Vietnam era units and headquarters commands are archived at the National Archives at College Park, ATTN: Textual Reference Branch, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001. This agency is an excellent source of information concerning military units and their history.

Thank you for your interest in the Army's Awards Program.

Sincerely,

  
Robert L. White, Jr.  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army  
Chief, Military Awards Branch

Enclosures





# *National Archives and Records Administration*

8601 Adelphi Road  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001

October 31, 2005

Mr. Duane Frederic  
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Mr. Duane Frederic:

This is in reply to your October 24, 2005, request concerning Harold George Bennett.

We searched the records of the Records of the United States Forces in Southeast Asia, 1950-1975 (Record Group 472), and but was unable to locate records of MACV Advisory Team 95 or the Senior American Advisor for III Corps relating to the battle of Binh Gia. We located MACJ3 daily journals of the Command and Control Division which contain details of the battle. Copies are enclosed.

We were unable to locate information on the battle in the 1964 MACV Command History. We located a 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group memorandum briefing describing his captivity and outlining his prospective debriefing process. A copy is enclosed. We were unable to locate his debriefing. We suggest you contact the Joint Services Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape Agency, Fort Belvoir, VA, 22060-5788.

In the records of the Records of the Central Intelligence Agency (Record Group 263), English Transcripts of Monitored Foreign Broadcasts Relating to the Vietnam War, we located a Radio Peking transcript for June 25, 1965, concerning the execution of Harold George Bennett. A copy is enclosed.

We are forwarding your requests for photographs and maps to our Special Media Archives Services Division (NWCS), Room 3320, The National Archives at College Park, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. They will respond to you directly.

Sincerely,

CLIFFORD L. SNYDER  
Modern Military Records (NWCTM)  
Textual Archives Services Division

Enclosure - Copies

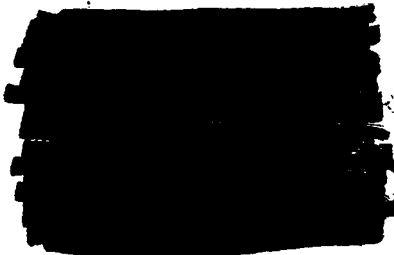


11 January 1965

STATEMENT

I was not physically present with Sergeant E5 Harold G. Bennett, RA18542931, and Private Charles E. Crafts, US51479671, at the time of their capture. They landed with the first lift in Landing Zone Alpha and I landed with the second lift in Landing Zone Bravo. However, I have had an opportunity to talk to several persons who have seen them either captured or in captivity. The gist of their statements is as follows:

The 2d Company, 55d Ranger Battalion, was approaching the hamlet when a large Viet Cong force opened up with heavy machinegun fire from dug in positions to the flank and front. In 10 minutes the entire Company was completely destroyed except for 10 to 12 men. The Viet Cong then rushed the survivors and captured them. Sergeant Bennett and Private Crafts were made to kneel down and were tied up. They were marched about 6 kilometers east of Binh Gia where they spent one or two days in a temporary enclosure. They were then marched (1 days march) about 14 kilometers further east where they were placed in a more permanent type prison. There were about 50 prisoners at this location from various units captured at different times. They spent about 4 days at this camp and were then moved northeast. During their captivity no indication of maltreatment was observed. They were given rice, a meat sandwich, salt and one pack of Bastos cigarettes. They were tied most of the time and were held under strict security.



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RELAYED THEM OR EQUIPMENT COULD DEFEAT NLFV SOLDIER BECAUSE  
LATER EVERYWHERE, YET FOUND NOWHERE.

2. DAWSON'S OP NION OF GVN? DAWSON - US BACKING  
GROUP IN SAIGON WHOSE PURPOSE WAS TO BE GENERAL BY AGE 35.

3. DAWSON EXPLAINED COOPERATION WITH VC AS ONLY HOPE  
FOR SURVIVAL AND RELEASE. DAWSON OBSERVED NO TRAINING, EVIDENCE  
OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, OR CIVILIANS IN AREA. MORALE OF VC  
RATED HIGH. THE OTHER US DETAINEES WERE IDENTIFIED BY DAWSON:  
AS CAPT COOK, SGT BENNETT AND PVT CRAFTS (J-2 MACV NOTE: CAPT

DONALD G COOK, USMC; SGT HAROLD G BENNETT, USA; AND PVT CHARLES  
E CRAFTS, USA). THEY WERE AT CAMP WHEN DAWSON ARRIVED, THEN  
MOVED ABOUT FIFTEEN DAYS LATER TO CAMP NEAR CAMBODIAN BORDER.

4. 23 AUG DAWSON ATE LARGE MEAL WITH CAMP COMMANDER NLFV  
REPRESENTATIVE AND CAGEMASTER, THEN TOLD OF RELEASE. AT ABOUT  
0600 HE AND EMBERGER WERE BLINDFOLDED AND MARCHED SE UNTIL  
ABOUT 2500. PARTY RESTED UNTIL DAWN THEN CONTINUED UNTIL  
ARRIVAL AND RELEASE OUTSIDE CHANG HUNG (YT 452 255).

5. DAWSON RELIEVED CAMP LOCATED NE OF SONG BE RIVER,  
AT HANG DAI RAPIDS (YT 107 373). IN FLIGHT OVER WAR ZONE,  
20 AUG, DAWSON RECOGNIZED AREA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES YT 2345/YT2545  
YT 2345 AND YT 2545. DAWSON LOCATED DETAINEE WORK AREA, A GARDEN,  
AT YT 239 452, AND ESTIMATED CAMP WAS FORTY-FIVE MINUTE WALK TO  
NORTH. CAMP NOT LOCATED.

AIRCRAFT RECEIVED GROUND FIRE FROM AREA BOUNDED BY YT 1142,  
YT 1242, YT 1143 AND YT 1243.

6. DAWSON RELATED FOLLOWING TO PRESS REPS, 26 AUG.  
HE AND OTHER AMERICANS PAID FIFTEEN PIASTERS A MONTH FOR WORK  
DONE AT CAMP. MONEY SPENT FOR SOAP AND TOBACCO AT VC STORE.  
VIETNAMESE DETAINEES WERE SO WELL TREATED, TWO DECLINED TO

LEAVE WHEN RELEASED. VC KNEW DAWSON HAD TALKED TO US INTELLI-  
GENCE AND RVN POLICE, AND INITIALLY BELIEVED HE WAS ON MISSION  
VC DID NOT REQUEST MILITARY INFORMATION FROM DAWSON, AND DIS-  
CUSSED ONLY HIS BROTHER. DAWSON TOLD BROTHER DIED, WAS BURIED  
BY VC AND GRAVE SITE BEING MAINTAINED. VC GAVE DAWSON A VEST,  
ALLEGEDLY LT DAWSON'S AND SAID IT WAS ONLY REMAINING PERSONAL  
EFFECT.

6. DAWSON RETRACTED ALL PREVIOUS DEROGATORY STATE-  
MENTS MADE TO VC CONCERNING US POLICY IN RVN. HOWEVER, HE  
APPARENTLY STILL FELT US ARMY DID NOT SUFFICIENTLY AID HIM IN  
SEARCH FOR BROTHER. ALTHOUGH DAWSON PROMISED VC HE WOULD NOT  
CONTACT US INTELLIGENCE, HE OFFERED TO ASSIST US INTELLIGENCE  
IN OBTAINING RELEASE OF US DETAINEES. HE REQUESTED THAT MISS  
EMBERGER NOT BE CONTACTED AS VC WARNED THEY WOULD WATCH.

7. DAWSON DEPARTED FOR COMUS, COMMERCIAL AIR, VIA  
TOKYO, 30 AUG.

8. MISS COLETTE SIMONE EMBERGER, FRENCH CITIZEN OF  
GERMAN-VIETNAMESE DESCENT, BORN 1945 AT CAP SAINT JACQUES  
(VUNG TAU), PHUOC TUY PROVINCE, RVN, ADDRESS: LE VAN DUYET  
STREET, DAKAO, SAIGON WAS INTERVIEWED BRIEFLY UPON HER

RETURN TO SAIGON. EMBERGER REPORTED THAT SHE WAS HELD SEPAR-





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3 February 2006

The Honorable Blanche L. Lincoln  
355 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Lincoln,

This letter is in response to your fax of 6 January 2006 concerning the efforts of a group of veterans to request that a medal of honor be awarded posthumously to U.S. Army SSG Harold G. Bennett, RA 18542931. In that letter, you requested additional documents pertaining to SSG Bennett's experiences as a POW from 1964 to 1968. I requested that my staff search our records repository for such documents, but they have reported that the FOIA response sent to you by this office in October 2004 included all information pertaining to SSG Bennett that is available from the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.

I would like to refer you and your constituents to the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office for further assistance in locating and obtaining the documents you require. Please write to them at the following address:

Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office  
Records Section  
241 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
Arlington, VA 22202

If I or my staff may be of further assistance in your endeavor to honor this service member, please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 448-1720.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Johnie E. Webb, Jr.", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Johnie E. Webb, Jr.  
Senior Advisor

CC: DPMO

Enclosure: Fax from Sen. Lincoln's Office, 6 Jan 2006

July 14, 2005

Mark F. Swentkofske  
Director of Intelligence  
Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command  
Hickham AFB, Hawaii 96853-5530

RE: J24/1771/Ser:241 (22 Oct 04)

This is a follow-up letter, to a letter dated 8 October 2004, regarding the late U.S. Army SSG Harold George Bennett, RA 18 542 931 (REFNO 0049), a fellow Arkansan and a veteran of the Vietnam War. I am writing on behalf of a group of veterans known as "Friends of SSG Bennett" with a request to obtain archival documents pertaining to SSG Bennett's captivity experience from 1964-1968. Specifically, we are requesting the following:

- Information regarding SSG Bennett's attempted escape with CAPT Donald Cook, particularly debriefings of any defected Viet Cong guards and/or cadre men from the jungle POW camp where SSG Bennett and CAPT Cook were held captive.
- Any debriefings from Claudette Emberger, a Vietnamese civilian detainee, as well as American civilian Donald Dawson; both of whom were captured by the Viet Cong and held briefly at the same camp with SSG Bennett. If you do not have a debriefing from Miss Emberger, please specify.
- Any commentary pertaining to SSG Bennett in the publication issued by the Joint Personnel Recovery Center, dated 1 October 1968, entitled "Organization and Methods of Operation of Prisoner of War Camps in VC Military Zone III (IV Corps)." It contains assessments of American POWs by former Viet Cong cadre men who came in contact with the early POWs and later defected to the Government of South Vietnam.
- Any other classified agent reports, radio intercepts of National Liberation Front of South Vietnam (NLF) Liberation Radio and/or Radio Hanoi broadcasts pertaining to the Viet Cong announcement that they had executed SSG Bennett on or about 26 June 1965.

While I appreciate your efforts in the past to accommodate our requests, some of the archival material submitted by your office is unsuitable for a Medal of Honor submission as much of it has been heavily redacted and consists only of fragments of the original documents.

SSG Bennett answered his nation's call to service and placed duty and honor above all else, and the information we are requesting is necessary before he can be considered for a high level valor award. For the people of Arkansas and especially for the Bennett family, I hope you will assist our efforts to ensure SSG Bennett receives the recognition that he has rightfully earned.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter and urge you to contact my assistant, Tony McClain, at 202.224.4843, with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Blanche L. Lincoln

BLL/tm



# JOINT POW/MIA ACCOUNTING COMMAND

310 WORCHESTER AVENUE  
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J24  
1771  
Ser: 241  
22 Oct 04

Senator Blanche L. Lincoln  
912 West fourth Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Blanche L. Lincoln,

Please find enclosed a second set of documents provided in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 6 May 2004. We apologize for the delay in fulfilling your request, but we did not receive notice that your office had mislaid the first package until 8 October.

Enclosures (1) through (65), responsive to your request, are released to you. A minimal amount of information has been redacted. Information redacted is exempt from disclosure under Title 5, United States Code 552(b)(6), which applies to information release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the families of unaccounted for personnel or U.S. personnel. There are no review or duplication fees.

I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request.

Because your request has been partially denied, you are advised that you have the right to file an appeal. Such an appeal should be sent to the Assistant Secretary of Defense Public Affairs (DFOISRO), Washington, DC 20301-1400, within 60 days from the date of this letter. Please attach a copy of this letter with your appeal. We recommend your letter of appeal and the envelope both bear the notation "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Mark F. Swentkofske  
Director, Intelligence

J24  
1771  
Ser: 098  
22 Jul 04

Encl:

- (1) CASE 0049 MAP CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH 221026Z NOV 93
- (2) CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI 030722Z JAN 03
- (3) CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI 170732Z JAN 03
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# JOINT POW/MIA ACCOUNTING COMMAND

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Senator Blanche L. Lincoln  
912 West fourth Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Blanche L. Lincoln,

Please find enclosed a second set of documents provided in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 6 May 2004. We apologize for the delay in fulfilling your request, but we did not receive notice that your office had mislaid the first package until 8 October.

Enclosures (1) through (65), responsive to your request, are released to you. A minimal amount of information has been redacted. Information redacted is exempt from disclosure under Title 5, United States Code 552(b)(6), which applies to information release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of the families of unaccounted for personnel or U.S. personnel. There are no review or duplication fees.

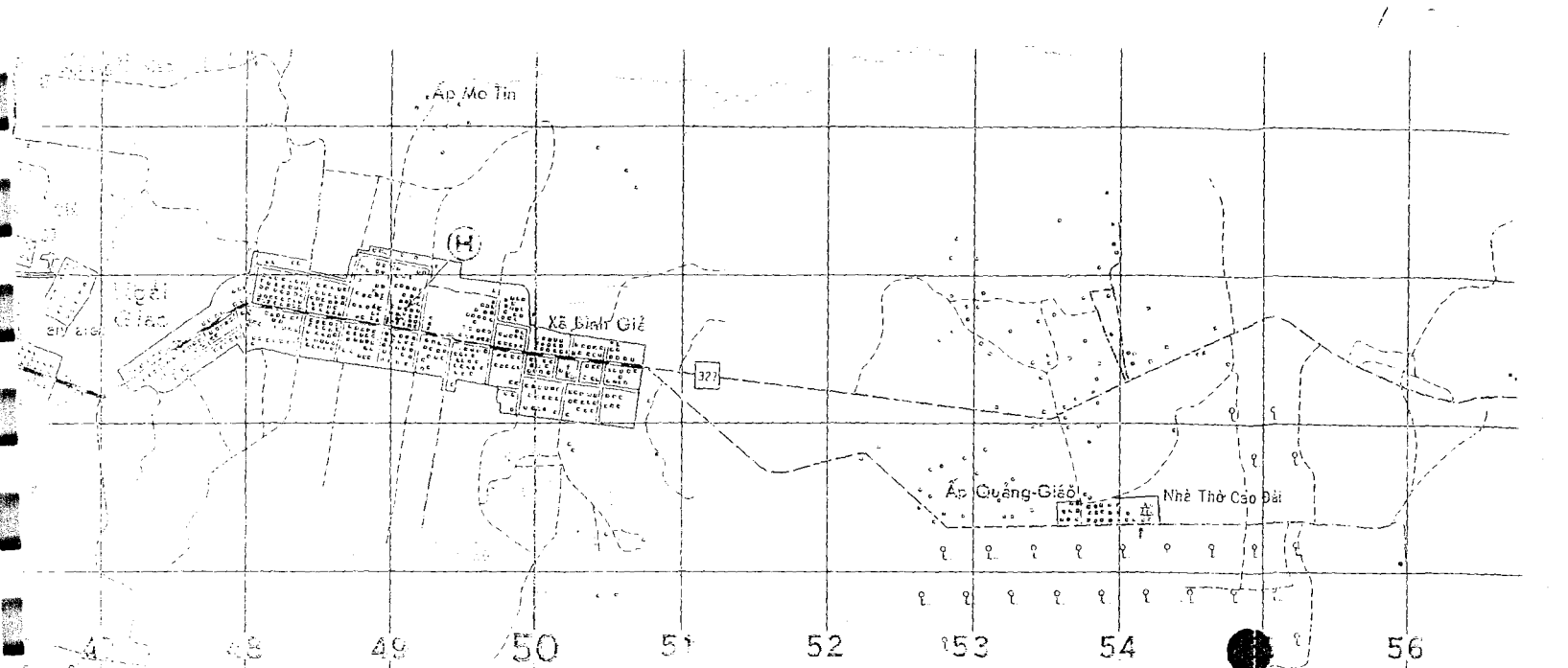
I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request.

Because your request has been partially denied, you are advised that you have the right to file an appeal. Such an appeal should be sent to the Assistant Secretary of Defense Public Affairs (DFOISRO), Washington, DC 20301-1400, within 60 days from the date of this letter. Please attach a copy of this letter with your appeal. We recommend your letter of appeal and the envelope both bear the notation "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

Mark F. Swentkofske  
Director, Intelligence

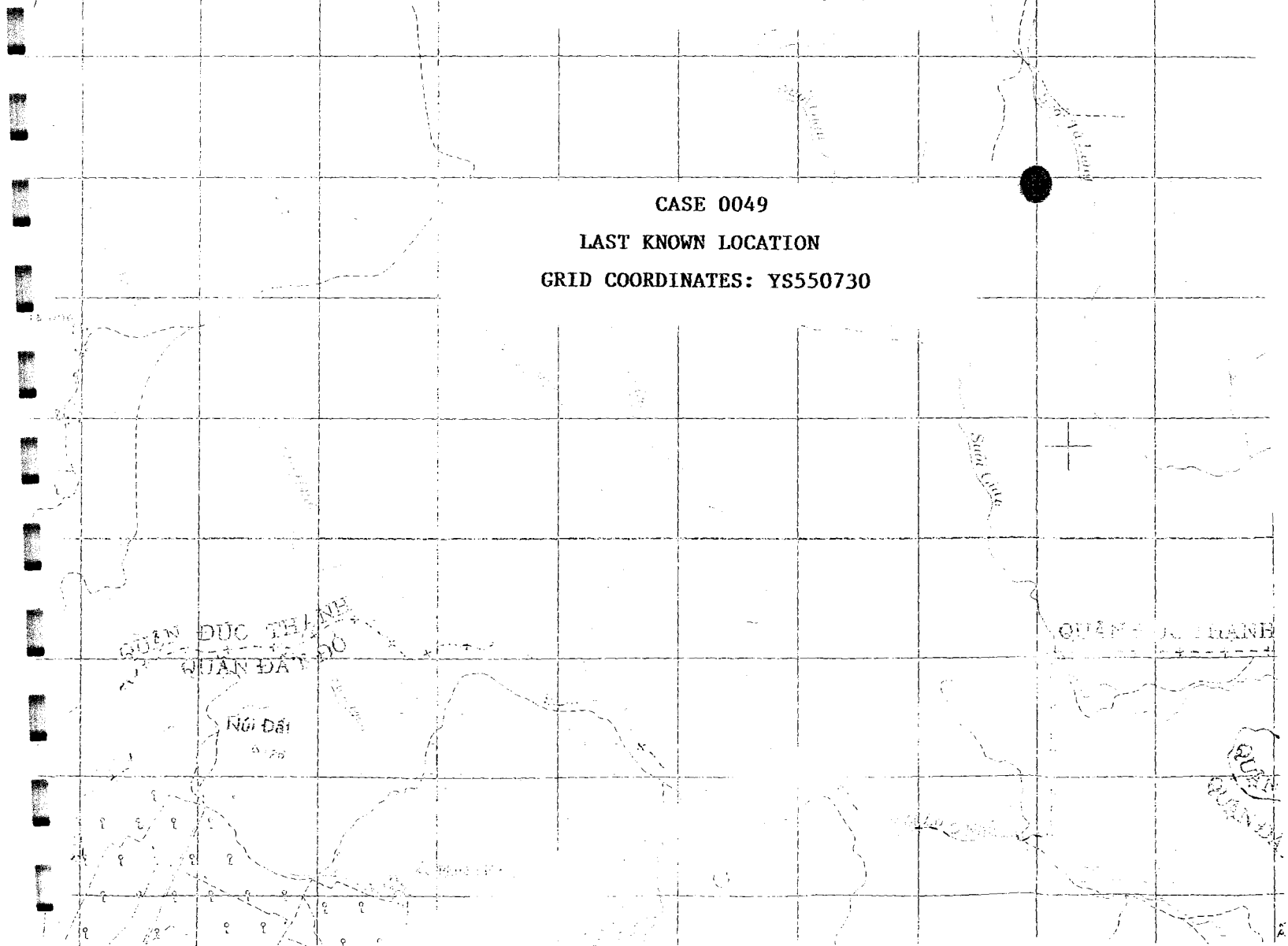




CASE 0049

INCIDENT LOCATION

GRID COORDINATES: YS549755



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### Enemy Situation, Early 1964

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### Base Areas

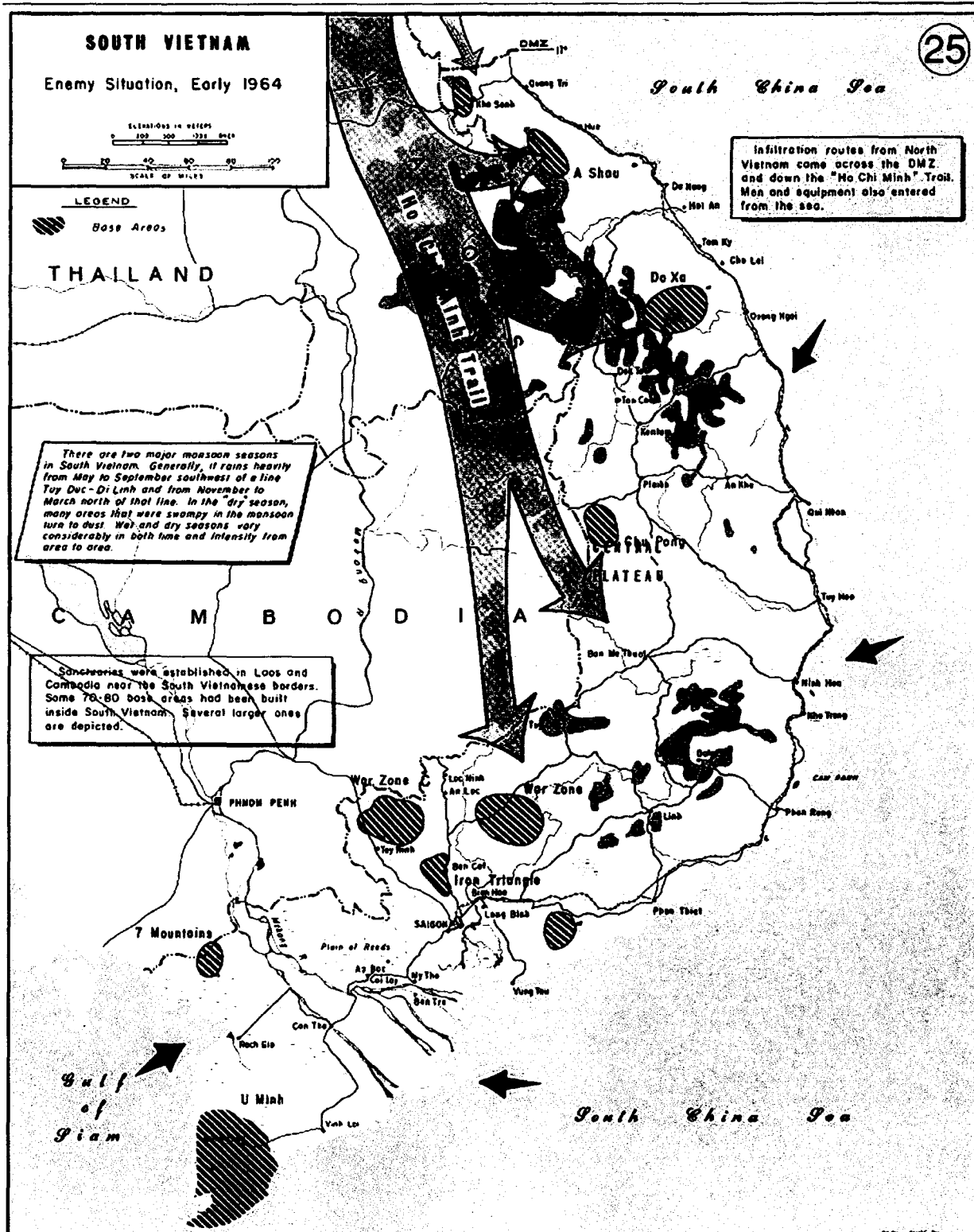
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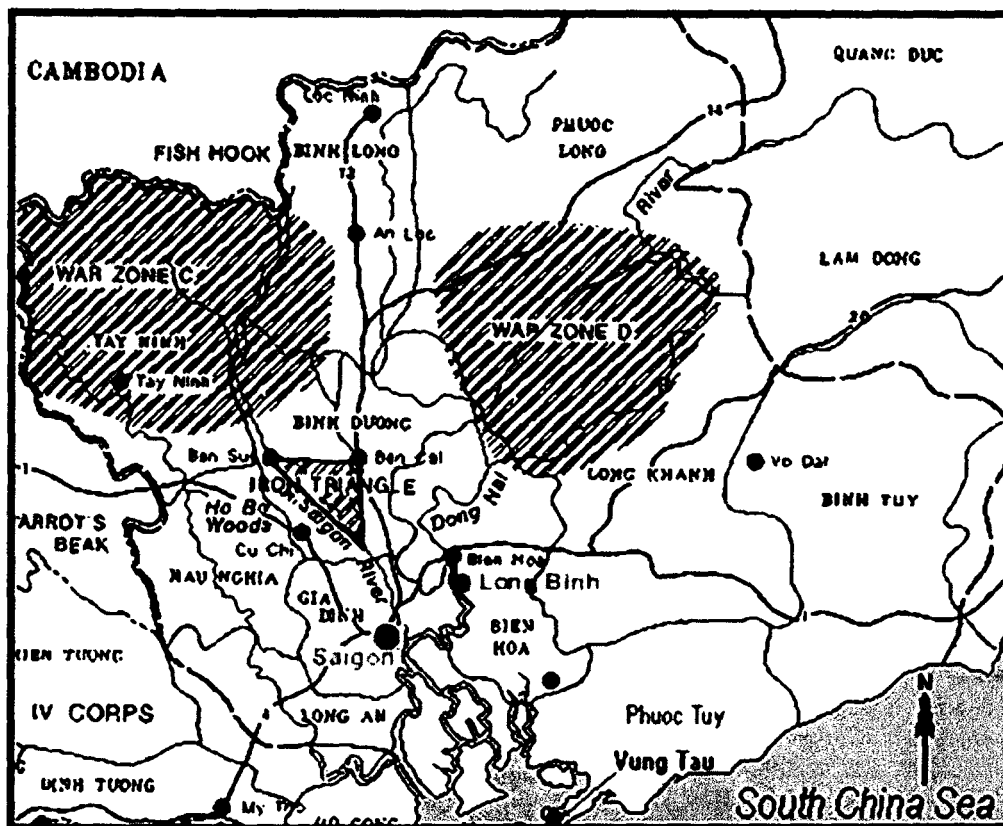
There are two major monsoon seasons in South Vietnam. Generally, it rains heavily from May to September southwest of a line Tuy Duc - Di Linh and from November to March north of that line. In the 'dry' season, many areas that were swampy in the monsoon turn to dust. Wet and dry seasons vary considerably in both time and intensity from area to area.

Sanctuaries were established in Laos and Cambodia near the South Vietnamese borders. Some 70-80 base areas had been built inside South Vietnam. Several larger ones are depicted.

Infiltration routes from North Vietnam come across the DMZ and down the "Ho Chi Minh" Trail. Men and equipment also entered from the sea.

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**MAP OF III CTZ SHOWING  
WAR ZONES C & D, AND THE IRON TRIANGLE**



# RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

For use of this form, see AR 600-8-22; the proponent agency is ODCSPER


For valor/heroism/wartime and all awards higher than MSM, refer to special instructions in Chapter 3, AR 600-8-22.

1. TO Chief, Military Awards Branch, US Army Human Resources Command, Hoffman II, 200 Stovall St, Alexandria, VA 22332	2. FROM LTC James E. Behnke, US Army (Ret)	3. DATE 1 March 2006
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## PART I - SOLDIER DATA

4. NAME Harold George Bennett	5. RANK SSG	6. SSN [REDACTED]
7. ORGANIZATION Ranger Advisor, Military Assistance Advisory Group, Detachment 95, III Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam	8. PREVIOUS AWARDS Purple Heart, POW Medal, GCM (Second Award), Combat Infantryman Badge	
9. BRANCH OF SERVICE US Army	10. RECOMMENDED AWARD	11. PERIOD OF AWARD a. FROM 29 Dec 1964 b. TO 25 June 1965
12. REASON FOR AWARD		13. POSTHUMOUS
12a. INDICATE ACH, SVC, PCS, ETS, OR RET	12b. INTERIM AWARD IF YES, STATE AWARD GIVEN	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

## PART II - RECOMMENDER DATA

14. NAME James. E. Behnke	15. ADDRESS 4964 Laguna Sierra Vista, AZ 85650
16. TITLE/POSITION Senior Advisor, 33rd Vietnamese Ranger Bn	17. RANK LTC
18. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE Immediate Supervisor/Commander	19. SIGNATURE 

## PART III - JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA (Use specific bullet examples of meritorious acts or service)

20. ACHIEVEMENTS
ACHIEVEMENT #1
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ACHIEVEMENT #4
21. PROPOSED CITATION

NAME Harold George Bennett		SSN [REDACTED]	
<b>PART IV - RECOMMENDATIONS/APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL</b>			
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28a. NAME OF ORDERS APPROVAL AUTHORITY		28b. RANK	
28c. TITLE/POSITION		29. APPROVED AWARD	
28d. SIGNATURE		30. DATE	



## NARRATIVE JUSTIFICATION FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR

I recommend that the Medal of Honor be awarded to SSG Harold George Bennett, RA 18542931, for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during the period 29 December 1964 until 25 June 1965. As my narrative and the supporting staff study will show, SSG Bennett was a remarkable soldier; one of those hard-core Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) the Army is blessed to have. His courage and bravery on the battlefield and, while in captivity, resulted in him becoming the first American Prisoner of War (POW) to be brutally murdered by his Viet Cong captors while held captive in Vietnam.

SSG Bennett was part of a three man team assigned by the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Vietnamese Ranger Battalion. I served as the Senior Advisor, SSG Bennett was our Light Weapons NCO, and newly assigned PFC Charles Crafts served as our team radio operator. During those early days of the US involvement in Vietnam, the advisory mission was to help train Vietnamese units and to coordinate support from American sources. Although I only served with SSG Bennett for a very short period of time, his actions while we worked together and during his period of captivity clearly demonstrated his courage and bravery in combat against the Viet Cong.

Just before Christmas of 1964, Colonel Jasper J. Wilson, Senior Advisor to the Vietnamese III Corps, contacted me to ask for my assistance in helping plan and execute a rescue mission for three American POWs thought to be held in a jungle camp north of Tay Ninh. As we began working together, I quickly recognized that this had become Colonel Wilson's sole purpose in life because he desperately wanted to free the POWs and what a more appropriate time than on Christmas Day.

The plan we devised was to conduct a helicopter assault using the 33<sup>rd</sup> Vietnamese Ranger Battalion that I was advising because it was one of the best and most experienced combat units in Vietnam. After completing a detailed terrain analysis, we found that we faced significant obstacles that must be overcome. The most critical was that there was only one tiny clearing in close proximity to the suspected POW camp site and it was barely large enough to accompany a single helicopter at a time. The nearest landing zone for a battalion sized force was located approximately 1000 meters away, so it quickly became obvious that our options were severely limited. By landing in the larger clearing, we knew the Viet Cong would have plenty of time to vacate their camp and disappear into the heavy, triple canopied jungle that surrounded that area for miles in all directions.

Colonel Wilson and I then decided that our only course of action would be to send a single helicopter, loaded with Vietnamese Rangers, into the tiny clearing near the POW camp. By doing so, we hoped they could engage the enemy and pin them in place while our larger force worked its way through the jungle from our secondary landing zone 1000 meters away.

We understood it would be incredibly dangerous to send a lone helicopter on this mission, so we decided to ask permission from our higher headquarters to use tear and choking gas agents to temporarily blind the enemy and disrupt their activities. With any luck, we hoped our small team could possibly overwhelm a small enemy force and protect the POWs until the remainder of the battalion could link up.

Because of the political sensitivity of using gas agents, we had to seek permission from the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. Additionally, we needed volunteers to go on what many thought would be a "suicide mission." Although he had only been with me for a short period of time, SSG Bennett had already proven that he was professional to the core and courageous beyond description, so I was not surprised when he approached me and volunteered to take seven Vietnamese Rangers on the lone helicopter.

Christmas Day of 1964 came and the operation proceeded exactly as planned. Air Force and Army aircraft began dropping canisters of tear and choking agents as we approached the landing areas. Just before the main body reached its landing zone, the helicopter carrying SSG Bennett and his team peeled off from the formation and landed in the tiny clearing adjacent to the POW camp. SSG Bennett and his team jumped from the aircraft and began working their way into the camp, but found that it had been abandoned prior to their arrival.

While the goal of liberating the American POWs was not reached, that does not detract from the heroism displayed by SSG Bennett that day. When faced with what could have been a suicide mission, he unhesitatingly volunteered to risk his life to rescue the POWs and followed our plan through to completion. After the mission was completed, he was terribly disappointed that the Viet Cong had already moved the prisoners. Little did he know that a short four days later, he would become a POW himself.

On December 29, 1964, our Ranger Battalion was directed to repel a Viet Cong force that had overrun the predominantly Catholic village of Binh Gia. The plan was for SSG Bennett and the radio operator, PFC Charles Crafts, to accompany two of our companies on the initial lift and I would accompany the battalion commander and the remainder of our battalion on the second lift into a landing zone a few hundred meters away.

As we were boarding the helicopters for the second lift, the Corps G-3 ran up and shouted for me to be careful; warning that it might be an ambush. When we landed, there was an initial period of quiet, but then all hell then broke loose when our 350 Rangers were hit by a force that was later estimated to be somewhere in the range of 5000, Main Force Viet Cong. What we did not know at the time was that we were facing the 9<sup>th</sup> Viet Cong Division that had been formed earlier that summer and had been training for the past several months in the jungles south of Binh Gia.

We began receiving heavy mortar, machine gun, and small arms fire and then the much larger enemy force split us into small elements. During the firefight, I became separated from the battalion commander and found myself alone with three Vietnamese Rangers; two of whom had been severely wounded with gunshot wounds to their arms.

It soon became evident that we were cut off and in danger of being overrun, so I began trying to call someone on my radio. After several attempts, I was finally able to contact an American helicopter gunship being piloted by a friend of mine, Captain Johnson. After landing in a very confined area, he instructed all of us to climb aboard and barely managed to clear the trees on take-off.

My intentions were to ask Captain Johnson to put me down where SSG Bennett and the other half of the battalion were located because I planned to use them to go to the aid of the battalion commander and the elements I had been with. As we were taking off from the confined area, one of the escort helicopters began receiving heavy fire and then I saw smoke trailing behind it. I began beating on the back of Captain Johnson's seat to alert him that the escort aircraft was "going down".

The escort aircraft managed to land upright, but slid into a large crater and caught fire. We landed nearby and rushed to the aircraft and began pulling out the crew and moving them away from the fire and exploding ammunition. During this period, another helicopter landed nearby to assist. After all of the wounded and injured were loaded, the pilots elected to head for Vung Tau where the nearest hospital was located.

Arriving at Vung Tau, I began looking for some way to get back to Binh Gia to join SSG Bennett and the remainder of the battalion. A few minutes later, I ran into another friend of mine, Major Harvey Stewart, who commanded one of the airlift companies that had been involved in the operation. Major Stewart told me there was no way for anyone to get to SSG Bennett because his two companies had been caught in an L-Shaped ambush and were systematically destroyed. In fact, he told me another pilot had monitored SSG Bennett's last radio transmissions in which he described dead Rangers lying all around him and he kept talking until the Viet Cong literally took the microphone out of his hands.

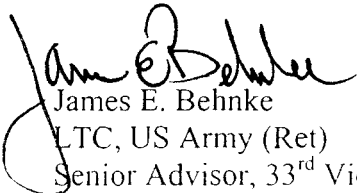
As the eye witness statement from PFC Crafts will attest, SSG Bennett did everything he could to help the Rangers fight their way out of the ambush. He kept firing at the enemy himself, rallied the diminishing force he had remaining, and called in air strikes and helicopter gun ships. After it became evident that they no longer remained an effective fighting force, he steadfastly refused two different helicopter pilots who offered to rescue him. He believed a rescue attempt would be futile and would only result in the loss of additional aircraft and their crews. SSG Bennett continued to fight to the end and was finally captured when the remaining handful of Rangers laid down their weapons and surrendered. As the enemy closed on him, his last words to the helicopter pilots circling overhead was, "Well, they are here now. My little people have laid down their weapons and they want me to turn off my radio. Thanks a lot for your help and God Bless you."

From all of the reports that I have managed to gather over the years, SSG Bennett continued to resist the Viet Cong while in captivity and he tried to escape on at least three different occasions. During the third escape attempt, he beat an enemy guard almost senseless and nearly had a finger bitten off during the struggle.

While the details remain murky, he and his fellow captives were apparently told to prepare for movement to a different POW camp on or about 15 May 1965. By that time, SSG Bennett had become severely malnourished and was in extremely poor health because of recurring malaria and dysentery; consequently, he had difficulty keeping up with the main body. Some of the guards apparently held him back from the group and later told the others that they had shot him because he was so recalcitrant. None of the surviving POWs heard any gunshots, so his death remains a mystery. The first public information concerning SSG Bennett's fate came from an intercepted North Vietnamese radio broadcast stating that he had been killed in retaliation for the South Vietnamese government's execution of a captured Viet Cong terrorist.

SSG Bennett's body lies in an unmarked grave somewhere in the jungles of Vietnam. Even more disturbing is the fact that the only recognition received by his family upon the notification of his death was a Purple Heart. His family deserves more than that, so I have joined a small group of former Army and Marine personnel who have dedicated many months and countless man hours to correct this obvious oversight.

It should be noted that SSG Bennett was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame last year and that speaks highly of him. Furthermore, I believe my narrative and the information that is furnished in the accompanying eyewitness statements and attached staff study will clearly establish that SSG Bennett was a remarkable soldier whose conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity earned him award of the Medal of Honor. What a great tribute it would be to him and his family as well as a shining example for all of the other Army NCOs who will follow in his foot steps.

  
James E. Behnke  
LTC, US Army (Ret)  
Senior Advisor, 33<sup>rd</sup> Vietnamese Ranger Battalion

3 Attachments:

1. Proposed Medal of Honor Citation
2. Enlisted Record Briefs
3. Staff Study recommending posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to SSG Harold George Bennett



## **PROPOSED CITATION FOR SSG HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT**

**Staff Sergeant Harold George Bennett (then a Sergeant) distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Ranger Advisor, Military Assistance Advisory Group, Detachment 95, III Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam during the period of 29 December 1964 to 25 June 1965. On 29 December 1964, SSG Bennett accompanied a company of Army of the Republic of Vietnam's 33<sup>rd</sup> Ranger Battalion in a combat assault against an over-powering Viet Cong force occupying the village of Binh Gia in Phuoc Tuy Province. The Rangers were quickly engaged with enemy mortar, recoilless rifle, automatic weapons, and small arms fire in a classic L-shaped ambush, which decimated most of the friendly force caught in the enemy's murderous cross fire. SSG Bennett fearlessly moved around on the battlefield, rallied the few survivors who had escaped from the killing zone, and called in supporting fire from American helicopters overhead against the enemy's final assault. Twice SSG Bennett refused offers by two of the helicopters pilots to attempt to extract him from the battlefield. SSG Bennett's willful disregard for his own safety prevented the two helicopters from being shot down and their crewmen being killed by enemy ground fire. Taken prisoner by the Viet Cong, SSG Bennett personified every tenet of the Code of Conduct to the utmost. He prepared for two escape attempts with a fellow prisoner while waiting for the right conditions for success as they were being evacuated from the battlefield. SSG Bennett's third escape attempt with another fellow prisoner resulted in one of his fingers being bitten to the bone by the Viet Cong guard he was attempting to overcome. He was blindfolded, beaten and kept in shackles while in solitary confinement for prolonged periods, and received reduced rations. His indomitable faith in God, Country, and loyalty to his fellow prisoners could not be broken by his captors. The Viet Cong announced that they had executed SSG Bennett on or about 25 June 1965 in reprisal for the execution of a communist terrorist by the Saigon government. SSG Bennett's intrepidity in close action against superior enemy forces which resulted in his capture, and his conspicuous courage and bravery while in captivity are in the highest traditions of the military service, and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.**



## JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BOX 64044

CAMP H. M. SMITH, HAWAII 96861-4044

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15 Sep 03

Dear Mr. Frederic;

This is in response to your 28 August 2003, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted to the U.S. Pacific Command for documents pertaining to the captivity experience of U.S. Army SSG Harold G. Bennett.

Joint Task Force – Full Accounting (JTF-FA) has no documents responsive to your request. However, during the 12 joint and unilateral investigations that have been conducted concerning SSG Bennett, at least 10 interviews with former POW camp officials or guards have been conducted. Analysis of those interviews has revealed that SSG Bennett was held in the "Auschwitz" camp in Tay Ninh Province with several other POWs. SSG Bennett and CPL Crafts were trapped when Viet Cong overran the ARVN battalion they were advising and they were abandoned. In late December they were marched northward. It took the group four months to complete the rendezvous, with layovers at camps the POWs named "San Jose" and "SOB". During captivity Bennett was uncooperative and in February of 1965 he undertook a hunger strike as a method of resistance. A tactic that infuriated the guards who were eating the same diet he refused. This brought him three beatings. Bennett and another POW attempted to escape in March 1965 but a guard alerted the camp before they could get to the perimeter. The punishment that followed further weakened Bennett before he was separated from the group in late May 65. Bennett was last seen on 28 May 65 when guards were kicking and punching him along the trail to make him move faster. In June 65 the National Liberation Front announced Bennett's execution in retaliation for the Ky government's execution of Tran Van Dong, a communist caught attempting to bomb an officer's billet in Saigon.

As mentioned Case 0049 has investigated on five separate occasions since 1992, most recently during the October/November 2002 timeframe. The search for answers to Case 0049 is ongoing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard W. Hites", is written over the typed name.

RICHARD W. HITES

By direction

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SUBJECT: Report of Proceedings by Board of Officers

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM, APO  
San Francisco, 96243, 19 January 1965

TO: The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPB-C, Department of the Army,  
Washington, D. C., 20315

Proceedings of Board of Officers pertaining to Sergeant E-5  
Harold G. Bennett, RA 18 542 931, and Private E-2 Charles E. Crafts,  
US 51 479 671, has been reviewed UP para 9, AR 600-67 and this head-  
quarters concurs with recommendation of the board that status be  
changed from "missing" to "detained by a hostile force".

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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*C. B. Harvey*  
C. B. HARVEY  
CWO W-2, USA  
Asst Adj Gen

HEADQUARTERS III CORPS ADVISORY GROUP  
Advisory Team 95 (MAOV)  
APO San Francisco, California 96227

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS BY BOARD OF OFFICERS

Appointed pursuant to Letter Orders 01-40, Headquarters, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, dated 4 January 1965, subject: "Appointment of Board of Officers", a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A", as amended by Letter Orders 01-457, Headquarters, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, dated 15 January 1965, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "B".

Convened at Bien Hoa, Vietnam on 15 January 1965.

The board met pursuant to the foregoing order at Headquarters, III Corps Advisory Group, Bien Hoa, Vietnam, at 1530 hours, 15 January 1965.

Persons present:

George M. Osborne	Major	01926076	President
William S. Fiske	Capt	078302	Member
Leonard W. Wilson	Capt	02097231	Recorder

Persons absent:

None

The orders appointing the board and the substance of the regulations under which convened were read aloud by the president of the board.

Summary of statement taken from Sergeant First Class Dam Van Phung, Serial Number 332419, a member of 2d Company, 33d Ranger Battalion, was read aloud by the president of the board and is attached as Exhibit "C".

Summary of statement taken from Private Tran Van Hue, Serial Number 181555, a member of 2d Company, 33d Ranger Battalion, was read aloud by the president of the board and is attached as Exhibit "D".

Summary of statement taken from Captain James E. Behnke, 089029, US Army, Battalion Advisor to the 33d Ranger Battalion, was read aloud by the president of the board and is attached as Exhibit "E".

The following witness was called and a summary of his testimony is attached as Exhibit "F".

Captain James E. Behnke, 089029, US Army

FINDINGS: The board having carefully considered the evidence of record finds - that both Sergeant E5 Harold G. Bennett, RA18542931, Light Weapons Infantry Advisor to the 33d Ranger Battalion, III Corps (ARVN), and Private E2 Charles E. Crafts, US51479671, Radio Operator for the 33d Ranger Battalion, III Corps (ARVN), while accompanying the 2d Company, 33d Ranger Battalion, and while engaged in an armed conflict against the insurgent enemy of the Republic of South Vietnam, at YS 494776, Map South Vietnam, Serial 1605, Sheet 231W, 1:100,000, were captured and taken into captivity and restrained by a hostile force at approximately 1730 hours on 29 December 1964.

RECOMMENDATION: That in view of the findings, the board recommends that the status of both Sergeant Bennett and Private Crafts be changed from missing in action to held in captivity against their will by a hostile enemy.

The board adjourned at 1600 hours on 15 January 1965.

*William S. Fiske*  
WILLIAM S. FISKE  
Captain, OrdC  
Member

*George M. Osborne*  
GEORGE M. OSBORNE  
Major, Infantry  
President

*Leonard W. Wilson*  
LEONARD W. WILSON  
Captain, AGO  
Recorder

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM  
APO San Francisco 96243

MACAG  
LETTER ORDERS 01-40

4 January 1965

SUBJECT: Appointment of Board of Officers

TO: Individuals Concerned

TC 351. Fol Bd is apt and will consist of mbr as fol.

Name of Bd: Board of Officers to investigate status of missing persons

Mbr: OSBORNE, GEORGE M 01926076 MAJ INF 82162 HQ US Mil Asst Comd (SD-5891) Vietnam, APO US Forces, 96243, w/dy sta Ad Tm #98, APO US Forces 96314 (Member)

HUNNICUTT, ROY D 082676 CAPT INF 82162 HQ US Mil Asst Comd (SD-5891) Vietnam, APO US Forces, 96243, w/dy sta Ad Tm #80, APO US Forces 96314 (Member)

WILSON, LEONARD W 02097231 CAPT AGC 2120 HQ US Mil Asst Comd (SD-5891) Vietnam, APO US Forces, 96243, w/dy sta Ad Tm #95, APO US Forces, 96314 (Recorder)

Eff date: 4 Jan 65

Pd: NLT 17 Jan 65

Purpose: To determine all facts concerning the status of BENNETT, HAROLD B RA18542931 SGT E5 and CRAFTS, CHARLES E US51479671 PVT E2 missing at 1700 hours, 29 December 1964.

Auth: AR 15-6

Sp instr: A recommendation will be made by the board as to whether the status of missing should be continued or changed to dead, AWOL or other appropriate status. Record of board proceedings and recommendations will be completed in triplicate and forwarded to this headquarters  
ATTN: MACAG-BPA.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



W. H. GOURLEY  
Captain, AGC  
Asst AG

DISTRIBUTION:

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- 30 - Pers Br, Ofc of the AG

EXHIBIT "A" to Board to Investigate Status of Missing Persons

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM  
APO San Francisco 96243

15 January 1965

MACAG  
LETTER ORDERS 01-457

SUBJECT: Amendment of Letter Orders

TO: Individuals Concerned

TC 370. Fol order AMENDED.

SMD: TC 351 LO 01-40 this HQ dtd 4 January 1965

Pert to: Appointment of Board of Officers

As reads: HUNNICUTT, ROY D 082676 CAPT INF 82162 HQ US Mil Asst Comd  
(SD-5891) Vietnam, APO US Forces, 96243, w/dy sta Ad Tm #80, APO US  
Forces 96314 (Member)

IATR: FISKE, WILLIAM S 078302 CAPT ORDE 84410 HQ US Mil Asst Comd (SD-5891)  
Vietnam, APO US Forces 96243, w/dy sta Ad Tm #80, APO US Forces 96314  
(Member)

FOR THE COMMANDER:



W. H. GOURLEY  
Captain, AGC  
Asst AG

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EXHIBIT "B" to Board to Investigate Status of Missing Persons

REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM  
ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VN  
32nd DTA  
33rd Ranger Battalion  
2nd Company  
--:-

APO 4366 6th Jan 1965

SFC DAM VAN PHUNG  
Serial No. 332419  
2/33rd Ranger Company

TO:

33rd Ranger Battalion Commander

SUBJECT: Report on two US personnel captured by VC.

This is to report to you that:

At 1730hrs on 29-12-1964, I was with the squad on the right side of a banana farm in BINH GIA Village, DUC THANH District (PHUOC TUY) and was tied up by VC and led to the jungle. Looking at the squad on my left, about 20 meters from me, I clearly saw one American Sergeant carrying a radio and another American Advisor (who is skinny and wears glasses) and 2nd Lt HOA (my platoon leader). All three of them were tied by VC and were seating together in a banana farm next to village #3.

I clearly observed that the two Battalions Advisors were not wounded. Lt HOA was wounded but was still able to walk. After spending one hour to clear the battle-field, VC withdrew and led us together with two Americans to XUAN SON direction. Taking advantage of darkness, I and Corporal SANG, who was also captured, hid ourselves in banana trees and managed to escape.

Signed and Sealed

Trưng b. 2 Đoàn viên Đảng

Sq. 332.419

Thước Đại đội 2/33 B.Đ.Đ.

Đoàn viên Việt Nam Cộng Hòa

Khu 32 Chiến thuật

Đoàn 33 Biệt Động Quân

Đại đội 2

Kính gửi

-Đại lý, Tiểu đoàn Trưởng  
Đoàn 33 Biệt Động Quân

Trích yếu: Báo cáo nhân thấy 2 cô thiếu nữ  
bị Việt Cộng bắt.

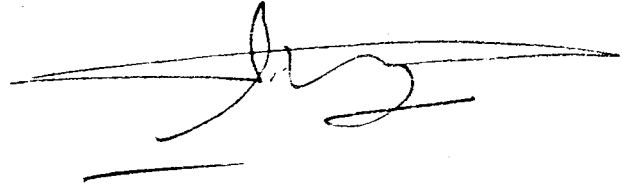
Trên hàng báo cáo Đại lý Tiểu đoàn  
Trưởng ro:

Vào lúc 17 giờ 30, ngày 29/12/1964 tại  
Đ. Tiểu đội bên tay trái vườn chuối thuộc  
làng Bình Giã, xã Bình Thạnh (Phước Mỹ)  
bị Việt Cộng tới lấy dần vào rừng, nhân  
qua Tiểu đội bên này cách tới chừng 50 thước  
tôi thấy có Trưng b. 2 và Trưng b. 3 mang máy  
rifle, kẻ lê tay có Trưng b. 2 và Trưng b. 3  
của tôi) cả 3 người đều bị Việt Cộng bắt  
lấy cho ngồi cùng một với tăng ở vườn  
chuối kế làng B.

Tôi thấy có 2 cô gái Mỹ của Tiểu  
đoàn không bị thương. Chỉ Trưng b. 2  
bị thương vào chân trái. Sau đó tôi  
thấy họ đưa lên chõng để phẫu thuật.  
Cũng rất đau đớn nhưng tôi không thể  
lên tới để cứu họ được.

h' tang ung li h' tang to' ca,  
2' chuy to' lall nimb vào búi chuy  
đđ' vđ' luy qua hết chuy to' chuy,  
thuat thoi.

Tôi thanh-thất báo cáo-tại lý  
rõ.



APO 4366, 14 January 1965

Pvt TRAN VAN HUE  
Serial No. 181.555, 2nd Platoon  
2nd Co, 33rd Ranger Battalion

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
RVNAF  
HIGH COMMAND  
III CTZ  
33RD RANGER BATTALION  
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TO

33rd Ranger Battalion Commander  
APO 3.446

SUBJECT: Two US Advisors to the 33rd Ranger Battalion captured in  
BINH GIA Battle.

This is to report to you that:

At approximately 291700H-12-64, my company was completely defeated. VC took our weapons and tied all MIA including myself and two US Advisors (one Sergeant and the other newly assigned to the Battalion). I saw VC took off the shoes and stole all belongings of these two Americans. After having searched all of us, VC led us to XUAN SON. We were moved through a rubber plantation to a jungle. At 2100, we were taken to a detention camp that was also located in a jungle. Two US Advisors were detained seperately. We were searched one more time by VC who found in the pocket of 2nd Lt HOA a 2nd Lt rank. Lt HOA was then detained together with the two US Advisors.

On the next day (30 Dec 1964) at 2300 hrs, VC moved 2 US Advisors, 2ndLt HOA and all of us to another area the name of which was unknown to me. We consisted of 8 wounded soldiers and were detained together with residents of BINH GIA village. At 0500 on 3-1-1965, VC moved us through a jungle. At 1800 hrs we arrived at a dirt road in LONG TAN where we and residents of BINH GIA village were released.

Signed

Comments of Bn Intelligence Officer

Subject has been thoroughly interrogated and his clear statement was highly reliable.

APO 3446, 14 January 1965

2ndLt LE VAN THE  
Chief of S2, 33rd Ranger Bn  
Signed and Sealed

EXHIBIT "D" to Board to Investigate Status of Missing Persons

Đã 11.356, ngày 1 tháng 1-1955

Bình ở Trăm văn Huế  
Lô quân 181.555, thuộc Trung đội 2  
Đại đội 2 / Đ 33/BĐQ.

Việt Nam Cộng Hòa  
Quân đội Việt Nam Cộng Hòa  
Bộ Tổng Tư Lệnh  
Vùng 3 Chiến Thuật  
Tiểu đoàn 33 Biệt Động Quân

Kính trình  
Đại lý Tiểu đoàn trưởng  
Tiểu đoàn 33/BĐQ.  
XBC 3.446.

Cherich gần: Tôi nhận thấy rõ 2 cô vẫn Mỹ của Đ 33/BĐQ  
lì lì bắt sống trong trận Bình Giả.

Erin trong báo cáo Đại lý rõ.

Đầu khoảng 29/12/54, Đại lý tôi hoàn toàn thất bại với  
viết công nhân thì cướp súng, bắt tôi tất cả những binh, trong  
đó có tôi, Bình ở BĐQ lãnh mệnh và 2 cô vẫn Mỹ (một là  
Trung đội và một ông anh về Tiểu đoàn mà tôi biết rõ) tôi  
viết công lột giày và lục soát lấy hết tài của 2 cô vẫn Mỹ  
sau khi lục soát chúng tôi về đến dân tất cả 2 cô vẫn Mỹ  
Qua khỏi vườn Cau su đến một cánh rừng, đến g ý g ý đi  
chúng đi chuyển chúng tôi đến một trại giam rừng ở trong  
rừng. Tôi đây về đến giam 2 cô vẫn Mỹ riêng ra, về  
khám xét chúng tôi một lần nữa, về thấy trong túi là  
Mấy Hoa có lon Thiên lý, chúng tôi đến giam chung với  
cô vẫn Mỹ.

Qua ngày sau là 30/12/54 đến 11 giờ đêm về  
2 cô vẫn Mỹ, Thiên lý Hoa và Tất cả quân nhân lãnh m  
đi chuyển nơi khác mà tôi không được nghe rõ. Chúng  
gồm 8 Bình ở BĐQ, bị giam tại đây, với dân bản  
giã tại là về bắt tù, vào 5 giờ sáng ngày 3/1/55. Về  
đi chuyển chúng tôi và dân ở trong rừng đến 6 giờ chiều  
gặp con chó đất đỏ ở Long-Tân về thả chúng tôi và thả  
Bình Giả.

Tôi thành thật khai báo.

V Kiện của Sĩ Quan Quân Báo:

Giữ trong lòng các Đại-lý và.

Bắt khoảng 2/17/54/12/54, Dr. Gai thì hoàn toàn thất thủ ở  
vết. công nhân thì cướp súng, bắt tôi bắt cả Hoàng Bình, Trung  
Đoàn và tôi, Bình n<sup>o</sup> 344 lãnh mệnh và 2 cô viên Mỹ (một  
Trung n<sup>o</sup> và một ông anh về Trung Đoàn mà tôi biết rõ) Tôi  
viết công lột quần và lục soát lấy hết tài của 2 cô viên Mỹ  
sau khi lục soát chúng tôi về bên dân bắt cả 3 bác sĩ.  
Qua khỏi vườn Cáo sư đến một cánh rừng, tên g<sup>o</sup> g<sup>o</sup> đi  
chúng đi chuyển chúng tôi đến một trại giam cũng ở trong  
rừng. Tôi thấy về đêm giam 2 cô viên Mỹ riêng ra. Về  
khám xét chúng tôi một lần nữa. Về thấy trong trại  
kể Hoa có lon Thiên-lý, chúng tôi đêm giam chung với  
cô viên Mỹ.

Qua ngày sau là 30/12/54 đến 11 giờ đêm về  
2 cô viên Mỹ, Thiên lý Hoa và Tất cả quân nhân lãnh  
đi chuyển nơi khác mà tôi không được nghe rõ. Chúng  
gồm 8 Bình n<sup>o</sup> ở thường, bị giam tại đây với lính gác  
giữ chặt ở về bắt buộc, vào 5 giờ sáng ngày 3/1/55  
đi chuyển chúng tôi và lính đi trong rừng đến 6 giờ chiều  
gặp con lộ đất đỏ ở Long-Tân về thả chúng tôi về d.  
Bình Giả.

Tôi Thanh thật Rhea báo.

Vị Kiện của Sĩ Quan Quân Báo:

ý của anh được tin một cách rõ ràng  
thành thật trả lời rõ ràng đáng tin cậy hơn hết.

KBC 3446 Ngày 14/1/1965

Thiếu úy Lê Văn Thi

Trưởng Ban 2 TĐ 33/BAD

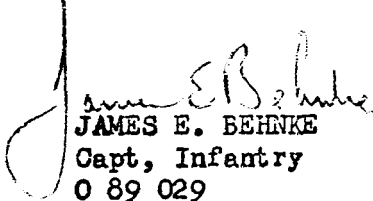
EXHIBIT "D" to Board to Investigate Status of Missing Persons

11 January 1965

S T A T E M E N T

I was not physically present with Sergeant E5 Harold G. Bennett, RA18542931, and Private Charles E. Crafts, US51479671, at the time of their capture. They landed with the first lift in Landing Zone Alpha and I landed with the second lift in Landing Zone Bravo. However, I have had an opportunity to talk to several persons who have seen them either captured or in captivity. The gist of their statements is as follows:

The 2d Company, 33d Ranger Battalion, was approaching the hamlet when a large Viet Cong force opened up with heavy machinegun fire from dug in positions to the flank and front. In 10 minutes the entire Company was completely destroyed except for 10 to 12 men. The Viet Cong then rushed the survivors and captured them. Sergeant Bennett and Private Crafts were made to kneel down and were tied up. They were marched about 6 kilometers east of Binh Gia where they spent one or two days in a temporary enclosure. They were then marched (1 days march) about 14 kilometers further east where they were placed in a more permanent type prison. There were about 50 prisoners at this location from various units captured at different times. They spent about 4 days at this camp and were then moved northeast. During their captivity no indication of maltreatment was observed. They were given rice, a meat sandwich, salt and one pack of Bastos cigarettes. They were tied most of the time and were held under strict security.

  
JAMES E. BEHNKE  
Capt, Infantry  
O 89 029  
SA, 33d Rngr Bn

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY  
(Captain James E. Behnke, 089029)

Captain James E. Behnke was called by the president of the board, sworn by the recorder and made the following statement:

I was at Bien Hoa Air Base and saw both Sergeant Bennett and Private Crafts depart at 1400 hours, 29 December 1964, with 2d Company of the 33d Ranger Battalion on the first airlift into the operational area.

I had the opportunity to talk to some of the wounded rangers who were released by the insurgent force five (5) days following their capture (a total of 8 were released) who remembered seeing both American Advisors in captivity. I also had the opportunity to talk to a villager who was released on the 6th day and who remembered seeing the two Americans in captivity and remembered Sergeant Bennett from a previous occasion when he befriended the children of his village while accompanying the 33d Ranger Battalion.

Captain Behnke was dismissed by the President of the Board.





JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
CAMP H. M. SMITH, HAWAII 96861-5025

CASE 0049-0-01

NARRATIVE

ON 29 DECEMBER 1964, SERGEANT HAROLD G. BENNETT AND PRIVATE CHARLES E. CRAFTS WERE CAPTURED BY VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YS549755, APPROXIMATELY 35 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF XUAN LOC AND FIVE KILOMETERS EAST-SOUTHEAST OF BINH GIA, DONG NAI PROVINCE. ON 23 FEBRUARY 1967, PRIVATE CRAFTS WAS RELEASED BY THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT. PRIVATE CRAFTS REPORTED THAT ON 28 MAY 1965, WHILE MOVING TO A NEW CAMP SITE, GUARDS TOLD HIM THAT THEY HAD KILLED SERGEANT BENNETT BECAUSE HE WAS UNABLE TO TRAVEL. PRIVATE CRAFTS ESTIMATED THEIR LOCATION TO BE IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YS550730. ON 25 JUNE 1965, A HANOI RADIO BROADCAST ANNOUNCED THE 25 JUNE 1965 EXECUTION OF SERGEANT BENNETT IN REPRISAL FOR THE EXECUTION OF A COMMUNIST TERRORIST. IN JANUARY 1973, THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM RELEASED A DIED-IN-CAPTIVITY LIST. THE LIST INDICATED SERGEANT BENNETT DIED IN JUNE 1965.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: BENNETT, HAROLD GEORGE

RANK: SERGEANT, U.S. ARMY

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 OCTOBER 1940

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.78 METERS

WEIGHT: 82.4 KILOGRAMS

PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT  
DURING 30-31 JUL 92 TECHNICAL MEETING

CASE 0049-0-01

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: BROWN



## SSG BENNETT'S 201 FILE INFORMATION

Harold George Bennett was born on 16 October 1940 in Thornburg, Perry County, Arkansas to Gordon A. Bennett and Pauline (Rickman) Bennett. He was the third of four sons - all of whom served in the military - and five sisters. His birth order was sixth of nine children. Of the nine children, only youngest brother Dicky, and three sisters survive.

He completed 10th grade, and received his GED certificate while on active duty in 1960.

He served honorably in the U. S. Army during his first enlistment from 4 November 1957 to 3 November 1960, where he attained the rank of SGT E-5 on 15 September 1959.

- He completed Basic Combat Training at Ft. Chaffee, AK. He completed Advanced Individual Training with Company D, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, NC.
- He completed Parachute training at Ft. Bragg, NC with Company D, 2nd Airborne Battle Group, 503<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Infantry, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, NC and was awarded the Parachutist badge on 23 April 1958.
- He served proudly with Company C, 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Battle Group, 506<sup>th</sup> Infantry. 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell Kentucky from 5 May 1958 until 3 November 1960 as a Rifleman (MOS 111.07,) Senior Rifleman (MOS 111.17,) and as a Fire Team Leader (MOS 111.67.)
- **He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Master Parachutist Badge, and Expert Infantryman Badge during this enlistment.**

He re-enlisted on 8 December 1960 as a SGT E-5 and served honorably until his discharge on 6 December 1963. **He attained the rank of SSG E-6 on 23 October 1963.**

- He served proudly with Company B, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Battalion, 41<sup>st</sup> Infantry, 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Hood, TX for 15 months.
- He was TDY for 5 months in Germany with his unit from 8 April – 21 Sep 1962.
- He returned to his unit at Ft. Hood, TX for another 4 months – all the while in MOS 111.60 as Squad Leader.
- He served proudly with Company A, Special Forces Training Group, Ft. Bragg, NC as a Light Weapons Infantryman (MOS 111.67) from 23 January 1963 until 9 July 1963.
- There is an undated Certificate of Training indicating successful completion of 40 lessons (140 hours) of the S-1 level, Special Warfare Limited Fluency Language Course, in the French Language at the JFK Center for Special Warfare, Ft. Bragg, NC.
- On 10 July 1963, he is listed as serving as Heavy Weapons Leader (MOS 112.73), with Company D, 7<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group, Ft. Bragg, NC until his honorable discharge on 3 December 1963 with the rank of SSG E-6.
- **Awarded the Good Conduct Medal (second award) for the period 23 July 1961 – 22 July 1964.**

He had a break in service, and re-enlisted on 22 May 1964 to serve with Company B, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group at Ft/ Bragg, NC as a SGT E-5 Light Weapons Infantryman (MOS 111.67) until 11 September 1964.

He was 5' 10" tall and weighed 182 lbs. on 8 June 1964 when he was issued a new Identification Card (DA Form 2A.) His PULHES code was 111111 Code A. Religious Preference: Baptist.

From 12 September 1964 until 12 October 1964 he served with Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 504<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, NC. He volunteered for service in Vietnam.

He arrived in Vietnam on 29 October 1964 for service with HQ, United States Military Advisory Command, Vietnam (MACV.) After attending MACV's Military Assistance Training Advisor course, he was assigned as a Light Weapons Advisor (MOS 111.68), with duty at III CTZ, Bien Hoa.

He was listed as Missing in Action (MIA) effective 29 December 1964. He was single, never married.

He was promoted (posthumously) to SSG E-6 (MOS 11B40) by HQ, Department of the Army on 24 August 1965.

An official "Presumptive Finding of Death (PFOD)" was made effective 1 July 1966, at which time he was dropped from the Army payroll.

All of these 201 file items were obtained from the Army Casualty Office, except the order assigning SSG Bennett to III CTZ on 30 October 1964, which was provided by Dicky Bennett, his younger brother.

Duane E. Frederic's NOTE: The DA Form 24 (Record, edition 1 June 1961) as received from the Army Casualty Office is missing page 2. Any additional documents needed to evaluate SSG Bennett's active duty are maintained at the Army Casualty Office, U. S. Army Human Resources Command, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0400.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
U.S. ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND  
200 STOVALL STREET  
ALEXANDRIA VA 22332-0400

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Freedom of Information Act

Mr. Dicky M. Bennett  
Post Office Box 1547  
Bigelow, Arkansas 72016

Dear Mr. Bennett:

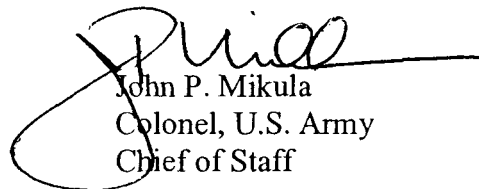
This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the case file pertaining to your loved one, Harold George Bennett, unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

Responsive documents are attached. There is no additional information maintained by this Command. Deleted from the documents is personal information pertaining to third parties. This will include home addresses, home telephone numbers, social security numbers and other personal information that, if disclosed, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Accordingly, the personal information is exempt from disclosure under Exemption 6 of the FOIA.

This partial denial is in accordance with Title 5, US Code, Section 552(b)(6), and paragraph 3-200, Exemption 6, Army Regulation 25-55. It is made on behalf of Major General Dorian T. Anderson, Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

If you desire, you may appeal this partial denial within 60 days from the date of this letter. Any appeal must be sent through: Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command; Attention: AHRC-FOIA; 200 Stovall Street; Alexandria, Virginia 22332-0400, to the Secretary of the Army, Attention: Office of the General Counsel.

Sincerely,

  
John P. Mikula  
Colonel, U.S. Army  
Chief of Staff

Attachment



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HEADQUARTERS  
U. S. ARMY ADVISOR GROUP (NGUS) ARKANSAS  
P. O. Box 4010  
North Little Rock, Arkansas

AKNAR

6 August 1966

SUBJECT: Presentation of Award - Purple Heart

THRU: ~~Commanding General~~  
~~Fourth US Army~~  
~~ATTN: AKAAG-AG~~  
~~Ft Sam Houston, Texas~~

*all 19 Aug 66*

TO: The Adjutant General  
Department of the Army  
ATTN: AGPB-AG  
Washington, D.C., 20305

1. The posthumous award of the Purple Heart to Staff Sergeant Harold G. Bennett, RA18542931, was presented on 5 August 1966 to the next of kin by the undersigned.

2. The next of kin, Mrs Pauline Bennett, mother of the deceased, requested that the medal be presented informally at her residence, with members of her immediate family present, in Perryville, Arkansas.

1 Incl  
AGPZ FL 298

*H. H. Riddle*  
HARRY H RIDDLE  
LTC, Infantry  
Survivor Assistance Officer

File - USA Admin Cen  
St Louis, Mo.

Date Initials

10-10000-1  
714001

TO: OFFICER SELECTED TO PRESENT DECORATION

THE COPY OF THIS LETTER IS NOTICE OF DECORATION TO BE PRESENTED

IN REPLY REFER TO

COPY

11 July 1966

AGPB-AC Bennett, Harold G.  
RA 18 542 931 (1 Jul 66)

Mrs. Pauline Bennett  
Post Office Box 185  
Perryville, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have the honor to inform you that your late son has been awarded posthumously the Purple Heart.

The officer selected to make presentation will communicate with you and arrange for the ceremony in accordance with your wishes.

My continued sympathy is with you in your loss.

Sincerely yours,

SHIP ENGRAVED PH MEDAL TO:

J. C. LAMBERT  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

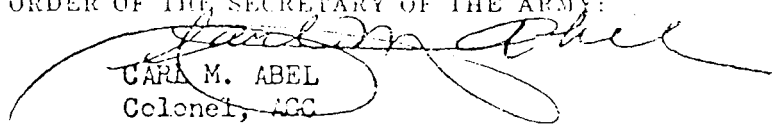
COMMANDING GENERAL  
FOURTH U. S. ARMY  
FT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS 78234

FOR OFFICER SELECTED TO PRESENT DECORATION

*Instructions on reverse side*

HEADQUARTERS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20315

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REPORT OF CASUALTY		REPORT NUMBER AND TYPE	DATE PREPARED
		A 2703	FINDING OF DEATH RVN 2678 1 July 1966
1. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION (Name, Service Number, Grade or Rate, Component, Branch and Organization)			
BENNETT, HAROLD GEORGE, RA 18 542 931; STAFF SERGEANT, RA; HQ MACV (SD-5891)			
VIETNAM			
2. CASUALTY STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE			
Pursuant to the provisions of Section 1005, Appendix, Title 50, U.S.C., as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of the Army, The Chief, Personnel Actions Division, Office of the Adjutant General, finds Staff Sergeant Harold George Bennett to be dead. He was officially reported missing as of 29 December 1964. For the purpose stated in said Section, death is presumed to have occurred on the first day of July 1966. Commenced tour in Vietnam 27 October 1964.			
3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, RACE, RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE			
16 October 1940, Thornburg, Arkansas, Caucasian, Baptist			
4. DATE AND PLACE OF LAST ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN CURRENT STATUS AND HOME OF RECORD AT TIME			
22 May 1964, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Perryville, Arkansas			
5. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, PAY GRADE, LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY, BASIC PAY, INCENTIVE PAY			CHECK IF APPLICABLE
307-28-8129 E-6 Over 8 years \$318.60			<input type="checkbox"/> CREW <input type="checkbox"/> NON-CREW
6. DUTY STATUS			
ACTIVE: On Duty			
7. INTERESTED PERSONS (Name, Address, Relationship)			
Mrs. Pauline Bennett, P. O. Box 185, Perryville, Arkansas, Mother <sup>1,2,3</sup>			
8. REPORT FOR VA TO FOLLOW <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		9. REPORTING COMMAND AND DATE REPORT RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT	
		Spec Acts Sec, Casualty Branch, TAGO, 1 July 66	
10. SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER, LOCAL BOARD, AND LOCATION (if unknown, enter date and place of first entry in Armed Services)			
Unknown 4 November 1957, Little Rock, Arkansas			
11. PRIOR SERVICE DATA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
12. REMARKS			
<p>Servicemans Group Insurance Data: ELECTION: <input type="checkbox"/> Non Participant <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,000</p> <p>Method of Payment: <input type="checkbox"/> Lump sum <input type="checkbox"/> 36 Installments None specified.</p> <p>Beneficiary Designation: No certificate. Devolves by law. Claim for death benefits mailed to mother.</p> <p>Missing report issued 31 December 1964. Detained report issued 26 January 1965. Enlisted man has been detained since 29 December 1964 in Vietnam. He was accompanying Vietnamese troops on a combat operation when radio contact with unit was lost. Status changed from missing to detained on 26 January 1965 under Public Law 88-428 dated 14 August 1964. The continuous check of all possible sources since he was allegedly executed by the Viet Cong and the lapse of time without further word fails to substantiate the presumption that he is still alive.</p>			
FOOTNOTES:			
1 Adult next of kin			
2 Beneficiary for gratuity pay in event there is no surviving wife or child as designated on record of emergency data.			
3 Beneficiary for unpaid pay and allowances as designated on record of emergency data.			
13. DISTRIBUTION		14. BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:	
B-4-2 IV		 TARA M. ABEL Colonel, AGC Chief, Personnel Actions Division, PSSD, TAGO	



HEADQUARTERS  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

IN REPLY REFER TO

AGPB-P

24 August 1965

SUBJECT: Enlisted Promotion

TO: Enlisted man concerned:  
United States Military Assistance Command, Viet Nam  
APO San Francisco 96243

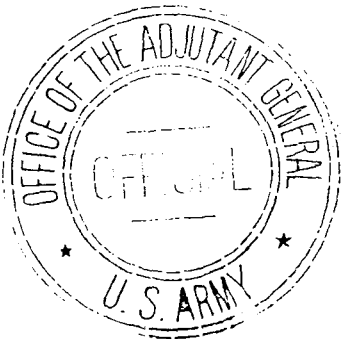
1. TC 310. Under the provisions of paragraph 7-12.1, AR 600-200, the following individuals are promoted to temporary grade indicated to rank from date of this order:

JOHNSON, EDWARD R.	TO BE MASTER SERGEANT (E-8) RA 33 510 856 MSG E-7	MOS 11G50
PARKS, JOE	TO BE SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (E-7) RA 38 754 530 SSG E-6	04B30
<u>BENNETT, HAROLD C.</u> TADIOS, LEONARD M.	TO BE STAFF SERGEANT (E-6) RA 18 542 931 SGT E-5 RA 10 106 541 SGT E-5	11B40 11B40
CRAFTS, CHARLES E.	TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (E-3) US 51 479 671 PVT E-2	05B20

2. TC 310. Under the provisions of paragraph 7-12.1, AR 600-200, the following individual is promoted to temporary grade indicated to rank from 10 February 1965.

McLEAN, JAMES M.	TO BE SERGEANT (E-5) RA 19 722 072 Sp4	91B40
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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



*Bornason*  
Adjutant General

20 AUG 1965

## CHECK LIST / WORKSHEET

## ACTION

(PAR 7-12.1c, AR 600-200)

1. NAME Harold C. Bennett RA 18 542 931
2. GRADE CURRENTLY HELD Sergeant, E-5
3. DATE OF RANK CURRENTLY HELD 22 May 1964
4. TOTAL ENLISTED SERVICE (E-7 & E-8 ONLY) +
5. TOTAL OTHER SERVICE (E-7 & E-8 ONLY) +
6. TIME IN CURRENT GRADE 1 year 2 months and 29 days
7. HAS (E-7) (E-8) COMPLETED (8 YEARS) (10 YEARS) CUMULATIVE SERVICE CREDITABLE IN COMPUTATION OF BASIC PAY? YES + NO +
8. IF NOT, WHEN WILL (E-7) (E-8) COMPLETE THIS SERVICE? +
9. HAS (E-7) (E-8) COMPLETED (15 YEARS) (18 YEARS) SERVICE? YES + NO +
10. IF NOT, WHEN WILL (E-7) (E-8) COMPLETE THIS SERVICE? +
11. WAS SERVICE UNDER 9 WAIVED TO QUALIFY (E-7) (E-8) FOR PROMOTION? YES + NO +
12. HAS DEROGATORY INFO BEEN RECEIVED WHICH BARS PROMOTION? YES + NO +
13. PROMOTABLE STATUS Yes
14. RECOMMENDED BY USMACV
15. PRIMARY MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY 11B40 - Light Weapon Inf
16. DATE ELIGIBLE FOR PROMOTION Date orders are published
17. DATE PROMOTED \_\_\_\_\_ AUTHORITY \_\_\_\_\_

18. MAKE FINAL CHECK WITH CASULTY BR FOR PRESENT STATUS:  
RETURNED TO ACTIVE DUTY \_\_\_\_\_

MISSING FROM ACTIVE DUTY \_\_\_\_\_

19. DATE DISTRIBUTION MADE \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ (a) CASULTY BRANCH, PAD
- \_\_\_\_\_ (b) STLMTS BR, MSAFC, FT BEN, IND
- \_\_\_\_\_ (c) OVERSEA COMMANDERS
- \_\_\_\_\_ (d) OPO-EPD (E-7) (E-8) (E-9)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (e) OFFICIAL TAG FILE
- \_\_\_\_\_ (f) DCSPER-PRD
- \_\_\_\_\_ (g) DCSPER-PRD

PREPARED BY: *B. G. Mason*

CHECKED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPED BY: Betty Herrin

ACTION APPROVED BY: Lt Colonel B. G. Mason  
Acting Chief, Prom Br

REMARKS

Item 6 computed as of 20 August 1965

HEADQUARTERS  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM  
APO San Francisco 96243

KACAG-B

SUBJECT: Promotion of Personnel Missing, Captured or Detained as a  
Result of Hostile Action

TO: The Adjutant General  
MIA: MIA-P  
Department of the Army  
Washington, D. C. 20315

1. References: a. Par 7-21.1e, AR 600-200.  
b. Letter, your office, subject as above, 9 July 1965.
2. Following named enlisted men, assigned this command have been  
in casualty status since dates indicated and are recommended for pro-  
motion to the next higher grade.

<u>GR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SN</u>	<u>DOR</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>EFF DATE</u>
MSC E7	Edward E. Johnson	RA33510856	19Nov52	Missing	21Jul64
SMT E5	Leonard H. Tedios	RA10106541	15Aug61	Detained	11Dec64
SSG E6	Joe Parks	RA38754530	1Jul62	Missing	22Dec64
SMT E5	Harold G. Bennett	RA18542931	22May64	Detained	29Dec64
PVT E2	Charles H. Crafts	US51479671	30Oct64	Detained	29Dec64
SPL E4	James H. McLean	RA19722072	5May64	Missing	9Feb65
SSG E6	Leroy M. Donovan	RA55484792	12May65	Missing	19May65

FOR THE COMMANDER:

*Charles E. Erwin*  
CHARLES E. ERWIN  
Lt Colonel, AGC  
Asst Adjutant General

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From AGPE-RA for AGPB-CN your 16152

Bennett, Harold G. RA 18 542 931 repeat RA 18 542 931

Effective date current grade of Sgt E-5 (T) and Cpl E-4 (P)

is 22 May 1964. EM reenlisted after break in service.

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Jan 65

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29 Jan 65  
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NAME AND SERVICE NUMBER     BENNETT, HAROLD G RA 18 542 931	THE LETTERING ON RUBBER STAMPS USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING ENTRIES IN THE BODY OF THE SERVICE RECORD WILL NOT BE LARGER THAN PICA TYPEWRITER TYPE. THE SERVICE RECORD WILL NOT BE FOLDED OR CREASED. FOR INSTRUCTIONS SEE AR 640-201.					
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DATE		M/R DESIGNATION OF UNIT AND STATION	DUTY MOS	CONDUCT	EFFICIENCY	INITIALS OF PERSONNEL OFFICER
FROM	TO					
22 May 64	9 Jun 64	Main Recruiting Station Balien NC				
9 Jun 64	11 Sep 64	Co B 5th SFG (Abn) 1st SFG Ft Bragg NC	111.03	EXC	EXC	<i>[Signature]</i>
12 Sep 64	13 Oct 64	Co C 2nd Bn 504th Inf Ft Bragg NC		EXC	EXC	<i>[Signature]</i>
14 Oct 64	28 Oct 64	Enroute to USARPAC				
29 Oct 64	28 Dec 64	USMIL Asst Comd (SD5391) Vn APO 143		Exc	Exc	<i>[Signature]</i>
29 Dec 64		MIA				

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SECTION 8 - WOUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH ENEMY ACTION			
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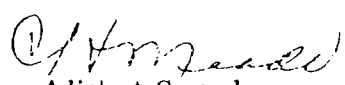
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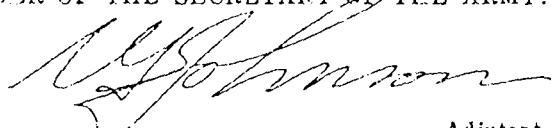
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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

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<b>REPORT OF CASUALTY</b>	REPORT NUMBER AND TYPE 0000324 DETAINED	DATE PREPARED 26 Jan 65
1. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION (Name, Service Number, Grade or Rate, Component, Branch and Organization)		
BENNETT, HAROLD GEORGE, RA 18 542 931; Sgt; RA: HQ MACV (SD-5891), Vietnam		
2. CASUALTY STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE		
DETAINED against his will in a foreign country since 29 December 1964 (VIETNAM) <sup>#</sup>		
3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, RACE, RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE		
16 October 1940, Thomsburg, Arkansas; Caucasian, Baptist		
4. DATE AND PLACE OF LAST ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN CURRENT STATUS AND HOME OF RECORD AT TIME		
22 May 1964, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Perryville, Arkansas		
5. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, PAY GRADE, LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY, BASIC PAY, INCENTIVE PAY		CHECK IF APPLICABLE
[REDACTED] E-5		<input type="checkbox"/> CREW <input type="checkbox"/> NON-CREW
6. DUTY STATUS		
ACTIVE - On Duty		
7. INTERESTED PERSONS (Name, Address, Relationship)		
Mrs. Pauline Bennett, P. O. Box 185, Perryville, Arkansas, Mother <sup>1,2,3</sup> notified 30 Dec 64		
DA Fm 41 dtd 16 Sep 64		
8. REPORT FOR VA TO FOLLOW <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	9. REPORTING COMMAND AND DATE REPORT RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT	
	SPEC ACTS SEC CASUALTY BRANCH 26 Jan 65	
10. SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER, LOCAL BOARD, AND LOCATION (If unknown, enter date and place of first entry in Armed Services)		
Unknown 4 November 1957, Little Rock, Arkansas		
11. PRIOR SERVICE DATA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
12. REMARKS		
Missing Report issued 31 December 1964.		
<sup>#</sup> Public Law 88-428 dated 14 August 1964		
Status changed from "Missing" to "Detained in a foreign country against his will"		
FOOTNOTES:		
1 Adult next of kin.		
2 Beneficiary for gratuity.		
3 Beneficiary for unpaid pay and allowances, as designated on record of emergency data.		
13. DISTRIBUTION BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:		
IV		
 Adjutant General		

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20315

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<b>REPORT OF CASUALTY</b>		<b>REPORT NUMBER AND TYPE</b> 000032	<b>MISSING</b>	<b>DATE PREPARED</b> 31 Dec 64
1. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION (Name, Service Number, Grade or Rate, Component, Branch and Organization) BENNETT, HAROLD GEORGE, RA 18 542 931; Sgt; RA; HQ MACV (SD-5891), Vietnam				
2. CASUALTY STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE  MISSING since 29 December 1964 in Vietnam. While accompanying Vietnamese troops on a combat operation, radio contact with unit was lost.				
3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, RACE, RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE 16 October 1940				
4. DATE AND PLACE OF LAST ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN CURRENT STATUS AND HOME OF RECORD AT TIME				
5. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, PAY GRADE, LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY, BASIC PAY, INCENTIVE PAY [REDACTED] E-5				CHECK IF APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/> CREW <input type="checkbox"/> NON-CREW
6. DUTY STATUS ACTIVE - On Duty				
7. INTERESTED PERSONS (Name, Address, Relationship) Mrs. Pauline Bennett, P. O. Box 185, Perryville, Arkansas, Mother <sup>1,2,3</sup> notified 30 Dec 64  DA Fm 41 dtd 16 Sep 64				
8. REPORT FOR VA TO FOLLOW <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		9. REPORTING COMMAND AND DATE REPORT RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT COMUSAMCV 29 Dec 64		
10. SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER, LOCAL BOARD, AND LOCATION (If unknown, enter date and place of first entry in Armed Services)				
11. PRIOR SERVICE DATA <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
12. REMARKS				
<b>FOOTNOTES:</b> <sup>1</sup> Adult next of kin. <sup>2</sup> Beneficiary for gratuity pay in event there is no surviving wife or child - as designated on record of emergency data. <sup>3</sup> Beneficiary for unpaid pay and allowances - as designated on record of emergency data.				
13. DISTRIBUTION  B-4-2 IV		14. BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:   Adjutant General		

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UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM  
APO 143, San Francisco, California

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30 October 1964

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41. TC 250. Fol indiv having been asg this sta are FUR ASG as indic.

Eff date: 29 Oct 64

Auth: Para 4c&d, AR 614-6

Comp: NA

ADC: NA

EDCSA: NA

VOCG date cfm: 29 Oct 64

Sp instr: PCS. TBGAA. TEMAA. Indiv auth to carry wpn. Ea indiv auth 66 lbs pers eff & 134 lbs ex bag alw while tvl by air. Indiv will rept to Indiv Supply, HQ Comdt, to draw indiv & organizational equip.

GRAHAM, BERNARD D RA11258571 SSGT E6 P1 (SP) DOR: 19 Sep 63 PMOS 131.60 US Mil Asst Comd (SD-5891) Vietnam, Scty clnc: S DEROS: 26 Oct 65

Fur asg: Armor Op & Intel Ad, II Corps, MOS 131.68 (O), w/sta Pleiku, Vietnam (Para 35I Line 99 JTD, MACV 1 Sep 64). EM to attend MATA crs of instruction. Upon completion of MATA crs EM will rept to II Corps, for further assignment. (Sub-Sector Fill).

CHEEK, JAMES M RA18254431 SSGT E6 DOR: 17 Jun 59 PMOS 131.60 US Mil Asst Comd (SD-5891) Vietnam, Scty clnc: TS DEROS: 26 Oct 65

Fur asg: Armor Op & Intel Ad, II Corps, MOS 131.68 (O), w/sta Pleiku, Vietnam (Para 35I Line 99 JTD, MACV 1 Sep 64). EM to attend MATA crs of instruction. Upon completion of MATA crs EM will rept to II Corps, for further assignment. (Sub-Sector Fill).

CAMPBELL, CHARLES L RA18542938 SGT E5 DOR: 19 May 64 PMOS 141.60 US Mil Asst (SD-5891) Vietnam, Scty clnc: S DEROS: 26 Oct 65

Fur asg: FA Op & Intel Ad, IV Corps, MOS 152.68 (O), w/sta Can Tho, Vietnam (Para 45I Line 99 JTD, MACV 1 Sep 64). EM to attend MATA crs of instr. Upon completion of MATA crs EM will rept to IV Corps for further assignment. (Sub-Sector Fill).

BENNETT, HAROLD G RA18542931 SGT E5 DOR: 22 May 63 PMOS 111.67 US Mil Asst Comd (SD-5891) Vietnam, Scty clnc: S DEROS: 26 Oct 65

Fur asg: Lt Wpns Inf Ad, III Corps, MOS 111.68 (O), w/sta Bien Hoa, Vietnam (Para 39I Line 99 JTD, MACV 1 Sep 64). EM to attend MATA crs of instruction. Upon completion of MATA crs EM will rept to III Corps for further assignment. (Sub-Sector Fill).

WARD, JIMMIE L RA18212709 MSGT E7 DOR: 31 May 53 PMOS 111.70 US Mil Asst Comd (SD-5891) Vietnam, Scty clnc: S DEROS: 26 Oct 65

Fur asg: Chief Ad, II Corps, MOS 115.88 (8), w/sta Ninh Hoa, Vietnam (Para 29E Line 05-01 JTD, MACV 1 Sep 64). Repl for E7 BENNEFIELD.

WHEELER, HAROLD L JR RA12308453 PSGT E7 DOR: 26 Oct 63 PMOS 111.70 US Mil Asst Comd (SD-5891) Vietnam, Scty clnc: S DEROS: 26 Oct 65

Fur asg: Lt Wpns Inf Ad, 23d Div, II Corps, MOS 111.78 (7), w/sta Tuy Hoa, Vietnam (Para 37D Line 16-07 JTD, MACV 1 Sep 64). Repl for E7 HEADRICK.

022025Z OCT 64

FM: TAG DA WASH DC

TO: CG 82d ABN DIV FT BRAGG NC

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UNCLAS 35799 FROM AGAO-L SEND REPLY TO OPCSEN

TC 370. BY ORDER SA FOL ORDERS AMENDED. SMO PARA 130 SO 156 HQ DACS AS AMENDED PERT TO CHADWELL JAMES A 02141222 CWO W4 CE AS READS AVAL DATE 15 DEC 64 EDCSA 15 DEC 64 IATR AVAL DATE 27 OCT 64 EDCSA 27 OCT 64

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TO: CG 82d ABN DIV FT BRAGG NC

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UNCLAS 35593 FROM AGAO-L SEND REPLY TO OPEN

TC 254. BY ORDER SA FOL RSG DIR NTI GLEDHILL CARL W OF101923 1st LT CE 2110 307TH ENGR BN ABN DIV FT BRAGG NC NOW ENR TO JOIN AND TDY AT USAES FT BELVOIR VA EFF UPON CMPL OF TDY OA 2 OCT 64 ASG TO 22D ENGR BN CONST FT BRAGG NC ALOC NOV-372 REPT DATE 23 OCT 64 LV DATA 15 DALVP COA 99 EDCSA 5 OCT 64

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062029Z OCT 64

FM: TAG DA WASH DC

TO: CG 82d ABN DIV FT BRAGG NC

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UNCLAS 36212 FROM AGAO-L SEND REPLY TO EPADS

TC 230. BY ORDER SA FOL RSG DIR. PRAP AR 612-12.d TWX NTFY ADVISING OF CH IN ETA WHEN TRANS SCD ARE CH IN TRANSSHMT OR STOPOVER PT FOL DPRT FR ZI WB XMIT BY INDIV AS INDIC BELOW. SUCH MSG WB GIVEN TO CO OF MIL INSTL ENR FOR XMSN. WP. TDN. BENNETT, HAROLD G. RA18542931 SGT E-5 111.67 CO C 2d BN 504TH INF, FT BRAGG NC ASG TO: USA ELM USMACV (SD-5291) APO 143, SAN FRANCISCO CALIF. ALOC: RGN, DEC 64 EMERG DTD 21 JUL 64 GJ-2. AVAL. DATE: 26 OCT 64 SCTY CLNC: SECRET. PCS (MDC): XI BPED: 4 NOV 57. ETS: 23 MAY 68. EDCSA: 26 OCT 64. SP INSTR: AN EX BAG ALW OF 134 LBS PERSONAL EFF, AUTH TO ACMP INDIV WHILE TVL BY ACFT. INDIV WILL ARR IN VIETNAM WEARING APROP SUMMER UNIF AND WILL HAVE IN HIS POSS ON ARR BASIC RQR SUMMER UNIF, WORK UNIF AND CMBT BOOTS. UP PARA 11, AR 40-562 PLAGUE IMMUNIZATIONS ARE RQR; TVL NEED NOT BE DELAYED EXCEPT FOR THE FIRST VACCINE DOSE. MPR (DDFORM 113) WB OPENED IAW PARA 28-4, AR 37-104. INDIV WILL SEND A TWX TO COMUSMACV ADVISING OF CH IN ETA. CIC 252A07VS. CNCR TVL OF DEPNDAND SHPMT OF POV ARE NOT AUTH. ACCT CLAS 21-1151080.VS1 513-919 N4A-21 22 25 S99-999.

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TO: CG 82D ABN DIV FT BRAGG NC

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UNCLAS 36204 FROM AGAO-L SEND REPLY TO OPIN

TC 240. BY ORDER SA FOL RSG DIR. PRAP AR 612-12. WP TDN. 2152010 01-4421-4422-4423-4424-4425-4426-4427 P1444 S99-999. CIC 251A01. DOLIGHAN, THOMAS A 002873 2D LT INF 71542 (1542) CO D 1st ABN BG 504TH INF FT BRAGG NC. ASG TO: 176TH REPL CO 38TH REPL BN (P-8) APO 20 SAN FRANCISCO CALIF ALOC: DEC-122. AVAL DATE: 16 NOV 64. LV DATA: 30 DDALVAHP. PCS (MDC): R1. EDCSA: 16 NOV 64. SP INSTR: EX BAG ALW 134 LBS PERSONAL EFF AUTH TO ACMP INDIV WHILE TVI BY ACFT.

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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

13 October 1964

S T A T E M E N T

This is to certify that SGT E-5 BENNETT, Harold G, RA 18 542 931  
a member of Co C, 2d Bn 504th Inf, Commander's Evaluation Report (DA 2166)  
will be forwarded NLT 23 October 1964.

*Howard V Judson*  
HOWARD V JUDSON

CWO W-4 USA (for)

Asst AG

FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO Wt

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8 September 1964

27. TC 254. RSG dir as indic this sta. NTI.

Asg to: Repl Det 82d Admin Co 82d Abn Div Ft Bragg NC UNOINDC  
Rept date: 11 Sep 64 UNOINDC  
COA: 99  
EDCSA: 11 Sep 64 UNOINDC

BACON, WILLIAM R RA19464331 SGT E5 051.67 Co D 5th SF Gp (Abn) 1st SF  
Auth: VOCC USCONARC (SSGT Williamson) 3 Sep 64  
ADC: 6 yrs  
BASD: 13 Feb 53  
BPED: 13 Feb 53  
ETS: 30 Oct 67

MC ALMER, HUGH C RA16770532 PFC E3 940.07 HHC 6th SF Gp (Abn) 1st SF  
Auth: VOCC USCONARC (SSGT Williamson) 3 Sep 64  
BASD: 6 Aug 64 ADC: 3 yrs  
BPED: 6 Aug 64  
ETS: 5 Aug 66

BENNETT, HAROLD G RA18542931 SGT E5 111.67 Co B 5th SF Gp (Abn) 1st SF  
Auth: VOCC USCONARC (SSGT Williamson) 3 Sep 64  
ADC: 3 yrs  
BASD: 22 May 58  
BPED: 19 Apr 58  
ETS: 21 May 67

BATES, ARTHUR J RA15218037 SFC E7 911.73 HHC 7th SF Gp (Abn) 1st SF  
Asg to: 5th SF Gp (Abn) 1st SF  
Rept date: 8 Sep 64  
ADC: 6 yrs  
BASD: 17 Jun 48  
BPED: 17 Jun 48  
ETS: 26 Sep 68  
EDCSA: 8 Sep 64

O'KRUSKY, PAUL R III RA15664626 PFC E3 121.23 Co D 7th SF Gp (Abn) 1st SF  
Asg to: 5th SF Gp (Abn) 1st SF  
Rept date: 9 Sep 64  
ADC: 3 yrs  
BASD: 27 Feb 62  
BPED: 27 Feb 62  
ETS: 3 Sep 67  
EDCSA: 9 Sep 64

HEADQUARTERS  
5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 1ST SPECIAL FORCES  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 28307

GENERAL ORDER  
NUMBER 38

12 Aug 64

TC 321 AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL--ann is made of the fol awd  
for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity for the period indic

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL ( SECOND AWARD )

KEETON, JAMES H RA14586713 SSG E6 ( 17 Aug 61 to 16 Aug 64) Co C  
CALINCUS, HENRY W JR RA14145920 SFC E7 ( 27 Jul 61 to 26 Jul 64) Co C  
HARRISON, ROBERT E RA11342864 SSG E6 (12 Jul 61 to 11 Jul 64 ) Co A  
BENNETT, HAROLD G RA18542931 SGT E5 (23 Jul 61 to 22 Jul 64) Co B  
ALLISON, EARL RA53085918 SP6 E6 ( 7 Aug 61 to 6 Aug 64) Avn Co  
RUSSEL, BOBBY, RA19619524 SSG E6 ( 18 Aug 61 to 17 Aug 64) Co A

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL ( THIRD AWARD )

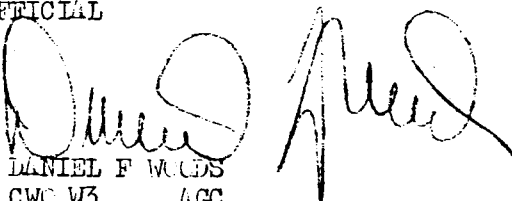
CAMBRA, JOHN JR RA21294690 SGT E5 (2 Jul 61 to 1 Jul 64) HHC  
GRAVES, LYLE E RA32446351 SSG E6 (11 Jul 61 to 10 Jul 64) HHC  
CONNOR, JACK W RA13519413 SSG E6 (15 Jul 61 to 14 Jul 64) Co A  
KING, JAMES W RA17264574 SFC E7 (31 Aug 61 to 30 Aug 64) Co A

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL ( FOURTH AWARD )

COOPER, RUDOLPH W RA32134684 SSG E6 ( 15 Jul 61 to 14 Jul 64) Co C  
PRICE, FRED J RA36459899 MSG EB (30 Jul 61 to 29 Jul 64) Co B  
TINDELL, RUSH R RA19338292 SGM E9 ( 2 Jul 61 to 1 Jul 64) Co C  
DONALD, ROBERT C RA20118620 SFC E7 ( 11 Aug 61 to 10 Aug 64 ) Co A

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL



DANIEL F WOODS  
CWC W3 AGC  
Asst Adjutant

STANLEY HYROWSKI  
Major Infantry  
Adjutant

DISTRIBUTION:

3 Ea indiv concerned  
5 Ea Company concerned  
70 UFG, 5th SFG (ABN)  
GC 38 GFC, ATTN: EPLDS-S

# CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE AND/OR SECURITY DETERMINATION UNDER EO 10450

(AR 604-5 or SR 620-220-1)

## PART I - BASIC INFORMATION

FROM: (Originating headquarters) <b>HEADQUARTERS US ARMY SPECIAL WARFARE CENTER</b>		DOSSIER NUMBER <b>AA700590</b>
LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME <b>BENNETT, Harold George</b>	MILITARY OR CIVILIAN GRADE <b>E-5</b>	SERVICE OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <b>RA 13 542 931</b>
DATE OF BIRTH (Day, Month, Year) <b>16 Oct 40</b>	PLACE OF BIRTH (City, county, state, country) <b>Thornburg, Arkansas</b>	CIVILIAN JOB TITLE (If any) <b>N/A</b>

## PART II - SECURITY CLEARANCE

DATE INVESTIGATION COMPLETED (Day, month, year) <b>6 Dec 63</b>	TYPE OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED <b>Background Investigation</b>	AGENCY OR COMMAND WHICH CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION <b>Hqs, Third US Army</b>
HIGHEST CLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION TO WHICH ACCESS IS AUTHORIZED (Top Secret, Secret, Confidential) <b>***SECRET***</b>	DATE INTERIM CLEARANCE GRANTED (Day, month, year) <b>N/A</b>	DATE FINAL CLEARANCE GRANTED (Day, month, year) <b>24 July 1964</b>

## PART III - SECURITY DETERMINATION UNDER EO 10450 (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES ONLY)

DATE INVESTIGATION COMPLETED (Day, month, year)	TYPE OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED	AGENCY OR COMMAND WHICH CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION
SENSITIVE POSITION <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK AND COMPLETE PARTS I, II AND V	NON-SENSITIVE POSITION <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK AND COMPLETE PARTS I, III AND V	

## PART IV - REMARKS

Validated in accordance with paragraph 2b  
AR 604-5, by Military Assistance Command  
Vietnam on 3 NOV 1964

**PAUL J. GOREY**  
Captain GS  
Ch, Scty Sec

FINAL CLEARANCE

## PART V - PREPARING OFFICIAL

ORGANIZATION <b>HEADQUARTERS US ARMY SPECIAL WARFARE CENTER</b>	PLACE <b>Fort Bragg, North Carolina 28307</b>	DATE <b>24 July 1964</b>
TYPED NAME, GRADE AND SERVICE NUMBER <b>WILLIAM P. YARBOROUGH, MAJ GEN, USA, 020362 Commanding</b>		SIGNATURE FOR THE COMMANDER:  <b>JAMES E. KING</b> 1st Lt, AIS Actg Asst Adj Gen
DISTRIBUTION (AR 604-5 or SR 620-220-1 as appropriate) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY 201 FILE OR OFFICIAL CIVILIAN PERSONNEL FILE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COUNTERINTELLIGENCE RECORDS FACILITY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		

RECORDS OF INTERIM CLEARANCE WILL NOT BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY; SEE AR 604-5.

**DA FORM 873**  
1 MAR 63

REPLACES EDITION OF 1 MAY 62 WHICH IS OBSOLETE.

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME (Print or type)		TO BE FILLED IN BY ISSUING AUTHORITY		
Bennett, Harold George		DATE OF ISSUE 8 Jun 64	ISSUANCE DATE 21 Aug 67	CARD SERIAL NUMBER 10379454
2. ADDRESS (Preferably Military Installation) Co B, 5th SFG (Abn), 1st SF Fort Bragg, North Carolina		3. HOME PHONE	4. OFFICE PHONE 75134	5. DATE OF APPLICATION 8 Jun 64
6. CHECK TYPE OF CARD DESIRED		7. CHECK REASON FOR REQUESTING CARD		
<input type="checkbox"/> DD FORM 2A		<input type="checkbox"/> INITIAL ISSUE		
<input type="checkbox"/> DD FORM 2A (Res)		<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE LOST CARD		
<input type="checkbox"/> DD FORM 2A (Ret)		<input type="checkbox"/> REPLACE MUTILATED CARD		
<input type="checkbox"/> DD FORM 489		<input type="checkbox"/> EXPIRATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> DD FORM 528		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REENLISTMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> DA FORM 1095		<input type="checkbox"/> CORRECT AN ERROR		
<input type="checkbox"/> DA FORM 1602		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS		
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)		IF REPLACING LOST CARD, STATE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH CARD WAS LOST (Continue in "Remarks")		
8. GRADE (See reverse) SGT E5	9. SERVICE NUMBER AL 18 542 931	10. DATE OF BIRTH 16 October 1940	11. WEIGHT 182	12. HEIGHT 5' 10"
13. COLOR OF HAIR Brown	14. COLOR OF EYES Brown	15. BLOOD TYPE A-	16. EXPIRATION TERM OF SERVICE OR OBLIGATION (Enlisted personnel only) 21 May 1967	
FOR CARDS OTHER THAN DD FORM 2A, DD FORM 2A (Res) AND DD FORM 2A (Ret)				
17. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (DA Form 1602 only)	18. STATUS (DA Form 1602 only)	19. SEX (DA Form 1602 only)	20. RELIGION (DD Form 489 only)	
21. ASSIMILATED GRADE (DD Form 489 only)	22. POSITION TITLE (DD Form 489 and DA Form 1095)	23. UNIT, SECTION, BRANCH OR ACTIVITY/COMMAND OR SERVICE (DA Form 1602 and DA Form 1095 only)		
SIGNATURE OF APPROVING AUTHORITY M.M. GILLAN, 1st Lt., AGC, Asst Adjutant		SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT X Harold G. Bennett		
RECEIPT OF CARD IF ACKNOWLEDGED (Signature) X Harold G. Bennett		DATE ACKNOWLEDGED 8 JUNE 64		

DA FORM 428  
1 FEB 60

PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM ARE OBSOLETE.

APPLICATION FOR IDENTIFICATION CARD  
(AR 606-5)

U S ARMY RECRUITING MAIN STATION  
201 West Cabarrus Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

SPECIAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 102

EXTRACT

22 May 1964

5. TC 124. Following indiv enl/reenl RA this station on EDCSA and APPOINTED under the provisions of paragraph 20 AR 601-210 to temporary grade as indic. Eff on EDCSA indiv REASSIGNED organization indicated.  
TDN. 2142010 .01-1161-1162-1163-1165-1167 P1511 S99-999.

BENNETT, HAROLD G. RA18542931 SGT E5 112.67

Asg to: 82d AG Adm Co, Ft Bragg, NC

Fur asg: NA

WP date: 22 May 64

Cl rept date: NA

Temp gr-DCR: Cpl E4 22 May 64

Perm gr-DOR: Sgt E5 22 May 64

Total Mo OS: 5 Mo

Lv data: 5 days

Crs (Title-no-wks): NA

SEN: NA

ACN: U-8704-64

PCS (ADC): A3

No yrs svc for pay grade E5: 6

Auth: AR 601-210 & DA Cir 614-14 & VO Chief OPO 22 May 64

ADC: 3 yrs

BPED: 19 Apr 58

BASD: 22 May 58

DROS: 21 Sep 63

ETS: 21 May 67

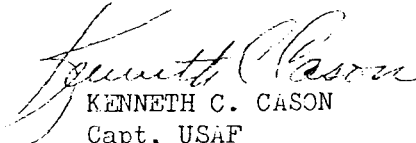
EDCSA (enl/reenl): 22 May 64

EDCSA (to first dy sta): 26 May 64

Rept dy sta: NLT 28 May 64

Sp Instr: TPA w/one (1) days travel time.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

  
KENNETH C. CASON  
Capt, USAF  
Adjutant

DISTRIBUTION:

- 15 - Indiv Indic
- 5 - 82d AG Adm Co, Ft Bragg, NC
- 3 - Central Files

ENLISTMENT RECORD - ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES										Form Approved Budget Bureau No. 22-R016	
1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME <b>Bennett, Harold George</b>					2. SERVICE NUMBER <b>RA 18 542 931</b>		3. SEX <b>Male</b>		4. RACE <b>Cau</b>		CODING COLUMN
5. PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DATA <b>A</b>		6. MENTAL TEST DATA <b>AFQT7B 67 II</b>		6. HOME ADDRESS (No. and street, or rural route. If none so state, City, Town or P.O. County and State) <b>Perryville, Perry, Arkansas</b>							
7. PLACE OF ENLISTMENT <b>RMS, Raleigh, NC</b>				8. DATE ENLISTED <b>22 May 64</b>		9. FOR SERVICE IN (Give Armed Force and Component) <b>Regular Army REENL-RA</b>			10. NO. YEARS TO SERVE <b>3</b>		
11. GRADE <b>Cpl E4(P)</b>		12. AUTHORITY FOR GRADE <b>Par20, AR601-210</b>		13. INITIAL ASSIGNMENT <b>None</b>			14. ENLISTMENT AUTHORITY <b>Par47.1AR601-210 RA Cir 614-14</b>				
DECLARATION OF APPLICANT											
15. DATE OF BIRTH DAY MONTH YEAR <b>16 Oct 40</b>			16. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State) <b>Thornburg, Ark</b>			17. COLOR OF EYES HAIR <b>Brown Brown</b>		18. a. HEIGHT b. WEIGHT <b>69 176</b>		19. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF NO, LAWFULLY ADMITTED FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
20. IF NATURALIZED, GIVE DATE, PLACE AND COURT OF JURISDICTION <b>NA</b>						21. NATURALIZATION OR ALIEN REGISTRATION RECEIPT CARD (Form I-151) NUMBER <b>NA</b>			22. MARITAL STATUS <b>Single</b>		
23. NUMBER, RELATIONSHIP AND AGE OF PERSONS DEPENDENT ON YOU FOR SUPPORT <b>None</b>											
24. CIVILIAN EDUCATION (Years completed in each. Give kind of degree, if any)											
a. GRAMMAR YEARS GRADUATED <b>8 x</b>		b. HIGH SCHOOL YEARS GRADUATED <b>4 x</b>		c. COLLEGE YEARS GRADUATED DEGREE MAJOR SUBJECTS <b>None</b>			d. OTHER CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED YEARS GRADUATED DEGREE MAJOR SUBJECTS <b>None</b>				
25. a. MAIN CIVILIAN OCCUPATION <b>one</b>						b. YEARS AND MONTHS EMPLOYED		c. AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE			
26. a. REGISTERED FOR SVC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		b. NUMBER <b>3 53 40 48</b>		c. CLASSIFICATION <b>IV-A</b>		d. SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS (City, County and State) <b>53, Perryville, Perry, Ark.</b>					
27. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, CHARGED, OR HELD BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL LAW, STATE LAW, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION OR ORDINANCE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, GIVE DETAILS. (Do not include minor traffic violations.) (Prior service personnel consider only period since last active service) <b>HGB x</b>											
28. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR ANY OTHER OFFENSE, OR ADJUDICATED A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER OR JUVENILE DELINQUENT (including violations of local ordinances)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, GIVE DETAILS. (Prior service personnel consider only those convictions & adjudications since last active service) <b>HGB x</b>											
29. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IMPRISONED UNDER SENTENCE OF ANY COURT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, GIVE DETAILS. (Prior service personnel consider only those imprisonments since last active service) <b>HGB x</b>											
30. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ON SUSPENDED SENTENCE, PAROLE, PROBATION, OR ARE YOU AWAITING FINAL ACTION/ON CHARGES AGAINST YOU? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (Prior service personnel consider only period since last active service) <b>HGB x</b>											
31. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REJECTED FOR ENLISTMENT OR INDUCTION IN ANY OF THE ARMED FORCES OR BEEN DISCHARGED FROM PREVIOUS SERVICE UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS, UNDER PERSONNEL SECURITY REGULATIONS OR BY REASON OF UNSUITABILITY OR UNDESIRABLE HABITS OR TRAITS OF CHARACTER, OR FOR MEDICAL REASONS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, GIVE SERVICE, DATE, PLACE AND CAUSE. <b>HGB x</b>											
PRIOR SERVICE											
ARMED FORCE	COMPONENT	SERVICE NUMBER	DATE OF ENL. IND. APT AND/OR ORDER TO ACTIVE DUTY	DATE OF DISCHARGE OR RELEASE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE	REASON FOR DISCHARGE	GRADE AT DISCHARGE	MOS/ AFSC	TIME LOST (Days)	VERIFIED FROM	
<b>Army</b>	<b>RA</b>	<b>RA18542931</b>	<b>7Dec60</b>	<b>6Dec63</b>	<b>Hon</b>	<b>AR635-200 SPN 201 ETS</b>	<b>SSgt E-6</b>	<b>112.67</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>DD 214</b>	
33. PRIOR ROTC OR CADET TRAINING (Years - Type Unit) <b>None</b>						35. TOTAL SERVICE					
34. RESERVE COMMISSIONED STATUS (Service, grade and SN now held) <b>None</b>						ACTIVE			INACTIVE		
						YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS
						<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
36. TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ARE YOU NOW SOUND AND WELL? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF NO, GIVE DETAILS											
37. REMARKS <b>None</b>											

36. I know that if I secure my enlistment by means of any false statement, willful misrepresentation or concealment as to my qualifications for enlistment, I am liable to trial by court martial or discharge for fraudulent enlistment, and that if rejected because of any disqualification known and concealed by me, I will not be furnished return transportation to place of acceptance. I have read or had explained to me Par 13, AR 604-10 (not applicable to Air Force Personnel) which sets forth the criteria (reasons) for discharge and types of discharge, and certify that I ☐ HAVE ☒ HAVE NEVER (check one) engaged in disloyal or subversive activities as defined therein. I understand that I am expected to be available for order to active duty at any time during this enlistment in event of a mobilization or emergency requiring any services. I understand that if I am ordered to active duty I will be given a physical examination and may be discharged if found physically disqualified on that examination. I certify that I ☐ AM ☒ AM NOT (check one) now drawing retired pay from the government of the United States. I further certify that I ☐ AM ☒ AM NOT (check one) now drawing a pension, disability allowance, or disability compensation from the government of the United States. I declare that I am not now a member of any of the Armed Forces (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard) or any reserve components thereof in active, inactive, reserve, or retired status unless so indicated and explained by me; that the foregoing questions and answers thereto have been read to me; that my answers have been correctly recorded and are true in all respects and that I fully understand the conditions under which I am enlisting.

GIVEN AT (Place of acceptance)  
**RMS, Raleigh, NC**

DATE OF ACCEPTANCE  
**22 May 64**

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS (First Name, Middle Name, Last Name)  
*Harold George Bennett*

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (First Name, Middle Name, Last Name)  
*X Harold George Bennett*

39. REMARKS (For use by the Enlisting Officer)  
**Citizenship verified from DD 214**

40. VERIFIED AT  
**RMS, Raleigh, NC**

BY (Signature of Enlisting Officer)  
*Kenneth C. Cason*

GRADE AND ORGANIZATION OF ENLISTING OFFICER  
**CAPT, USAF, RMS, Raleigh, NC**

OATH OF ENLISTMENT (For service in National Guard or Air National Guard)

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, TOWN OR COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

I do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_, in the (Army) (Air)<sup>5</sup> National Guard of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ and as a Reserve of the (Army) (Air Force)<sup>5</sup> with membership in the (Army National Guard of the United States) (Air National Guard of the United States)<sup>5</sup> for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ under the conditions prescribed by law, unless sooner discharged by proper authority.

YEARS - MONTHS - DAYS

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to them, and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the Governor of \_\_\_\_\_ and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to law, regulations, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So Help me God.

SIGNATURE (First Name, Middle Name, Last Name)  
*X Harold George Bennett*

41. OATH OF ENLISTMENT (For service in Regular Army, Regular Air Force, Army Reserve, or Air Force Reserve)

STATE OF **North Carolina**

CITY, TOWN, OR MILITARY POST **Raleigh**

I, **Harold George Bennett**, do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted, under the conditions prescribed by law, this **22d** day of **May**, 19 **64**, in the **United States Army** for a period of **Three (3)** years unless sooner discharged by proper authority; and I, do solemnly swear (Or Affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God.

WORDS AND FIGURES

SIGNATURE (First Name, Middle Name, Last Name)  
*X Harold George Bennett*

42. CONFIRMATION OF ENLISTMENT

The above oath was subscribed and duly sworn to before me this **22d** day of **May**, 19 **64**. This enlistee was minutely inspected by me prior to subscribing to the oath, and was found to be entirely sober and in full possession of all mental faculties. To the best of my judgment and belief, enlistee fulfills all legal requirements, and in enlisting this applicant, I have strictly observed the regulations governing such enlistment. The above oath, as filled in, was read to the applicant prior to subscribing thereto.

TYPED NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION OF ENLISTING OFFICER  
**KENNETH C. CASON, CAPT, USAF, RMS, RALEIGH, NC**

SIGNATURE OF ENLISTING OFFICER  
*Kenneth C. Cason*

1/ To be initialed by enlistee where "X" appears.  
2/ Carefully compare with the name at top of page 1.  
3/ The dates in oath and confirmation must be the same day.  
4/ The signature must be identical with that subscribed to Declaration of Applicant.  
5/ Delete one.  
6/ Specify period in years, months and days.

43. FINGERPRINTS OF RIGHT HAND

1. THUMB 2. INDEX 3. MIDDLE 4. RING 5. LITTLE

# STATEMENT PERSONAL HISTORY

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the certification at the end of this questionnaire before entering the required data. Print or type all answers. All questions and statements must be completed. If the answer is "None," so state. Do not misstate or omit material fact since the statements made herein are subject to verification. If more space is needed, use the Remarks section, item 20, and attach additional sheets if necessary. The information entered hereon is for official use only and will be maintained in confidence.

1. (Print) FIRST NAME--MIDDLE NAME--MAIDEN NAME (If any)--LAST NAME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MR. <input type="checkbox"/> MRS. <input type="checkbox"/> MISS <b>Harold George Bennett</b>				2. STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> CIVILIAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY ON ACTIVE DUTY			
3. ALIAS(ES), NICKNAME(S), OR CHANGES IN NAME (Other than by marriage) None				4. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS [Redacted]			
5. DATE OF BIRTH (Day, month, year) <b>16 Oct 40</b>		PLACE OF BIRTH (City, County, State, and Country) <b>Thornburg, Perry, Arkansas, USA</b>		PLACE CERTIFICATE RECORDED <b>Perryville, Arkansas</b>			
RACE <b>Can</b>	HEIGHT <b>69</b>	WEIGHT <b>151</b>	COLOR OF EYES <b>Brown</b>	COLOR OF HAIR <b>Brown</b>	SCARS, PHYSICAL DEFECTS, DISTINGUISHING MARKS <b>Birth mark - right shoulder</b>		
6. DO YOU HAVE A HISTORY OF MENTAL OR NERVOUS DISORDERS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ADDICTED TO THE USE OF HABIT FORMING DRUGS SUCH AS NARCOTICS OR BARBITURATES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A CHRONIC USER TO EXCESS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE IS "YES," EXPLAIN IN ITEM 20.							
7. U. S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> IF NATURALIZED, CERTIFICATE NO. <input type="checkbox"/> IF DERIVED, PARENTS' CERTIFICATE NO(S)		DATE, PLACE, AND COURT					
ALIEN <input type="checkbox"/>	REGISTRATION NO.	NATIVE COUNTRY	DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY		DO YOU INTEND TO BECOME A U. S. CITIZEN? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
<b>8. MILITARY SERVICE</b>							
ARE YOU PRESENTLY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE U. S. ARMED FORCES DRAWING FULL PAY? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:							
GRADE AND SERVICE NO. <b>Sgt E5 RA18542931</b>		SERVICE AND COMPONENT <b>Army RA</b>		ORGANIZATION AND STATION <b>Co A 6th SFG, Ft. Bragg, NC</b>			
				DATE CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE STARTED <b>7 Dec 60</b>			
ARE YOU PRESENTLY A MEMBER OF A U. S. RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD ORGANIZATION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:							
GRADE AND SERVICE NO.		SERVICE AND COMPONENT		ORGANIZATION AND STATION OR UNIT AND LOCATION			
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SERVED TOURS OF EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY, DRAWING FULL PAY, FROM WHICH YOU WERE DISCHARGED OR SEPARATED TO CIVILIAN STATUS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:							
COUNTRY	SERVICE	COMPONENT	FROM (Date)	TO (Date)	TYPE DISCHARGES OR SEPARATIONS--GRADE AND SERVICE NO.		
<b>USA</b>	<b>Army</b>	<b>RA</b>	<b>4 Nov 57</b>	<b>3 Nov 60</b>	<b>Honorable E5 RA18542931</b>		
<b>9. EDUCATION (Account for all civilian schools and military academies. Do not include service schools)</b>							
MONTH AND YEAR		NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL			GRADUATE		DEGREE
FROM--	TO--				YES	NO	
<b>No change</b>							
<b>10. FAMILY (List in order given, parents, spouse, guardians, stepparents, foster parents, parents-in-law, former spouse(s) (if divorced give date and place), children, brothers and sisters, even though deceased. Include any others you resided with or with whom a close relationship existed or exists. If the person is not a U. S. citizen by birth, give date and port of entry, alien registration number, naturalization certificate number and place of issuance.)</b>							
RELATION AND NAME		DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH		PRESENT ADDRESS, IF LIVING		U. S. CITIZEN	
						YES NO	
FATHER		<b>No change</b>					
MOTHER (Maiden name)							
SPOUSE (Maiden name)							
OTHER (Specify)							

11. OTHER RELATIVES AND ALIEN FRIENDS LIVING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES (List grandparents, first cousins, aunts, uncles, brothers- and sisters-in-law, and other persons with whom a close relationship existed or exists)

RELATIONSHIP AND NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS	CITIZENSHIP
None				

12. FOREIGN TRAVEL (Other than as a direct result of United States military duties)

DATES		COUNTRY VISITED	PURPOSE OF TRAVEL
FROM—	TO—		
None			

13. EMPLOYMENT (Show every employment you have had and all periods of unemployment)

MONTH AND YEAR		NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	NAME OF IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR	REASON FOR LEAVING
FROM—	TO—			
4 Nov 57	Date	US Army		

DID ANY OF THE ABOVE EMPLOYMENTS REQUIRE A SECURITY CLEARANCE? ☒ YES ☐ NO DO YOU HAVE ANY FOREIGN PROPERTY OR BUSINESS CONNECTIONS, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN EMPLOYED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FIRM, OR AGENCY? ☐ YES ☒ NO HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REFUSED BOND? ☐ YES ☒ NO IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE IS "YES," EXPLAIN IN ITEM 20.

SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

No change

14. CREDIT AND CHARACTER REFERENCES (Do not include relatives, former employers, or persons living outside the United States or its Territories.)

	NAME (List 3 credit and 5 character)		YEARS KNOWN	STREET AND NUMBER (Business address preferred)	CITY	STATE OR TERRITORY
CREDIT	Autry A Tarvin		6			
	First National Bank		1	Unknown	Killeen	Tex
CHARACTER	Floyd Gardner		10			
	Harry Van Dalsen		22			
	Alvin Wright		16			
	Morel Wallace		22			
	John Brown		13			
	Leonard Lovell		22			



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	TYPED NAME AND ADDRESS OF WITNESS Clifton Phillips Co-A 6th SFG Ft Bragg, NC	

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COVERING PERIOD (Inclusive)

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## SECTION I - APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, OR REDUCTIONS

SECTION 2 - REENLISTMENT AND/OR EXTENSION (Check appropriate box) OF ENLISTMENT DATA

**SECTION 3 - RECORD OF INSERT SHEETS ATTACHED** (Enter each Section No. for which an insert sheet has been attached)

SECTION 4 - CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF MILITARY SERVICE						
DATE		M/R DESIGNATION OF UNIT AND STATION	DUTY MOS	CONDUCT	EFFICIENCY	INITIALS OF PERSONNEL OFFICER
FROM	TO					
15 Dec 60	8 Apr 62	<del>Bld Co 1st ARB 41st Inf Ft Hood Tex</del> <del>TDY to USAREUR</del> 19 APR 62 - JJK	11.60	Exc	Exc	Casa
10 Apr 62		1st ARB 41st Inf 2d AD L&M Det APO 189				19 APR 62 - JJK
9 Apr 62	10 Apr 62	Enroute To USAREUR				20 APR 62 - JJK
11 Apr 62	19 Sep 62	1st ARB 41st Inf 2d AD L&M Det APO 189	11.60	Exc	Exc	JJK
20 Sep 62	20 Sep 62	ENROUTE to CONUS				
21 Sep 62	16 Jan 63	Co B, 1st ARB 41st Inf, Ft Hood, Texas	11.60	Exc	Exc	VJ
17 Jan 63	23 Jan 63	Enroute to Ft Bragg, North Carolina				
23 Jan 63		Co A SFTG (Abn) Ft. Bragg, NC				
23 Jan 63		Co A SFTG (Abn) (60-8220-02) Ft Bragg NC	11.13			
	18 Mar 63	(CO trfd)		Exc	-	NZ
19 Mar 63	9 Jul 63	Co A SFTG (Abn) (60-8220-02) Ft Bragg NC	11.13	Exc	Exc	NZ
10 Jul 63	3 Dec 63	Co D 7th SFG (Abn), 1st SFFt Bragg NC	12.13	Exc	Exc	NZ
4 Dec 63		Sep Branch Pers Cen USAG (3155)				
	6 Dec 63	DISCHARGE				

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SECTION 8 - WOUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH ENEMY ACTION			
BRIEF DESCRIPTION	DATE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	DATE

(Enter in this section any medals, decorations, and citations, whether or not additional compensation results)		
MEDALS, ETC.	AUTHORITY	PLACE AND DATE PRESENTED
EXP RIFLE M1	UP AR 8370 S	Hq ARB 41st Inf Ft Hood Tex
1st Rifle Cal 30 M-1	Para 50120 Hq 1st ARB 41st Inf	Ft Hood, Tex 30 Aug 61
EXP (Rifle M1 Cal.30)	Par 15055, Hq 1st ARB 41st Inf 17 Dec 62	Ft Hood, Texas 26 Apr 61 (30 Aug 63)
PARASMAN (Pistol)	5076 6TH SFG (ABN) 1st SF	(3 AUG 64)

## SECTION 10 - REMARKS

997370 EXP 1970  
 6Dec63 DISCHARGE AR 635-200 SPN 201ETS  
 Eligible for Reenlistment R3-1A

## SECTION 11 - IDENTIFICATION OF INITIALS

NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION (Typed or printed)	INITIALS	NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION (Typed or printed)	INITIALS
RALPH R HANCOCK CWO2 USA 502d Admn Co			
CW PATTERSON II, 2d Lt AGCHq1stARB41stInf	<i>CP</i>		
JOSHEPH J KOSHIRE, CWO, W-4, USA, 502d Admin Co	<i>JK</i>		
JOHN B SNYDER CWO, W3, USA, Hq41stInf	<i>JS</i>		
V J GRUDZINSKAS, 1st Lt, Inf, Asst Adjlt	<i>VG</i>		
I B. C. SWARCEN	<i>IB</i>		
A. D. BROWN CWO W-2 USAS PWARCEN	<i>AB</i>		
ROBERT C. RICE Captain Inf 6th SFG	<i>RR</i>		

HEADQUARTERS  
XVIII AIRBORNE CORPS AND FORT BRAGG  
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

SPECIAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 296

5 December 1963

48. TC 402. By order of SA fol indivs DISCHARGED eff on EDCSA. TDN. TPA.  
PCS: 2142010 01-1761-62-63 P1517 S99-999.

GRAY ROBERT L RA52328664 SP4 E4 P1 F911.10 5th Evac Hosp Ft Bragg, N.C.

Type disch: Honorable--DD Form 256A

Rsn (disch): ETS

Auth: AR 635-200

HOR: Salem, W Va.

Perm adrs: Same

PL EAD: Kitzingen, Germany

Last perm dy sta: Ft Bragg, N.C.

ACLV: 18 days

SPN: 201 ETS

Comp: RA

EDCSA: 26Dec63

Sp Instr: MPV 1.

GANTT WARREN W RA116583810 SP4 E4 P321.67 Fld Opns Co 50th Sig Bn (Abn) Ft Bragg, N.C.

Type disch: Honorable--DD Form 256A

Rsn (disch): ETS

Auth: AR 635-200

HOR: 2181 Beniteau Detroit, Mich.

Perm adrs: 4715 Sheridan St Detroit, Mich.

PL EAD: Detroit, Mich.

Last perm dy sta: Ft Bragg, N.C.

ACLV: 14 days

SPN: 201 ETS

Comp: RA

EDCSA: 9Dec63

Sp Instr: MPV 40.

MOBLEY SYLVESTER G RA15213166 SP4 E4 P774.10 Co A 34th QM Bn (GS) Ft Bragg, N.C.

Type disch: Honorable--DD Form 256A

Rsn (disch): ETS

Auth: AR 635-200

HOR: 1403 Hillcrest St Youngstown, Ohio

Perm adrs: Same

PL EAD:

Last perm dy sta: Ft Bragg, N.C.

ACLV: 40 days

SPN: 201 ETS

Comp: RA

EDCSA: 9Dec63

Sp Instr: MPV 41.

Par 48 SO 296 Hq XVIII Abn Corps and Fort Bragg, Ft Bragg, N.C. 5Dec63 con't.

ARROYO FELIPE A US51488412 PVT E2 P111.17 Co C 1st ABG 325th Inf Ft Bragg, N.C.

Type disch: UHC--DD Form 257A

Rsn (disch): Unsuitablity

Auth: AR 635-209

HOR: 340 Snedeker Ave Brooklyn, N.Y.

Perm adrs: 216-18 Bristol St Brooklyn 12, N.Y.

PL EAD: New York, N.Y.

Last perm dy sta: Ft Bragg, N.C.

ACLV: 25 days

SPN: 46A

Comp: AUS

EDCSA: 9Dec63

Sp Instr: MPV 48. Par 9 AR 601-210 Applies!

BENNETT HAROLD G RA18542931 SSGT E6 P112.67 Co D 7th SFG (Abn) 1st SF Ft Bragg, N.C.

Type disch: Honorable--DD Form 256

Rsn (disch): ETS

Auth: AR 635-200

HOR: PO Bx 185 Perryville, Ark.

Perm adrs: Same

PL EAD: Little Rock, Ark.

Last perm dy sta: Ft Bragg, N.C.

ACLV: 31 days

SPN: 201 ETS

Comp: RA

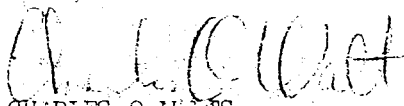
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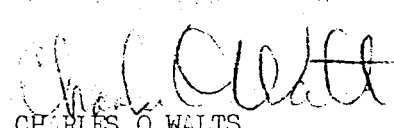
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Brigadier General, GS  
Chief of Staff

  
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"I certify that the individuals whose names appear on this SO Extract have been debriefed in accordance with Par 41 AR 380-5."

DISTRIBUTION:

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END: Insert N/A to the items below which are not applicable

PERSONAL DATA	1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME BERNARD, HAROLD GEORGE			2. SERVICE NUMBER RA 18 542 931		3a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK SGT (P) E-6		b. DATE OF RANK (Day, Month, Year) 23 Oct 63				
	4. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH OR CLASS ARMY INF			5. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State or Country) Thornburg, Ark.			6. DATE OF BIRTH 16 Oct 40		9. MARITAL STATUS Single			
	7a. RACE Caucasian		b. SEX Male		c. COLOR HAIR Brown		d. COLOR EYES Brown		e. HEIGHT 5'8"			
	f. WEIGHT 165		g. U.S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO									
TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE DATA	10a. HIGHEST CIVILIAN EDUCATION LEVEL ATTAINED High School 4 yrs			b. MAJOR COURSE OR FIELD General								
	11a. TYPE OF TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE DISCHARGE			b. STATION OR INSTALLATION AT WHICH EFFECTED Fort Bragg, N.C.								
SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA	c. REASON AND AUTHORITY AR 635-200 SPM 201 EDS			d. EFFECTIVE DATE 6 Dec 63								
	12. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND Co D 7th SFG (Abn) 1st SF USCOMAR			13a. CHARACTER OF SERVICE HONORABLE			b. TYPE OF CERTIFICATE ISSUED DD FORM 256A					
	14. SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER NA			15. SELECTIVE SERVICE LOCAL BOARD NUMBER, CITY, COUNTY AND STATE LB #53 Perryville, Ark.			16. DATE INDUCTED DAY MONTH YEAR NA NA NA					
	17. DISTRICT OR AREA COMMAND TO WHICH RESERVIST TRANSFERRED NA											
SERVICE DATA	18. TERMINAL DATE OF RESERVE OBLIGATION DAY MONTH YEAR NA NA NA			19. CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE OTHER THAN BY INDUCTION a. SOURCE OF ENTRY <input type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED (First Enlistment) <input type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED (Prior Service) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REENLISTED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:			b. TERM OF SERVICE (Years) 3		c. DATE OF ENTRY DAY MONTH YEAR 7 Dec 60			
	20. PRIOR REGULAR ENLISTMENTS ONE			21. GRADE, RATE OR RANK AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE SGT E-5			22. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE (City and State) Little Rock, Ark.					
	23. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE (Street, RFD, City, County and State) [REDACTED]			24. STATEMENT OF SERVICE a. CREDITABLE FOR BASIC PAY PURPOSES (1) NET SERVICE THIS PERIOD (2) OTHER SERVICE (3) TOTAL (Line (1) + line (2)) b. TOTAL ACTIVE SERVICE c. FOREIGN AND/OR SEA SERVICE (1-32)			YEARS 3 3 6 6 0		MONTHS 0 1 1 0 5		DAYS 0 3 3 0 14	
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	26. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED NONE											
	27. WOUNDS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF ACTION WITH ENEMY FORCES (Place and date, if known) NONE											
	28. SERVICE SCHOOLS OR COLLEGES, COLLEGE TRAINING COURSES AND/OR POST-GRADUATE COURSES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED SCHOOL OR COURSE NONE			DATES (From-To) NA			MAJOR COURSES NA			29. OTHER SERVICE TRAINING COURSES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED Basic Tng Code of Cond Mil Justice CSE Tng Escape & Evade SF Tng		
	30a. GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE IN FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO			b. AMOUNT OF ALLOTMENT NA			c. MONTH ALLOTMENT DISCONTINUED NA					
	31a. VA BENEFITS PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR (Specify type) NA						b. VA CLAIM NUMBER C- NA					
	AUTHENTICATION	32. REMARKS BLOOD GROUP: "A" SSAN: [REDACTED] Lump sum payment made for 31 days accrued leave. Item 3a: SGT (P) E-5 Eff: 1Jul62 DOR: 7Dec60 Item 24c: USARMCUR										
33. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES AFTER TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE (Street, RFD, City, County and State) I 23					34. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING TRANSFERRED OR DISCHARGED [Signature]							
35a. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER CHARLES C. WATTS, 2/LT AGC, AG FT AG					b. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN [Signature]							

DD FORM 214  
NOV 55REPLACES EDITION OF 1 JUL 52. ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES  
WHICH IS OBSOLETE. REPORT OF TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE

NAME (Last, first, middle initial) AND SERVICE NUMBER

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## Certificate of Training

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*has successfully completed*

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USA JFK CSW

JAMES B TOOHEY  
Lt Col GS  
ACofS, G-3

## PERSONAL HISTORY

1. (Print) FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME--MAIDEN NAME (If any)—LAST NAME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MR. <input type="checkbox"/> MRS. <input type="checkbox"/> MISS <b>Harold George Bennett</b>		2. STATUS CIVILIAN <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY ON ACTIVE DUTY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
3. ALIAS(ES), NICKNAME(S), OR CHANGES IN NAME (Other than by marriage) <b>None</b>		4. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS <b>[REDACTED]</b>			
5. DATE OF BIRTH (Day, month, year) <b>16 Oct 40</b>		PLACE OF BIRTH (City, County, State, and Country) <b>Thornburg, Perry, Arkansas, USA</b>			
PLACE CERTIFICATE RECORDED <b>Perryville, Arkansas</b>					
RACE <b>Cau</b>	HEIGHT <b>69</b>	WEIGHT <b>151</b>	COLOR OF EYES <b>Brown</b>		
COLOR OF HAIR <b>Brown</b>		SCARS, PHYSICAL DEFECTS, DISTINGUISHING MARKS <b>Birth mark - right shoulder</b>			
6. DO YOU HAVE A HISTORY OF MENTAL OR NERVOUS DISORDERS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ADDICTED TO THE USE OF HABIT FORMING DRUGS SUCH AS NARCOTICS OR BARBITURATES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A CHRONIC USER TO EXCESS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE IS "YES," EXPLAIN IN ITEM 20.					
7. U. S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		IF NATURALIZED, CERTIFICATE NO.			
		IF DERIVED, PARENTS' CERTIFICATE NO(S).			
		DATE, PLACE, AND COURT			
ALIEN <input type="checkbox"/>	REGISTRATION NO.	NATIVE COUNTRY	DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY		
			DO YOU INTEND TO BECOME A U. S. CITIZEN? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>MILITARY SERVICE</b>					
ARE YOU PRESENTLY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE U. S. ARMED FORCES DRAWING FULL PAY? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:					
GRADE AND SERVICE NO. <b>Sgt E5 RA18542931</b>	SERVICE AND COMPONENT <b>Army RA</b>	ORGANIZATION AND STATION <b>Co A 6th SFG, Ft Bragg, NC</b>	DATE CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE STARTED <b>7 Dec 60</b>		
ARE YOU PRESENTLY A MEMBER OF A U. S. RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD ORGANIZATION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:					
GRADE AND SERVICE NO.	SERVICE AND COMPONENT	ORGANIZATION AND STATION OR UNIT AND LOCATION			
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SERVED TOURS OF EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY, DRAWING FULL PAY, FROM WHICH YOU WERE DISCHARGED OR SEPARATED TO CIVILIAN STATUS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:					
COUNTRY <b>USA</b>	SERVICE <b>Army</b>	COMPONENT <b>RA</b>	FROM (Date) <b>4Nov57</b>		
			TO (Date) <b>3Nov60</b>		
		TYPE DISCHARGES OR SEPARATIONS—GRADE AND SERVICE NO. <b>Honorable E5 RA18542931</b>			
<b>9. EDUCATION (Account for all civilian schools and military academies. Do not include service schools)</b>					
MONTH AND YEAR FROM— TO—		NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL	GRADUATE		DEGREE
			YES	NO	
<b>No change</b>					
<b>10. FAMILY (List in order given, parents, spouse, guardians, stepparents, foster parents, parents-in-law, former spouse(s) (if divorced give date and place), children, brothers and sisters, even though deceased. Include any others you resided with or with whom a close relationship existed or exists. If the person is not a U. S. citizen by birth, give date and port of entry, alien registration number, naturalization certificate number and place of issuance.)</b>					
RELATION AND NAME	DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH	PRESENT ADDRESS, IF LIVING	U. S. CITIZEN YES NO		
FATHER	<b>No change</b>				
MOTHER (Maiden name)					
SPOUSE (Maiden name)					
OTHER (Specify)					

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REMARKS.

<b>11. OTHER RELATIVES AND ALIENS (List grandparents, first cousins, aunts, uncles, brothers- and sisters-in-law, and other persons with whom a close relationship existed or exists)</b>					
RELATIONSHIP AND NAME	AGE	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS	CITIZENSHIP	
None					
<b>12. FOREIGN TRAVEL (Other than as a direct result of United States military duties)</b>					
DATES		COUNTRY VISITED	PURPOSE OF TRAVEL		
FROM—	TO—				
None					
<b>13. EMPLOYMENT (Show every employment you have had and all periods of unemployment)</b>					
MONTH AND YEAR		NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	NAME OF IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR	REASON FOR LEAVING	
FROM—	TO—				
4 Nov 57	Date	US Army			
DID ANY OF THE ABOVE EMPLOYMENTS REQUIRE A SECURITY CLEARANCE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO DO YOU HAVE ANY FOREIGN PROPERTY OR BUSINESS CONNECTIONS, OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN EMPLOYED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FIRM, OR AGENCY? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REFUSED BOND? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE IS "YES," EXPLAIN IN ITEM 20.		SOCIAL SECURITY NO.  No change			
<b>14. CREDIT AND CHARACTER REFERENCES (Do not include relatives, former employers, or persons living outside the United States or its Territories.)</b>					
CHARACTER	NAME (List 3 credit and 5 character)	YEARS KNOWN	STREET AND NUMBER (Business address preferred)	CITY	STATE OR TERRITORY
	Autry A Tarvin	6			
	First National Bank	1	Unknown	Killeen	Tex
	Floyd Gardner	10			
	Harry Van Dalson	22			
	Alvin Wright	16			
	Morel Wallace	22			
	John Brown	13			
	Leonard Lovell	22			



**CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE AND/OR SECURITY DETERMINATION UNDER EO 10450**  
(AR 604-5 or SR 620-220-1)

**PART I-BASIC INFORMATION**

FROM: (Originating headquarters)		DOSSIER NUMBER
HEADQUARTERS 2D ARMORED DIVISION, Fort Hood, Texas		AA-700 590
LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	MILITARY OR CIVILIAN GRADE	SERVICE OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
BENNETT, Harold George	Sgt E-5	RA 18 542 931
DATE OF BIRTH (Day, Month, Year)	PLACE OF BIRTH (City, county, state, country)	CIVILIAN JOB TITLE (If any)
16 October 1940	Thornburg, Perry, Arkansas	N/A

**PART II-SECURITY CLEARANCE**

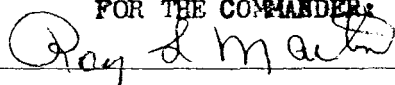
DATE INVESTIGATION COMPLETED (Day, Month, Year)	TYPE OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED	AGENCY OR COMMAND WHICH CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION
13 April 1962	National Agency Check	Fourth US Army
HIGHEST CLASSIFICATION OR TYPE OF INFORMATION TO WHICH ACCESS IS AUTHORIZED (Top Secret, Secret, Confidential, or Cryptographic duties)	DATE INTERIM CLEARANCE GRANTED (Day, Month, Year)	DATE FINAL CLEARANCE GRANTED (Day, Month, Year)
<b>**SECRET**</b>	20 February 1962	20 April 1962
THE ABOVE-NAMED INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN CLEARED; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 604-5 FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AS INDICATED ABOVE; <input type="checkbox"/> UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF AR 604-5 FOR ASSIGNMENT TO CRYPTOGRAPHIC DUTIES. <input type="checkbox"/> THE SECURITY OATH REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH CRYPTOGRAPHIC DUTIES HAS BEEN EXECUTED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED INDIVIDUAL AND APPEARS AS PART VI ON THE REVERSE OF THIS FORM.		

**PART III-SECURITY DETERMINATION UNDER EO 10450 - (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES ONLY)**

DATE INVESTIGATION COMPLETED (Day, Month, Year)	TYPE OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED	AGENCY OR COMMAND WHICH CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION
N/A	N/A	N/A
SENSITIVE POSITION	<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK AND COMPLETE PARTS I, II AND V	
NON-SENSITIVE POSITION	<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK AND COMPLETE PARTS I, III AND V	
		N/A

**PART IV-REMARKS**

**PART V-PREPARING OFFICIAL**

ORGANIZATION	PLACE	DATE
HEADQUARTERS 2D ARMORED DIVISION	Fort Hood, Texas	20 April 1962
TYPED NAME, GRADE AND SERVICE NUMBER	SIGNATURE	
ROY L MARTIN, CWO W3, W2 149 775 Acting Assistant AG	FOR THE COMMANDER: 	
DISTRIBUTION (AR 604-5 or SR 620-220-1 as appropriate)		
1 TAG 1 CO, CRF 1 201 File		

RECORDS OF INTERIM CLEARANCE WILL NOT BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY; SEE AR 604-5

38. I know that if I secure my enlistment by means of any false statement, willful misrepresentation or concealment as to my qualifications for enlistment, I am liable to trial by court martial or discharge for fraudulent enlistment, and that if rejected because of any disqualification known and concealed by me, I will not be furnished return transportation to place of acceptance. I have read or had explained to me Par 13, AR 600-10 (not applicable to Air Force Personnel) which sets forth the criteria (reasons) for discharge and types of discharge, and certify that I ☐ HAVE ☒ HAVE NEVER (check one) engaged in disloyal or subversive activities as defined therein. I understand that if I am expected to be available for order to active duty at any time during this enlistment in event of a mobilization or emergency requiring any services. I understand that if I am ordered to active duty I will be given a physical examination and may be discharged if found physically disqualified on that examination. I certify that I ☐ AM ☒ AM NOT (check one) now drawing retired pay from the government of the United States. I further certify that I ☐ AM ☒ AM NOT (check one) now drawing a pension, disability allowance, or disability compensation from the government of the United States. I declare that I am not now a member of any of the Armed Forces (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard) or any Reserve components thereof in active, inactive, reserve, or retired status unless so indicated and explained by me; that the foregoing questions and answers there-to have been read to me; that my answers have been correctly recorded and are true in all respects and that I fully understand the conditions under which I am enlisting.

GIVEN AT (Place of acceptance) **RMS, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS** DATE OF ACCEPTANCE **7 DEC 60**

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS (First name, middle name, last name) *E. J. [illegible]* SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (First name, middle name, last name) *Harold George Bennett*

39. REMARKS (For use by the Enlisting Officer) **PROMOTED THIS DATE TO THE GRADE OF SGT(E-5) T PER PAR 5 SO 559 USA CRUIT MAIN STA, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS** DATE DD FORM 53 FORWARDED **7 DEC 60**

VERIFIED AT **LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS** BY (Signature of Enlisting Officer) *Paul W. Feilner* GRADE AND ORGANIZATION OF ENLISTING OFFICER **CAPT, DET 407, 3504TH CRUIT GP**

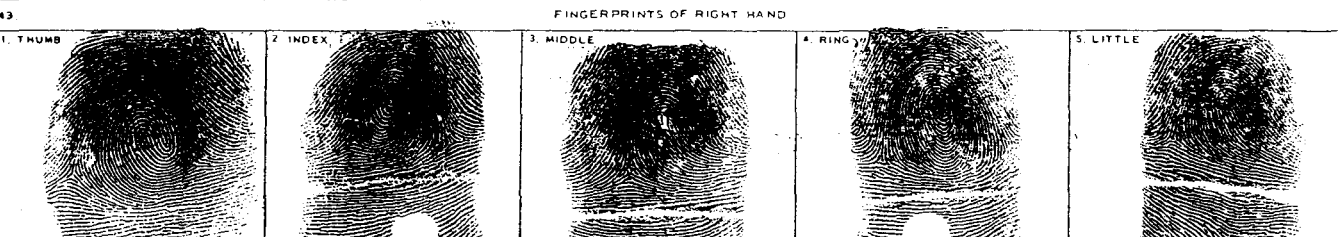
40. OATH OF ENLISTMENT (For service in National Guard or Air National Guard)  
STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ SS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, TOWN, OR COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
I, <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_ in the (Army) (Air Force) (National Guard of the United States) (Air National Guard of the United States) and as a Reserve of the (Army) (Air Force) with membership in the (National Guard of the United States) (Air National Guard of the United States) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years under the conditions prescribed by law, unless sooner discharged by proper authority; and I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and to the State of \_\_\_\_\_; that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the Governor of \_\_\_\_\_ and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to law and regulations, and/or the Uniform Code of Military Justice.  
SIGNATURE (First name, middle name, last name) <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

41. OATH OF ENLISTMENT (For service in Regular Army, Regular Air Force, Army Reserve, or Air Force Reserve)  
STATE OF **ARKANSAS** SS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, TOWN, OR MILITARY POST **LITTLE ROCK**  
I, <sup>1</sup> **HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT** do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted, under the conditions prescribed by law, this <sup>3</sup> **7th** day of **DECEMBER**, 19 **60**, in the **UNITED STATES ARMY** for a period of **THREE (3) YEARS** **X**  
years unless sooner discharged by proper authority; and I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America; that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.  
SIGNATURE (First name, middle name, last name) <sup>5</sup> *Harold George Bennett*

42. CONFIRMATION OF ENLISTMENT  
The above oath was subscribed and duly sworn to before me this <sup>3</sup> **7TH** day of **DECEMBER**, 19 **60**. This enlistee was minutely inspected by me prior to subscribing to the oath, and was found to be entirely sober and in full possession of all mental faculties. To the best of my judgment and belief enlistee fulfills all legal requirements, and in enlisting this applicant I have strictly observed the regulations governing such enlistment. The above oath, as filled in, was read to the applicant prior to subscribing thereto.

TYPED NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION OF ENLISTING OFFICER **PAUL W. FEILNER, CAPT, DET 407, 3504TH CRUIT GP** SIGNATURE OF ENLISTING OFFICER *Paul W. Feilner*

<sup>1</sup> To be initiated by enlistee where X appears. <sup>3</sup> The date in oath and confirmation must be the same. <sup>5</sup> The signature must be identical with that subscribed to Declaration of Applicant.  
<sup>2</sup> Carefully compare with the name at top of page 1. <sup>4</sup> Delete one.



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UNITED STATES ARMY  
RECRUITING MAIN STATION

223 Main Street  
Little Rock, Arkansas

SPECIAL ORDERS

NUMBER 259

EXTRACT

7 December 1960

3. PVT(E-2)(P) VERNON S REYNALDS RA 18502028 MOS 006 TOE 3 yrs  
ETS Dec 63 PS Army BPED 30 Apr 56 depn 2 YOB 1939 last DOS 29 May 59  
DR 7 Dec 60 having enl this sta this date in RA ACG 13 Armor is asg  
this USA RMS pending EDCSA of 8 Dec 60 to USARECSTA Ft Leonard Wood,  
Mo rept upon arr to CO for fur proc & asg. Imf Breakfast 8 Dec 60.  
Two Army meal tickets furn. Tvl by POC not auth. Trans furn. Will  
dep for proper sta 0800 HR 8 Dec 60. TDN. PCS. 2112010.100 01-4  
P1311-02 S99-999. Auth: AR 601-210 & AR 601-215.

4. PVT(E-2)(P) CLEAUTIS D GARDNER RA 18518480 MOS 006 TOE 3 yrs  
ETS Dec 63 PS Army BPED 24 Feb 58 depn 2 YOB 1937 last DOS 23 Sep 59  
DR 7 Dec 60 having enl this sta this date in RA Unasgd is asg this  
USA RMS pending EDCSA of 8 Dec 60 to USARECSTA Ft Leonard Wood, Mo rept  
upon arr to CO for fur proc & asg. "AR 601-230 commitment for 1-R-670.0  
Aircraft Maint(entry) class starting 24 Feb 61, EM should begin basic  
combat tng on 14 Dec 60". Imf breakfast 8 Dec 60. Two Army meal  
tickets furn. Tvl by POC not auth. Trans furn. Will dep for proper  
sta 0800 HR 8 Dec 60. TDN. PCS. 2112010.100 01-4 P1311-02 S99-999.  
Auth: AR 601-210, AR 601-230 & Telecon Sgt Turner this sta & Miss Lyman  
TAG Wash 25 DC 7 Dec 60.

5. PFC(E-3)(P) HAROLD G BENNETT RA 18542931 MOS 111.67 TOE 3 yrs  
ETS Dec 63 PS Army BPED 7 Dec 57 depn 0 YOB 1940 last DOS 3 Nov 60  
having reenl this sta this date in RA Unasgd is asg this USA RMS pending  
EDCSA of 9 Dec 60 to Hq & Hq Co, Combat Comd A, 1st Armd Div., Fort  
Hood, Tex. EM chargeable against Dec 60 Station Requirement List Ft  
Hood, Tex. In accordance with prov of AR 601-225, preparation of all  
pers needs will be effected by the gaining unit. Having reenl this sta  
this date in Perm Gr PFC(E-3) DR 24 Sep 58 is hereby Prom to Temp Gr  
SGT(E-5) DR 28 May 60. Imf breakfast 8 Dec 60. Two Army meal tickets  
furn. Tvl by POC auth. Trans furn. Will dep for proper sta 0800 HR  
8 Dec 60. TDN. PCS. 2112010.100 01-4 P1311-02 S99-999. Auth:  
AR 601-210, Par 11 AR 601-225, TAG-ACN 19944-60 & Telecon Sgt Turner  
this sta and Sgt Lebreton TAG Wash 25 DC 7 Dec 60.

OVER

## STATEMENT

## PERSONAL HISTORY

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the certification at the end of this questionnaire before entering the required data. Print or type all answers. All questions and statements must be completed. If the answer is "None," so state. Do not misstate or omit material fact since the statements made herein are subject to verification. If more space is needed, use the Remarks section, item 20, and attach additional sheets if necessary. The information entered hereon is for official use only and will be maintained in confidence.

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Print) FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME—MAIDEN NAME (If any)—LAST NAME <input type="checkbox"/> MR. <b>HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT</b> <input type="checkbox"/> MRS. <input type="checkbox"/> MISS				2. STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> CIVILIAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY ON ACTIVE DUTY	
3. ALIAS(ES), NICKNAME(S), OR CHANGES IN NAME (Other than by marriage) <b>NONE</b>				4. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS <b>[REDACTED]</b>	
5. DATE OF BIRTH (Day, month, year) <b>16 Oct 40</b>		PLACE OF BIRTH (City, County, State, and Country) <b>Thornburg, Arkansas, USA</b>		PLACE CERTIFICATE RECORDED <b>Perryville, Arkansas</b>	
RACE <b>Cau</b>	HEIGHT <b>69"</b>	WEIGHT <b>151</b>	COLOR OF EYES <b>Brown</b>	COLOR OF HAIR <b>Brown</b>	SCARS, PHYSICAL DEFECTS, DISTINGUISHING MARKS <b>Birth Mark, Right Shoulder</b>
6. DO YOU HAVE A HISTORY OF MENTAL OR NERVOUS DISORDERS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ADDICTED TO THE USE OF HABIT FORMING DRUGS SUCH AS NARCOTICS OR BARBITURATES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A CHRONIC USER TO EXCESS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE IS "YES," EXPLAIN IN ITEM 20.					
7. U. S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NATIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IF NATURALIZED, CERTIFICATE NO. <b>N/A</b>	IF DERIVED, PARENTS' CERTIFICATE NO(S). <b>N/A</b>	DATE, PLACE, AND COURT <b>N/A</b>	
ALIEN <input type="checkbox"/>	REGISTRATION NO. <b>N/A</b>	NATIVE COUNTRY <b>N/A</b>	DATE AND PORT OF ENTRY <b>N/A</b>	DO YOU INTEND TO BECOME A U. S. CITIZEN? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
8. MILITARY SERVICE					
ARE YOU PRESENTLY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE U. S. ARMED FORCES DRAWING FULL PAY? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:					
GRADE AND SERVICE NO. <b>RA 18 542 931</b>		SERVICE AND COMPONENT <b>RA US Army</b>		ORGANIZATION AND STATION <b>Co B 1st Inf, 2d AD, Ft Hood, Texas</b>	
DATE CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>7 Dec 60</b>					
ARE YOU PRESENTLY A MEMBER OF A U. S. RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD ORGANIZATION? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:					
GRADE AND SERVICE NO. <b>N/A</b>		SERVICE AND COMPONENT <b>N/A</b>		ORGANIZATION AND STATION OR UNIT AND LOCATION <b>N/A</b>	
HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SERVED TOURS OF EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY, DRAWING FULL PAY, FROM WHICH YOU WERE DISCHARGED OR SEPARATED TO CIVILIAN STATUS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF "YES," COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:					
COUNTRY <b>US</b>	SERVICE <b>Army</b>	COMPONENT <b>RA</b>	FROM (Date) <b>4 Nov 57</b>	TO (Date) <b>3 Nov 60</b>	TYPE DISCHARGES OR SEPARATIONS—GRADE AND SERVICE NO. <b>Honorable E5 RA 18 542 931</b>
9. EDUCATION (Account for all civilian schools and military academies. Do not include service schools)					
MONTH AND YEAR		NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL		GRADUATE YES NO DEGREE	
FROM— <b>Sep 46</b>	TO— <b>Oct 57</b>	<b>Perryville School, Perryville, Arkansas</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Sep 58</b>	<b>Jan 59</b>	<b>Hopkinsville School, Ft Campbell, Ky</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>N/A</b>
10. FAMILY (List in order given, parents, spouse, guardians, stepparents, foster parents, parents-in-law, former spouse(s) (if divorced give date and place), children, brothers and sisters, even though deceased. Include any others you resided with or with whom a close relationship existed or exists. If the person is not a U. S. citizen by birth, give date and port of entry, alien registration number, naturalization certificate number and place of issuance.)					
RELATION AND NAME		DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH		PRESENT ADDRESS, IF LIVING	
FATHER <b>GORDON A. BENNETT</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>		<b>Deceased</b>	
MOTHER (Maiden name) <b>Pauline Bennett nee Hickman</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>	
SPOUSE (Maiden name) <b>None</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>	
OTHER (Specify) <b>Brother Paul G. Bennett</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>	
<b>Brother Donald R. Bennett</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>	
<b>Brother Dicky M. Bennett</b>		<b>2 Apr 1945 Perryville, Arkansas</b>		<b>P.O. Box # 185 Perryville, Arkansas</b>	
<b>Sister Margaret Wallace nee Bennett</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>		<b>[REDACTED]</b>	
		<b>(SEE ITEM # 20)</b>			

19. ARE THERE ANY INCIDENTS IN YOUR LIFE NOT MENTIONED HEREIN WHICH MAY REFLECT UPON YOUR LOYALTY TO THE UNITED STATES OR UPON YOUR SUITABILITY TO PERFORM THE DUTIES WHICH YOU MAY BE CALLED UPON TO TAKE OR WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE FURTHER EXPLANATION? ☐ YES ☒ NO IF "YES," GIVE DETAILS

None

20. REMARKS

Ref Item # 10

Sister  
Vaunda M Fielder nee Bennett  
Sister  
Peggy C Williams nee Bennett  
Sister  
Joan Rinehart nee Bennett  
Sister  
Laura S Vaught nee Bennett

Citizen  
Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

I CERTIFY THAT THE ENTRIES MADE BY ME ABOVE ARE TRUE, COMPLETE, AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND ARE MADE IN GOOD FAITH. I UNDERSTAND THAT A KNOWING AND WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENT ON THIS FORM CAN BE PUNISHED BY FINE OR IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH (See U. S. Code, title 18, section 1001)

DATE

SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM

9 Feb 1962

*Harold A. Bennett*

TYPED NAME AND ADDRESS OF WITNESS

JAMES L GEARING, MSgt, E8

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

PA38177701, Hqs Co 1st ARB 11st Inf, Ft Hood, Tex

21.

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY AUTHORITY REQUESTING INVESTIGATION

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND DEGREE OF CLASSIFIED MATTER (top secret, secret, etc.) TO WHICH APPLICANT WILL REQUIRE ACCESS

ASSIGNMENT: is applying for transfer for Special Volunteer Program is required **SECRET**

STATEMENT: I have discussed the instructions for corrective completion of this form with the applicant and directed attention to the certificate above

*Martin R. Viessers*  
MARTIN R. VISSERS, Capt Inf, S-2

RECORD OF PRIOR CLEARANCES

DATE OF CLEARANCE

TYPE OF CLEARANCE

AGENCY THAT COMPLETED INVESTIGATION

REMARKS.

PARTMENT OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON 25, D. C.										Form Approved Budget Bureau No. 22-R016.5	
ENLISTMENT RECORD - ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES											
1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME <b>BENNETT, HAROLD GEORGE</b>						2. SERVICE NUMBER <b>RA 18 542 931</b>		3. SEX <b>MALE</b>		4. RACE <b>CAUCASIAN</b>	
5. PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DATA		6. HOME ADDRESS (No. and street, or rural route, if none, so state; City, Town or PO, County and State)		7. PLACE OF ENLISTMENT		8. DATE ENLISTED		9. FOR SERVICE IN (Give Armed Force and Component)		10. NO. YEARS TO SERVE	
1-A				LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS		7 DEC 60		REGULAR ARMY - REENL RA		3	
11. GRADE <b>PFC(E-3)P</b>		12. AUTHORITY FOR GRADE <b>PAR 20</b>		13. INITIAL ASSIGNMENT <b>HQ &amp; HQ CO, COMBAT, COMD A,</b>		14. ENLISTMENT AUTHORITY <b>AR 601-225</b>					
SGT(E-5)T		AR 601-210		1ST ARMD DIV., FT HOOD, TEXAS		TAG-ACN 1944-60					
DECLARATION OF APPLICANT											
15. DATE OF BIRTH			16. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State)			17. COLOR OF EYES HAIR		18. a. HEIGHT b. WEIGHT		19. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
DAY MONTH YEAR 16 OCT 40			THORNBURG, ARKANSAS			BROWN BROWN		68" 143		IF NO, FILED DECLARATION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
20. IF NATURALIZED OR DECLARANT, GIVE DATE, PLACE AND COURT OF JURISDICTION						21. NATURALIZATION OR DECLARANT NO.			22. MARITAL STATUS		
NOT APPLICABLE						NA			SINGLE		
23. NUMBER, RELATIONSHIP AND AGE OF PERSONS DEPENDENT ON YOU FOR SUPPORT											
NONE						HGB			X		
24. CIVILIAN EDUCATION (Years completed in each. Give kind of degree, if any)											
a. GRAMMAR		b. HIGH SCHOOL		c. COLLEGE				d. OTHER CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED			
YEARS GRADUATED		YEARS GRADUATED		YEARS GRADUATED		DEGREE		YEARS GRADUATED		DEGREE	
8 X		4 X				NONE				NONE	
25. a. MAIN CIVILIAN OCCUPATION						b. YEARS AND MONTHS EMPLOYED			c. AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE		
STUDENT						NA			NA		
26. a. REGISTERED FOR SSVC		b. NUMBER		c. CLASSIFICATION		d. SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS (City, County and State)					
YES X		UNASSIGNED		4-A		LB 53, PERRYVILLE, PERRY CO, ARKANSAS					
27. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, CHARGED, OR HELD BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL LAW, STATE LAW, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION OR ORDINANCE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, GIVE DETAILS. (Do not include minor traffic violations.) (Prior service personnel consider only period since last active service)											
HGB X											
28. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR ANY OTHER OFFENSE OR ADJUDICATED A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER OR JUVENILE DELINQUENT (Including violations of local ordinances)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, GIVE DETAILS. (Prior service personnel consider only those convictions & adjudications since last active service)											
HGB X											
29. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IMPRISONED UNDER SENTENCE OF ANY COURT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, GIVE DETAILS. (Prior service personnel consider only those imprisonments since last active service)											
HGB X											
30. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ON SUSPENDED SENTENCE, PAROLE, PROBATION, OR ARE YOU AWAITING FINAL ACTION ON CHARGES AGAINST YOU? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (Prior service personnel consider only period since last active service)											
HGB X											
31. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REJECTED FOR ENLISTMENT OR INDUCTION IN ANY OF THE ARMED FORCES OR BEEN DISCHARGED FROM PREVIOUS SERVICE UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS, UNDER PERSONNEL SECURITY REGULATIONS OR BY REASON OF UNSUITABILITY OR UNDESIRABLE HABITS OR TRAITS OF CHARACTER, OR FOR MEDICAL REASONS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, GIVE SERVICE, DATE, PLACE AND CAUSE											
HGB X											
32. PRIOR SERVICE											
ARMED FORCE	COM- PONENT	SERVICE NUMBER	DATE OF ENL. IND. APT AND/OR ORDER TO ACTIVE DUTY	DATE OF DISCHARGE OR RELEASE	TYPE OF DISCHARGE	REASON FOR DISCHARGE	GRADE AT DISCHARGE	MOS/ AFSC	TIME LOST (Days)	VERIFIED FROM	
ARMY	RA	18 542 931	4 NOV 57	3 NOV 60	HON	AR 635-200 SPN 201 ETS	SGT (E-5) (T)	111.67	0	DD FM 214	
33. PRIOR ROTC OR CADET TRAINING (Years - Type Unit)						35. TOTAL SERVICE					
NONE											
34. RESERVE COMMISSIONED STATUS (Service, grade and SN now held)						ACTIVE			INACTIVE		
NONE						YEARS MONTHS DAYS			YEARS MONTHS DAYS		
						3 0 0			NOT VERIFIED		
36. TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ARE YOU NOW SOUND AND WELL? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO IF NO, GIVE DETAILS											
37. REMARKS											
NONE											

38. I know that if I secure my enlistment by means of any false statement, willful misrepresentation or concealment as to my qualifications for enlistment, I am liable to trial by court martial or discharge for fraudulent enlistment, and that if rejected because of any disqualification known and concealed by me, I will not be furnished return transportation to place of acceptance. I have read or had explained to me Par 13, AR 601-10 (not applicable to Air Force Personnel) which sets forth the criteria (reasons) for discharge and types of discharge, and certify that I ☐ HAVE ☒ HAVE NEVER (check one) engaged in disloyal or subversive activities as defined therein. I understand that I am expected to be available for order to active duty at any time during this enlistment in event of a mobilization or emergency requiring any services. I understand that if I am ordered to active duty I will be given a physical examination and may be discharged if found physically disqualified on that examination. I certify that I ☐ AM ☒ AM NOT (check one) now drawing retired pay from the government of the United States. I further certify that I ☐ AM ☒ AM NOT (check one) now drawing a pension, disability allowance, or disability compensation from the government of the United States. I declare that I am not now a member of any of the Armed Forces (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard) or any Reserve components thereof in active, inactive, reserve, or retired status unless so indicated and explained by me; that the foregoing questions and answers there-to have been read to me; that my answers have been correctly recorded and are true in all respects and that I fully understand the conditions under which I am enlisting.

GIVEN AT (Place of acceptance)

**RA3, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

DATE OF ACCEPTANCE

**7 DEC 60**

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS (First name, middle name, last name)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (First name middle name, last name)

39. REMARKS (To be used by the Enlisting Officer)

**BNL CREDIT: VICTOR J. BEILE  
SGT, RA 37 369 092  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS PS**

**PROMOTED THIS DATE TO THE GRADE OF  
SGT(E-5) PER PAR 5 SO 2S7USA  
CRUIT MAIN STA, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

4. DATE DD FORM 53 FORWARDED

**7 DEC 60**

VERIFIED AT

BY (Signature of Enlisting Officer)

GRADE AND ORGANIZATION OF ENLISTING OFFICER

**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**CAPT, DET 407, 3504TH CRUIT GP**

40. OATH OF ENLISTMENT (For service in National Guard or Air National Guard)

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ SS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, TOWN, OR COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

I, <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ in the (Army) (Air) National Guard of \_\_\_\_\_ and as a Reserve of the (Army) (Air Force) with membership in the (National Guard of the United States) (Air National Guard of the United States) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years under the conditions prescribed by law, unless sooner discharged by proper authority; and I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and to the State of \_\_\_\_\_; that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the Governor of \_\_\_\_\_ and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to law and regulations, and/or the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

SIGNATURE (First name, middle name, last name) 5

41. OATH OF ENLISTMENT (For service in Regular Army, Regular Air Force, Army Reserve, or Air Force Reserve)

STATE OF **ARKANSAS** SS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, TOWN, OR MILITARY POST **LITTLE ROCK**

I, <sup>1</sup> **HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT** do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted, under the conditions prescribed by law, this <sup>3</sup> **7th** day of **DECEMBER**, 19**60** in the **UNITED STATES ARMY** for a period of **THREE (3)** years unless sooner discharged by proper authority; and I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America; that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

SIGNATURE (First name, middle name, last name) 5

42. CONFIRMATION OF ENLISTMENT

The above oath was subscribed and duly sworn to before me this <sup>3</sup> **7th** day of **DECEMBER**, 19**60**. This enlistee was minutely inspected by me prior to subscribing to the oath, and was found to be entirely sober and in full possession of all mental faculties. To the best of my judgment and belief enlistee fulfills all legal requirements, and in enlisting this applicant I have strictly observed the regulations governing such enlistment. The above oath, as filled in, was read to the applicant prior to subscribing thereto.

**PAUL W. PEINER, CAPT, DET 407, 3504TH CRUIT GP** SIGNATURE OF ENLISTING OFFICER

<sup>1</sup> To be initialed by enlistee where X appears.

<sup>2</sup> Carefully compare with the name at top of page 1.

<sup>3</sup> The dates in oath and confirmation must be the same.

<sup>4</sup> Delete one.

<sup>5</sup> The signature must be identical with that subscribed to Declaration of Applicant.

43. FINGERPRINTS OF RIGHT HAND

1. THUMB

2. INDEX

3. MIDDLE

4. RING

5. LITTLE

GRADE, LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL & SERVICE NUMBER  <div style="text-align: center;">SGT (E-5) BENNETT HAROLD G RA 18 542 931</div>		<div style="text-align: center;"><b>PHYSICAL AND MENTAL STATUS ON RELEASE FROM ACTIVE SERVICE</b></div> <div style="font-size: small;">INSTRUCTIONS: Prepare in triplicate. Original and duplicate to be given to individual concerned. Triuplicate to be filed in individual's DA Form 201.</div> <div style="border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 5px;">           DATE <div style="text-align: right;">3 Nov 60</div> </div>	
<b>MENTAL STATUS</b>			
<small>ENLISTMENT OR RE-ENLISTMENT WITHOUT MENTAL RETEST IS AUTHORIZED PROVIDED ENLISTMENT OR RE-ENLISTMENT IS ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER DATE OF SEPARATION. YOUR RECORDED APTITUDE AREA SCORES OF THE ARMY CLASSIFICATION BATTERY ARE AS FOLLOWS:</small>			
COA - 88-102 COB - 86-98 EL - 95-86 GM - 86-108		MM - 86-100 CL - 103-104 GT - 99-102 RC - None	
		IN - AE - Retested 28 Nov 60 on ACB in accordance with Par 22d(1)(c), AR 601-210	
<b>PHYSICAL STATUS</b>			
YOUR PHYSICAL CONDITION ON <u>3 Nov 60</u> <small>(Date of Separation)</small> IS SUCH THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERED PHYSICALLY QUALIFIED FOR SEPARATION OR FOR REENLISTMENT WITHOUT RE-EXAMINATION PROVIDED YOU RE-ENLIST WITHIN 90 DAYS AND STATE THAT YOU HAVE NOT ACQUIRED NEW DISEASES OR INJURIES DURING THE INTERVAL PERIOD WHEN NOT A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY SERVICE.			
YOUR PHYSICAL PROFILE AT DATE OF SEPARATION IS <div style="font-family: monospace;">111111 A</div>			
TYPED NAME, GRADE, AND ARM OR SERVICE OF PERS OFFICER JOHN L KROKENBERGER, CWO W3, USA, ASST AG		SIGNATURE 	
<b>STATEMENTS OF PHYSICAL AND DEPENDENT STATUS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT</b>			
PHYSICAL STATUS	HAS THERE BEEN ANY CHANGE IN YOUR PHYSICAL CONDITION SINCE YOU WERE SEPARATED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If yes, describe below.)		
DEPENDENT STATUS	HAS THERE BEEN ANY CHANGE IN YOUR DEPENDENT STATUS SINCE YOU WERE SEPARATED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO (If yes, describe below.)		
DATE 7 December 1960		SIGNATURE 	

RA 18 542 931

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2. GRADE SSGT (E-6)		3. DATE OF BIRTH DAY MONTH YEAR 10 Oct 40			4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> DERIVATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED (Year) CITIZEN OF		5. SELF BIRTH-PLACE		6. MOS CODE FATHER US MOTHER US		7. MOS CODE PRIMARY DUTY														
7. MARITAL STATUS		8. DEPENDENTS		9. RACE Cau		23. APTITUDE TESTS						24. OTHER TESTS													
11. RESERVE STATUS		GRADE		BRANCH		FORM		SCORE		RETEST SCORE		AREAS APT. OCC.		SCORE		RETEST SCORE		TEST		SCORE		GROUP		DATE	
12. RESIDENCE IN FOREIGN COUNTRY		LAST YEAR		COUNTRY		VE-		102				CO		1		102		CI							
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# QUALIFICATIO

RECORD

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MONTHS HELD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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GRADE, LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL & SERVICE NUMBER  <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>SGT (E-5)</b>  <b>BENNETT HAROLD G</b>  <b>RA 1B 542 931</b> </div>		<div style="text-align: center;"> <b>PHYSICAL AND MENTAL STATUS</b>  <b>ON RELEASE FROM ACTIVE SERVICE</b> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">           INSTRUCTIONS: Prepare in triplicate. Original and duplicate to be given to individual concerned. Triuplicate to be filed in individual's DA Form 201.         </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">           DATE  <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">3 Nov 60</div> </div>	
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<b>PHYSICAL STATUS</b>			
YOUR PHYSICAL CONDITION ON <u>3 Nov 60</u> IS SUCH THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERED PHYSICALLY <small>(Date of Separation)</small> QUALIFIED FOR SEPARATION OR FOR REENLISTMENT WITHOUT RE-EXAMINATION PROVIDED YOU RE-ENLIST WITHIN 90 DAYS AND STATE THAT YOU HAVE NOT ACQUIRED NEW DISEASES OR INJURIES DURING THE INTERVAL PERIOD WHEN NOT A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY SERVICE.			
YOUR PHYSICAL PROFILE AT DATE OF SEPARATION IS <div style="font-family: monospace; font-size: 1.2em;">11111 A</div>			
TYPED NAME, GRADE, AND ARM OR SERVICE OF PERS OFFICER		SIGNATURE	
<b>JOHN L KROKENBERGER, CWO W3, USA, ASST AG</b>			
<b>STATEMENTS OF PHYSICAL AND DEPENDENT STATUS AT TIME OF ENLISTMENT</b>			
PHYSICAL STATUS	HAS THERE BEEN ANY CHANGE IN YOUR PHYSICAL CONDITION SINCE YOU WERE SEPARATED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If yes, describe below.)		
DEPENDENT STATUS	HAS THERE BEEN ANY CHANGE IN YOUR DEPENDENT STATUS SINCE YOU WERE SEPARATED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (If yes, describe below.)		
DATE		SIGNATURE	

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Lp- END: Insert N/A to the items below which are not applicable

PERSONAL DATA	1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME <b>BENNETT HAROLD GEORGE</b>		2. SERVICE NUMBER <b>RA 18 542 931</b>		3. GRADE, RATE, OR RANK <b>SGT (E-5) (T)</b>		4. DATE OF BIRTH <b>16 Oct 40</b>	
	4. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH OR CLASS <b>ARMY-RA-INF</b>		5. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State or Country) <b>Thornburg, Arkansas</b>				6. DATE OF BIRTH <b>16 Oct 40</b>	
	7. RACE <b>Caucasian</b>	8. SEX <b>Male</b>	9. COLOR HAIR <b>Brown</b>	10. COLOR EYES <b>Brown</b>	11. HEIGHT <b>68"</b>	12. WEIGHT <b>143</b>	13. U.S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	14. MARITAL STATUS <b>Single</b>
	15. HIGHEST CIVILIAN EDUCATION LEVEL ATTAINED <b>10 Years</b>		16. MAJOR COURSE OR FIELD <b>General</b>					
TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE DATA	17. TYPE OF TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE <b>TRANSFERRED TO USAR (SEE 18)</b>				18. STATION OF INSTALLATION, CITY, COUNTY AND STATE <b>Fort Campbell, Kentucky</b>			
	19. REASON AND AUTHORITY <b>AR 635-200 SPN 201 (Expiration of Term of Service)</b>				20. EFFECTIVE DATE <b>3 Nov 60</b>			
	21. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND <b>Company C, 1st Airborne Battle Group, 506th Infantry</b>				22. CHARACTER OF SERVICE <b>HONORABLE</b>		23. TYPE OF CERTIFICATE <b>DD Form 217A</b>	
SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA	24. SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER <b>None</b>		25. SELECTIVE SERVICE LOCAL BOARD NUMBER, CITY, COUNTY AND STATE <b>NA</b>				26. DATE INDUCTED DAY MONTH YEAR	
	27. DISTRICT OR AREA COMMAND TO WHICH RESERVIST TRANSFERRED <b>TRANSFER USAR US MILITARY DISTRICT ARKANSAS, Little Rock, Arkansas</b>							
SERVICE DATA	28. TERMINAL DATE OF RESERVE OBLIGATION DAY MONTH YEAR <b>3 Nov 63</b>		29. CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE OTHER THAN BY INDUCTION a. SOURCE OF ENTRY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED (First Enlistment) <input type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED (Prior Service) <input type="checkbox"/> REENLISTED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:				30. TERM OF SERVICE (Years) <b>3</b>	
	31. DATE OF ENTRY DAY MONTH YEAR <b>4 Nov 57</b>		32. PRIOR REGULAR ENLISTMENTS <b>NA</b>		33. GRADE, RATE OR RANK AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <b>Pvt (E-1) (P)</b>		34. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE (City and State) <b>Little Rock, Arkansas</b>	
	35. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE (Street, RFD, City, County and State)		36. STATEMENT OF SERVICE a. CREDITABLE FOR BASIC PAY PURPOSES (1) NET SERVICE THIS PERIOD <b>3 0 0</b> (2) OTHER SERVICE <b>0 0 0</b> (3) TOTAL (Line (1) + line (2)) <b>3 0 0</b> b. TOTAL ACTIVE SERVICE <b>3 0 0</b> c. FOREIGN AND/OR SEA SERVICE <b>0 0 0</b>		37. YEARS MONTHS DAYS			
	38. SPECIALTY NUMBER AND TITLE <b>111.67 Light Weapons Infantryman</b>		39. RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND D. O. T. NUMBER <b>NA</b>		40. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED <b>Parachutist Badge</b>			
	41. WOUNDS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF ACTION WITH ENEMY FORCES (Place and date, if known) <b>NA</b>							
	42. SERVICE SCHOOLS OR COLLEGES, COLLEGE TRAINING, COURSES AND/OR POST-GRADUATE COURSES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED							
	43. SCHOOL OR COURSE <b>The Airborne School Fort Bragg, N. C.</b>		44. DATES (From - To) <b>Mar - Apr 58</b>		45. MAJOR COURSES <b>Basic Airborne</b>		46. OTHER SERVICE TRAINING COURSES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED <b>Escape &amp; Evasion Btl Indoc Code of Conduct Geneva Conv CBE Ing Mil Justice</b>	
	47. GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE IN FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		48. AMOUNT OF ALLOTMENT <b>NA</b>		49. MONTH ALLOTMENT DISCONTINUED <b>NA</b>			
	50. VA BENEFITS PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR (Specify type) <b>None</b>		51. VA CLAIM NUMBER <b>NA</b>					
	AUTHENTICATION	52. REMARKS <b>Blood Group "A" Item 3a: Pfc (E-3) (P) aptd 6 Feb 60 DOR 21 Aug 58 Imp sum payment made for 38 days accrued leave SSAN EM entitled to reenlistment bonus No 1st in pay grade of E-5 under chapter 9, AR 37-104</b>						
53. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES AFTER TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE (Street, RFD, City, County and State) <b>See Item 23</b>				54. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING TRANSFERRED OR DISCHARGED				
55. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER <b>JOHN I. KROKENBERGER, CWO W3, USA, Asst AG</b>				56. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN				

DD FORM 214

REPLACES EDITION OF 1 JUL 52 WHICH IS OBSOLETE

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2. GRADE SGT E5 P-1		3. DATE OF BIRTH DAY MONTH YEAR 16 OCT 40		4. CITIZENSHIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> DERIVATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> NATURALIZED (Year) CITIZEN OF		5. BIRTH-PLACE SELF US FATHER US MOTHER US		6. MOS CODE PRIMARY 111.67 DUTY 111.67																			
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12. RESIDENCE IN FOREIGN COUNTRY		LAST YEAR		COUNTRY		PA-1		81		EL		2-3		95		DR BTRY-1		53						NOV 57			
13. RESIDENCE IN FOREIGN COUNTRY		LAST YEAR		COUNTRY		MA-5		88		GM		4-5		86		WPN INST		255		Good				JAN 60			
14. RESIDENCE IN FOREIGN COUNTRY		LAST YEAR		COUNTRY		ACS-1		104		MM		6		86													
15. RESIDENCE IN FOREIGN COUNTRY		LAST YEAR		COUNTRY		ARC-1		UNSAT		(CL)		7		103													
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23. RESIDENCE IN FOREIGN COUNTRY		LAST YEAR		COUNTRY		27. REF #34 SPECIALIZED TRAINING				28. QUALIFICATION IN ARMS																	
24. RESIDENCE IN FOREIGN COUNTRY		LAST YEAR		COUNTRY		COURSE		DURATION		COMPLETED		YEAR		TYPE		WEEKS		COMPLETED		WEAPON		COURSE		QUAL. SCORE		DATE	
25. RESIDENCE IN FOREIGN COUNTRY		LAST YEAR		COUNTRY		29. IN				FOREIGN SERVICE				30. ENLISTED OR VOLUNTEERED FOR													
26. RESIDENCE IN FOREIGN COUNTRY		LAST YEAR		COUNTRY		31. TRAINING RECOMMENDED																					
27. RESIDENCE IN FOREIGN COUNTRY		LAST YEAR		COUNTRY		32. CLASSIFICATION IN MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES																					
28. RESIDENCE IN FOREIGN COUNTRY		LAST YEAR		COUNTRY		33. LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE HELD																					
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NAME (Last, first, middle initial) AND SERVICE NUMBER

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## QUALIFICATION

# RECORD

33. RECORD OF ASSIGNMENTS						34. REMARKS
EFFECTIVE DATE	PRINCIPAL DUTY	MOS	GRADE	ORGANIZATION AND STATION	MONTHS HELD	
1 Nov 57	BASIC COMBAT ING ATP 21-114		Pvt-1	Btry B 1 Bn Basic Tng	2	REF # 27
28 Jan 58	ADV IND TNG	11100	Pvt2	Comd Ft Chaffee Ark.	1	Geneva Conv 6 MAY 58
28 Mar 58	Basic Abn Tng v	111.07	Pvt2	D Co 1st Abn Bat Gp 325th Inf Ft Bragg NC	2	Latest Tng: 3 NOV 60
5 May 58	Rifleman	111.07	PVT	Co D 2nd Abn BG 503rd Inf Ft Bragg, N.C.	1	Elig PRCHT: 23 Apr 58
4 Aug 58	Senior Rifleman	111.17	PVT	Co C 1st Abn Bat Gp 506th Inf Fort Campbell, Ky	3	Ref 27: CBR Tng- 11/1/58
21 Aug 58	Senior Rifleman	111.17	PFC	Co C 1st Abn Bat Gp 506th Inf Fort Campbell, Ky	1	
1 May 59	Senior Rifleman	111.17	SP4	Co C 1st Abn Bat Gp 506th Inf Fort Campbell, Ky	8	
15 Sep 59	Fire Team Leader	111.67	Sgt	Co C 1st Abn BG 506th Inf Ft Campbell, Kentucky	4	
3 Nov 60	REL FR AD AND TRFD TO USAR RES OLLIG TO EXPIRE 3 Nov 63					
6 Dec 60	DISCH USAR REENL RA					
DOR: 24 APR 60						

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REPLACES DD FORMS 230, 230-A, 230-B, 230-C, 230-D (For Army use); DA FORMS 24-A-2, 24-A-6, 24-A-8 AND 24-A-12, WHICH ARE OBSOLETE.

## SECTION 4 - CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD OF MILITARY SERVICE

DATE		M/R DESIGNATION OF UNIT AND STATION	DUTY MOS	CONDUCT	EFFICIENCY	INITIALS OF PERSONNEL OFFICER
FROM	TO					
4 Nov 57	8 Nov 1957	US Army Rec Sta (4071-00) Ft Chaffee Ark				
9 Nov 57		Btry B 1st Bn Basic Tng Comd 64-4000	00-	EX	EX	2WD
24 JAN 1958	1 Feb 58	USATC FA Ft Chaffee, Ark				
5 Feb 58	27 Mar 58	Enroute to Ft Bragg NC		Exc	Exc	18
28 Mar 58		Co D 1st Abn Bat Gp 325 Inf, Ft Bragg NC				
28 Mar 58		Co D 2d AFG 503 Inf Ft Bragg NC				
		Admin Co 101st Abn Div Ft Campbell Ky				
	22 Apr 58	Atch Co D 2d AFG 503 Inf Ft Bragg NC	11.17	Unk	Unk	
23 Apr 58	24 Apr 58	Enr to Ft Campbell, Ky				
25 Apr 58	4 May 58	101st Admin Co (Abn Div) (Repl Sec)				
		Ft Campbell Ky				
5 May 58	3 Aug 58	Co C 1st Abn Battle Gp 506th Inf	11.17	Exc	-	3
		Ft Campbell Ky (CO trfd)				
4 Aug 58	31 Oct 59	Co C 1st Abn Bat Gp 506th Inf	11.17	Exc	-	LB
		Ft Campbell, Ky (CO trfd)				
1 Nov 59	25 Jul 60	Co C 1st Abn BG 506th Inf	67	Exc	Exc	W
		Ft Campbell, Ky. (CO trfd)				
26 Jul 60	3 Nov 60	Co C 1st Abn BG 506th Inf		Exc	Exc	
		Ft Campbell, Ky				

## SECTION 5 - SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES

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SECTION 6 - TIME LOST UNDER SEC 6(a) APP 2b MCM 51 AND SUBSEQUENT TO NORMAL DATE ETS

[illegible]

## SECTION 7 - COMBAT RECORD

[illegible]

### SECTION 8 - WOUNDS RECEIVED THROUGH ENEMY ACTION

BRIEF DESCRIPTION		DATE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION		DATE

## SECTION 9 - MEDALS, DECORATIONS, AND CITATIONS

(Enter in this section any medals, decorations, and citations, whether or not additional compensation results)

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## SECTION 10 - REMARKS

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Eligible for immediate reenlistment

## SECTION 11 - IDENTIFICATION OF INITIALS

NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION (Typed or printed)	INITIALS	NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION (Typed or printed)	INITIALS
ELOYD W DOOLITTLE, 2d Lt, HqUSATC, F.	<i>EW</i>		
A A LUNTZEL CWO W-3 Hq1stABG325Inf	<i>AL</i>		
ANTHONY J CUNIFF SFC CMC USA Fgs 503	<i>AC</i>		
JOE R TRAMELL Capt Inf 1stABG506Inf	<i>JR</i>		
SAMUEL G GOODRICH CWO W31stABG506Inf	<i>SG</i>		
DAVID L BROTHERS 1stLt Inf 1stABG506Inf	<i>DL</i>		
EDWARD C WALKER 1/Lt Cml 1/506th Inf	<i>EW</i>		
NEP P DIGH, 1ST LT, INF 506TH INF	<i>ND</i>		

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WASHINGTON 25, D. C.										Form Approved Budget Bureau No. 22-RO16.4	
ENLISTMENT RECORD - ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES											
1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME <sup>1</sup> BENNETT, HAROLD GEORGE						2. SERVICE NUMBER RA 18 542 931		3. SEX MALE		4. RACE CAUC	
5. PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DATA		6. PHYSICAL CATEGORY 1-A		7. MENTAL TEST DATA AFQT 5B 31 III		8. HOME ADDRESS (No and street, or rural route, if none so state; City, Town or PO, County and State)					
9. PLACE OF ENLISTMENT LITTLE ROCK, ARK.				10. DATE ENLISTED 4 NOV 57		11. FOR SERVICE IN (Give Armed Forces Component) <sup>1</sup> Initial REGULAR ARMY-Enlistment			12. NO. YEARS TO SERVE <sup>1</sup> 3		
13. GRADE <sup>1</sup> PVT-1		14. PAR 20 FOR GRADE AR 601-210		15. INITIAL ASSIGNMENT <sup>1</sup> AIRBORNE				16. PAR 20 FOR GRADE AR 601-215, AR 601-210			
DECLARATION OF APPLICANT											
17. DATE OF BIRTH DAY MONTH YEAR 16 OCT 40			18. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State) THORNBURG, ARK.			19. COLOR OF EYES BROWN		20. COLOR OF HAIR BROWN		21. HEIGHT 67 1/2"	
22. WEIGHT 133		23. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		24. IF NO, FILED DECLARATION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		25. NATURALIZATION OR DECLARATION NO.			26. MARITAL STATUS SINGLE		
27. IF NATURALIZED OR DECLARATION, GIVE DATE, PLACE AND COURT OF JURISDICTION NOT APPLICABLE						28. NATURALIZATION OR DECLARATION NO. NONE			29. MARITAL STATUS SINGLE		
30. NUMBER, RELATIONSHIP AND AGE OF PERSONS DEPENDENT ON YOU FOR SUPPORT <sup>1</sup> NONE											
31. CIVILIAN EDUCATION (Years completed in each. Give kind of degree, if any)											
a. GRAMMAR		b. HIGH SCHOOL		c. COLLEGE				d. OTHER CIVILIAN SCHOOLS ATTENDED			
YEARS GRADUATED YES NO 8 X		YEARS GRADUATED YES NO 2 X		YEARS GRADUATED YES NO 0 X		DEGREE 0		MAJOR SUBJECTS NONE		MAJOR SUBJECTS	
32. MAIN CIVILIAN OCCUPATION STUDENT											
33. REGISTERED FOR SVC YES NO X		34. NUMBER		35. CLASSIFICATION NOT APPLICABLE		36. SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS (City, County and State) NOT APPLICABLE		37. YEARS AND MONTHS EMPLOYED		38. AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE	
39. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ARRESTED, CHARGED, OR HELD BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY FEDERAL LAW, STATE LAW, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL LAW, REGULATION OR ORDINANCE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO. IF YES, GIVE DETAILS. (Do not include minor traffic violations.) (Prior service personnel consider only period since date of last enlistment or induction)											
40. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR ANY OTHER OFFENSES OR ADJUDICATED A YOUTHFUL OFFENDER OR JUVENILE DELINQUENT (including violations of local ordinances)? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO. IF YES, GIVE DETAILS. (Prior service personnel consider only those convictions and adjudications since date of last enlistment or induction)											
41. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IMPRISONED UNDER SENTENCE OF ANY COURT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO. IF YES, GIVE DETAILS. (Prior service personnel consider only those imprisonments since date of last enlistment or induction)											
42. ARE YOU NOW OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN ON SUSPENDED SENTENCE, PAROLE, PROBATION, OR ARE YOU AWAITING FINAL ACTION ON CHARGES AGAINST YOU? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO											
43. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN REJECTED FOR ENLISTMENT OR INDUCTION IN ANY OF THE ARMED FORCES OR BEEN DISCHARGED FROM PREVIOUS SERVICE UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS UNDER PERSONNEL SECURITY REGULATIONS OR BY REASON OF UNSUITABILITY OR UNDESIRABLE HABITS OR TRAITS OF CHARACTER, OR FOR MEDICAL REASONS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO. IF YES, GIVE SERVICE, DATE, PLACE AND CAUSE.											
44. PRIOR SERVICE											
ARMED FORCE		COM. COMPONENT		SERVICE NUMBER		DATE OF ENL. IND. APT AND/OR ORDER TO ACTIVE DUTY		DATE OF DISCHARGE OR RELEASE		TYPE OF DISCHARGE	
REASON FOR DISCHARGE		GRADE AT DISCHARGE		MOS/ AFSC		TIME LOST (Days)		VERIFIED FROM			
NONE											
45. PRIOR ROTC OR CADET TRAINING (Years - Type Unit)						46. TOTAL SERVICE					
NONE											
47. RESERVE COMMISSIONED STATUS (Service, Grade and SN now held)						48. ACTIVE					
NONE						INACTIVE					
						YEARS		MONTHS		DAYS	
						0		0		0	
49. TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ARE YOU NOW SOUND AND WELL? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO. IF NO, GIVE DETAILS											
50. REMARKS PARENT'S CONSENT GRANTED. THE ONLY PROMISES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO ME ARE ENTERED IN ITEM 11, & ITEM 13.											

38. I know that if I secure my enlistment by means of any false statement, willful misrepresentation or concealment as to my qualifications for enlistment, I am liable to trial by court martial or discharge for fraudulent enlistment, and that if rejected because of any disqualification known and concealed by me, I will not be furnished return transportation to place of acceptance. I have read or had explained to me paragraph 13, AR 604-10 or so much of AFR 35-62 as sets forth the criteria (reasons) for discharge and types of discharge, and certify that I ☐ Have ☒ Have never (check one) engaged in disloyal or subversive activities as defined therein. I understand that I am expected to be available for order to active duty at any time during this enlistment in event of a mobilization or emergency requiring my services. I understand that if I am ordered to active duty I will be given a physical examination and may be discharged if found physically disqualified on that examination. I certify that I ☐ AM ☒ AM NOT (check one) now drawing retired pay from the government of the United States. I further certify that I ☐ AM ☒ AM NOT (check one) now drawing a pension, disability allowance, or disability compensation from the government of the United States. I declare that I am not now a member of any of the Armed Forces (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard) or any Reserve component thereof in active, inactive, reserve, or retired status unless so indicated and explained by me; that the foregoing questions and answers thereto have been read to me; that my answers have been correctly recorded and are true in all respects and that I fully understand the conditions under which I am enlisting.

GIVEN AT (Place of acceptance)

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

DATE OF ACCEPTANCE

2 NOV 57

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS (First name, middle name, last name)

Allen D. Murrell

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (First name, middle name, last name)

Harold George Bennett

39. REMARKS (For use by the Enlisting Officer)

U. S. CITIZEN BY BIRTH.

4. DATE DD FORM 53 FORWARDED

4 NOV 57

VERIFIED AT

BY (Signature of Enlisting Officer)

GRADE AND ORGANIZATION OF ENLISTING OFFICER

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Charles O Teague

CAPT INF, 4TH US ARMY CRUIT DIST.

40. OATH OF ENLISTMENT (For service in National Guard or Air National Guard)

STATE OF

SS:

CITY, TOWN, OR COUNTY

I<sup>2</sup>

FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME

do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this<sup>3</sup>

day of

19

in the (Army) (Air National Guard of

STATE

and as a Reserve of the (Army) (Air Force)<sup>4</sup>

with membership in the (National Guard of the United States) (Air National Guard of the United States) for a period of years under the conditions prescribed by

law, unless sooner discharged by proper authority; and I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and to the State of

; that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United

States and the Governor of and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to law and regulations, and/or the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

SIGNATURE (First name, middle name, last name) 5

41. OATH OF ENLISTMENT (For service in Regular Army, Regular Air Force, Army Reserve, or Air Force Reserve)

STATE OF

ARKANSAS

SS:

CITY, TOWN, OR MILITARY POST

LITTLE ROCK

I, HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT

FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME LAST NAME

do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted, under the conditions prescribed by law, this<sup>3</sup>

day of NOV.

19

57, in the

UNITED STATES ARMY

for a period of

THREE (3)

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years unless sooner discharged by proper authority; and I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America; that I will serve

them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed

over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

SIGNATURE (First name, middle name, last name) 5

Harold George Bennett

42. CERTIFICATE OF ENLISTMENT

I certify that the above oath was subscribed and duly sworn to before me this<sup>3</sup> 4 day of NOV. 19 57.

I further certify that this enlistee was minutely inspected by me prior to his subscribing to the oath; that I found enlistee entirely sober and in full possession of all of his mental faculties; that to the best of my judgment and belief enlistee fulfills all legal requirements, and that in enlisting this applicant I have strictly observed the regulations governing such enlistment. I further certify that the above oath, as filled in, was read to the applicant prior to subscribing thereto.

TYPED NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION OF ENLISTING OFFICER

SIGNATURE OF ENLISTING OFFICER

CHARLES O TEAGUE, CAPT INF, HQ 4THA CRUIT DIST.

Charles O Teague

1 To be initialed by enlistee

2 Carefully compare with the name at top of page 1.

3 The dates in oath and certificate must be the same

4 Delete one.

5 The signature must be identical with that

subscribed to Declaration of Applicant.

43. FINGERPRINTS OF RIGHT HAND

1 THUMB

2 INDEX

3 MIDDLE

4 RING

5 LITTLE



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	IN	OUT							
4		0340(000T'D)	KY SON, MANOR, METROPOLE AND ANNEX, NAM VI, NORTH POLE, PLAZA, REEL INN, REX, TOWNHOUSE, VICTORIA AND LE QUY DON.						
5		0608	CML (CAPT MALLORY) TOTAL NUMBER OF VN CASUALTIES IN BRINKS HOTEL BOMBING IS 43.						
6		0609	I CORPS (CAPT THOMPSON) NEG SITREP. 0610 II CORPS (COL HOUSENORTH) NEG SITREP. 0612 III CORPS (CAPT MCCOSKEY) NEG SITREP. 0615 IV CORPS (CAPT STANLEY) NEG SITREP. 0618 CMD (CAPT SANDLA) NEG SITREP. 0619 JOC (CAPT NEEDEN) NEG SITREP. 0620 MP (SGT EDGE) NEG SITREP. 0621 2D AIRDIV (MAJ RYAN) NEG SITREP. 0622 (USAF CAPT WESTCOTT) NEG SITREP. 0623 AOC (SGT FISHER) CP'S HIT WR 591877, WR 497883 0624 VR 970030, WQ 005993, HAMLET HIT YS 875735, LR 055875. 0625 FLARESHIPS DISPATCHED.						
7		0700	III CORPS (CAPT MCCOSKEY) - LARGE OPN COMPLETED 25 DEC 64.						
8		0740	III CORPS TOC (CAPT NEWBERRY) - OPN IN PAV NINH PROV WAS INITIATED THIS MORNING, 25 DEC. PROCS LANDED IN LZ AT 0730H.						
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	IN	OUT						
9	0800		JOC (MAJ AUTHOR) - NO BRIEFING AT JOC ON 25 DEC.					
10	0800		COL MURDAY (AG) CALLED IN TO CONFIRM THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES REPORTED IN THE BRINK DISASTER. 23 STILL REMAIN IN THE HOSPITAL.					
11	0815		MR. LUMIN, (AMERICAN EMBASSY) - REQUESTED TO KNOW THE WHERE/WHEN OF THE BOB HOPE SHOW. THE AMBASSADOR DESIRES TO ATTEND.					
			ACTION TAKEN: NOTIFY SGT FOSTER J-1 TO NOTIFY MR. LUMIN OF THE REQUESTED INFO ASAP.					
12	0745		(LATE ENTRY) III CORPS: TRPS IN LZ AT 0730					
13	0825		III CORPS: SUCCESSFUL LANDING - MOVING TO OBJ.					
14	0955		MAJ CRIST: PREP SMOKE WENT ON SCHEDULE OBJ 1 LOCATED AT 1537 2 CO 33 RANGER BN LANDED AT AT 1535. 1 CO LANDED N SIDE OBJ 1. ALL CO'S LANDED 0730 HOURS. 2D TRF 1ST ARMD CAV BLOCKING AT XT 1144 9 REOT MOVING WEST TOWARDS OBJ 2. OBJ 2 AT XT 1835 (BOUNDARY 33 RANGER BN & 5TH DIV LOCATED BETWEEN GEORGE 1731 AND STUB UP 4 LZ. NO CONTACT RPT. 35TH RANGER BN (-). PREP SMOKE DELIVERED ON SCHEDULE AT OBJ.					
15	1000		MAJ CRIST: LINK-UP HELICOPTER FORCES ACTION FINISHED AT OBJ 1 0900. NO CONTACT. PLAN TO					
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15	(CONT'D)		W/D 1000 HOURS. 1ST BR, 9TH REGT ADVANCING FROM S.E. TO OBJ 2.				
16	1005		704TH (MR. TAT) CDR HULFMAN, PUBLIC WORKS, WILL CONDUCT A STRUCTURAL SURVEY OF THE BRINK ECK THIS AFTERNOON, 25 DEC. INITIAL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE BUILDING IS EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED. RUBBLE WILL BE BORNE AWAY ON 26 DEC.				
17	1037		III CORPS (CAPT HENBERRY) RIF CPT IN TAY AREA AS OF 1030, NO CONTACT PLANNING TO RETRACT THE MANEUVER FORCE AT 1100 HOURS.				
17	1245		III CORPS (CAPT HENBERRY) CPT IN TAY AREA HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH NO CONTACT.				
18	1320		MAJ CHRIST: REPORTS NO RESULTS, NO CONTACT, NO LOSSES, NO EVIDENCE OF THE DETACHMENTS PRESENCE. THE CORPS-CONTROLLED PORTION OF THE OPERATION RELATING TO THE RECOVERY EFFORT TERMINATED AT APPROXIMATELY 1200 HRS. HOWEVER, A 9TH INFANTRY OPERATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE CORPS OPERATION CONTINUES TO THE SOUTH OF THE <del>BOU</del> <sup>BOU</sup> FOREST (VIC AT 1832).			✓	
19	1353		704TH. RECEIVED A REPORT FROM COL BUI, VIETNAMESE GARRISON COMMANDER THAT THE MAIN <del>POINT</del> <sup>POINT</sup> OF PHAN DINH PHUNG HAD BEEN TAKEN AND H.P. FOR ACT.			INSTRUCTED 704TH	
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ARVN were airlifted into action. Hostile ground fire was not received by the flight and by 1040 hours the mission was completed.

On 25 December 1964, twelve UH-1B troop carriers and five UH-1B armed helicopters of the 120th Aviation Company departed Tan Son Nhut at 0500 hours enroute to the staging area at Bien Hoa. Intelligence had reported a Viet Cong prisoner of war camp in the vicinity of coordinates XT155365. It was estimated that at least three American prisoners were held at this camp. The object of this mission was to lift an assault force into the suspected area, retrieve the Viet Cong held prisoners, and extract the assault force after the prisoners had been liberated. Part of a larger task force, the 120th Aviation Company took off from the staging area with a full load of troops at 0640 hours enroute to the landing zone at coordinates XT 155365. A total of 288 ARVN Rangers of the 33 Ranger Bn were airlifted by the Aviation Co's supporting this operation. Upon arrival at the landing zone sporadic small arms ground fire was received. Suppressive fire was returned by the armed UH-1B's and door gunners of the lift aircraft. Once on the ground the ARVN Rangers moved quickly toward their objective but were unable to make contact with the Viet Cong or their suspected prisoner camp. Starting at 1115 hours, the Rangers were extracted from the same LZ in two lifts and returned to Bien Hoa. No hits were sustained by any aircraft in the flight.



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22	(CONT'D)		WALKED FOR APPROX AN HOUR WITH SECURITY ON BOTH FLANKS IN THE PADDIES UNTIL THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD CLEARED THE AREA. THEY STARTED TO REMOUNT ON THE TRUCKS WHEN THE VC HIT THEM VIC WR 955320. LOSSES WERE 5 KIA, 27 WIA, AND 4 MI'S. NO REPORT ON ANY VC LOSSES.				
23	1533		ABN BDE - NO PLANNED TROOP MOVEMENTS FROM ABN BDE EXCEPT THE USUAL PATROLS BY 1 CO FROM 6TH BN.				
24	1538		2AIRDIV- FIRE IN CIVILIAN HOUSING AREA NEAR TSN. NOTIFIED POLITICAL SECT OF <sup>U.S.</sup> <del>EMBASSY</del> EMBASSY.				
25	1700		III CORPS: ON 28 DEC VC MOVED INTO BINH GIA VILLAGE, PHUOC TUY PROV. TWO COMPANIES, 1 FROM 30TH RANGER BN AND 1 FROM 38th RANGER BN, ATTEMPTED TO MOVE INTO THE VILLAGE BUT WERE UNABLE TO DO IT. AN OPERATION STARTED 29 DEC WITH 33D RANGER BN AND THE OTHER TWO RANGER COS <sup>being</sup> <del>was</del> EMPLOYED. <del>EST</del> VC BN IS BELIEVED IN AREA. TIME OPN STARTED UNK. RESULTS: FRIENDLY 10 WIA INCL 1 U.S. 3 HELICOPTERS DOWN: VIC YS 461774, YS 450740, YS 498763 AT 291430H, 291600H, 291700H RESPECTIVELY BECAUSE OF HOSTILE GROUND FIRE. THE				
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25	(CONT'D)		UHLB DOWN AT VIC YS 498763 WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED. THE OTHER TWO UHLB'S WILL BE HELI-				
			LIFTED FROM DOWNED SITES. IT WAS REPORTED				
			THAT 4 U.S. PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED IN THE				
			DOWNED UHLB AT VIC YS 498763 AND WERE EVAC-				
			UATED TO SAIGON. THE CREW MEMBERS OF THE				
			REMAINING DOWNED UHLB'S HAVE BEEN PICKED UP				
			AND NO INJURIES REPORTED.				
26	1810		CMD DO: NO PREPLANNED ARTY SCHEDULED IN CMD				
			& III CORPS AREA TONIGHT.				
27	2000		ARC NHA TRANG (MR BOWIE) MR BOWIE SAID THAT				
			SGT HECHOUSSE HAD A VALID EMERGENCY AND				
			REQUESTED A CONTROL NR FOR A CALL. GIVEN.				
28	2045		III CORPS: FURTHER RESULTS IN THE PHOUC TUY				
			OPN: FRD: 14 WIA, 4 KIA, REFERENCE THE TWO				
			DOWNED HELICOPTERS: ONE WAS HELIFITED AND ONE				
			WAS FLOWN OUT. NO VC RESULTS, BUT ESTIMATE				
			A HIGH COUNT. AT THIS TIME EVERY THING IS				
			QUIET. A TOTAL OF 30 SORTIES HAVE BEEN FLOWN				
			SINCE 291400H.				
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29	2300		II CORPS (MAJ CARSON): II CORPS IS CONDUCTING A PRACTICE ALERT COMMENCING AT 292300H TO LAST APPROX 30 MINUTES TO AN HOUR. REASON IS POSSIBLY TO MAKE A COMMUNICATION CHECK. U.S. PERSONNEL ARE PARTICIPATING ALONG WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS.						
30	2305		CMD (MAJ RICARD): 10 ROUNDS OF ARTY WERE FIRED FROM VIC XS 715789 BY THE 2ND PLT, BTY C, 30TH ARTY AT SUSPECTED VC TARGET AT VIC XS 790755, XS 780765, XS 785763, XS 778765 AND XS 777763. 2 RDS WERE FIRED AT EACH TARGET. RESULTS UNK.						
31	2230		(DELAYED ENTRY): III CORPS (CAPT FURMAN): BACKGROUND: VC APPARANTELY MOVED ON BINH GIA DURING NIGHT 27 DEC OR EARLY MORNING 28 DEC. AT 280910 THE VC WERE IN CONTROL OF THE VILLAGE. A REACTION FORCE WAS CALLED FOR AT 281010 AND AT 281142 A CO, 30TH RANGERS HAD BEEN HELILIFTED IN TO JOIN A CO OF THE 38TH RANGERS WHICH HAD BEEN LOCATED AT A SUB-SECTOR TOWN ABOUT 3 KM WEST OF BINH GIA. RESULTS: FRIENDLY 4 KIA, 9 WIA, VC: 32 KIA (BODYCOUNT). ON 29 DEC THE 33RD RANGERS PLUS ANOTHER CO 30TH RANGERS						
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			WERE SENT. AT 291030 THEY REPORTED NOT IN				
			CONTACT BUT CONTACT IMMINENT. AT 291255 THE				
			33RD RANGERS REQUESTED PERMISSION TO COMMIT				
			THEIR RESERVES. AS OF 292230 THE VC STILL HEAD				
			PART OF THE TOWN WHICH IS ABOUT 3/4 KM LONG.				
			THE 2ND CO, 33RD RANGERS HAS BEEN OUT OF				
			CONTACT WITH BN FOR SEVERAL HOURS. TWO US				
			EM ARE REPORTED MIA, PRESUMABLY WITH THAT CO:			CINCPAC TUX INTERNAL SPOT AG CASUALTY	
			BENNETT, HAROLD G., SGT E5, RA18542931 AND				
			CRAFTS, CHARLES E., PVT E2, US51479671.				
			FRIENDLY CASUALTIES: 4 KIA, 25 WIA; VC UNK.				
			THREE 50 CAL MG WERE LOCATED AND ATTACKED BY				
			A1 ACFT; ONE MG CONTINUED TO FIRE. TWO				
			MORTAR PSN WERE SPOTTED AND ATK BY ARMED				
			UH-1B. 1 UH-1B WAS DESTROYED, TWO MORE DOWNED				
			BUT RECOVERED. 6 US WIA'S. ESTIMATED REINFORCED				
			VC BATTALION IN AREA. MORE THAN 30 A1 SORTIES				
			HAVE BEEN FLOWN, AND UNKNOWN NUMBER ARMED				
			UH-1B SORTIES. THERE ARE A1'S, A FLARESHIP,				
			AND ARMED UH-1B'S IN THE AREA.				
32	2245		CMD (MAJ MCCAFFEE): A TANK PLATOON WILL MOVE				
			OUT THE BIEN HOA HWY TOMORROW MORNING (30 DEC)				
			TO REINFORCE A PLATOON ALREADY AT BARIA.				
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1	0147		USSF GP SAIGON (SGT CAMPBELL): AT 300132 NHA TRANG NOTIFIED USSF GP IN SAIGON THAT THE USSF DET IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE VIC XT 740330 WAS UNDER ATTACK. THE CODE WORD IS "CABBY", WHICH MEANS THE DET AT BEN CAT. THE DET'S STRIKE FORCE IS IN THE FIELD. NOTIFIED JOC AT 0155.				
2	0200		<del>III CORPS:</del> DONG <del>SO</del> OP IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE VIC XT 795432 IS UNDER ATTACK BY VC WITH MORTARS AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. THERE ARE 2 <del>VN</del> SF CO'S IN THE VIC. BEN CAT VIC XT 740330 IS ALSO UNDER ATTACK WITH MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. INCOMING FIRE HITTING IN 105 ARTY PLT PSN. RESULTS: 2 <del>KA</del> , 2 <del>WIK</del> , 2 TRUCKS BURNING. TWO FLARESHIPS UP, ONE OVER EACH AREA UNDER ATTACK. FIGHTERS SENT IN SUPPORT AND A L-19 WITH OBSERVER ALSO OVER TARGET.				
3	0205		AOC (SGT FISHER): 1. THERE WAS A CLASH BETWEEN VC AND FRIENDLY FORCES IN VINH BINH PROVINCE VIC XS 313123. FLARESHIP ON TARGET AT 1935 AND OFF AT 2240. DROPPED 14 FLARES. 2 A1H'S SCRAMBLED BUT DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE RETURNED. 2 MORE SENT BUT ASOC CANCELLED.				
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			ATTACK BROKEN OFF AT 292350. 2. VC MADE			
			CONTACT IN OPERATION AREA IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE			
			VIC YS 490770 WITH FRIENDLY FORCES. FLARESHIP			
			ON TARGET AT 2045 AND OFF AT 2250. DROPPED			
			82 FLARES. 2ALH'S ON TARGET AT 1920-2000 AND			
			2 MORE ON FROM 1920-2120 ALL EXPENDED.			
			3. AN OP IN VINH LONG PROVINCE WAS ATTACKED			
			BY VC. FLARESHIP ON TARGET. 2ALH'S ON TARGET			
			AT 0005 AND OFF AT 0035. EXPENDED.			
			4. AN OP WAS ATTACKED BY VC IN AN GIANG			
			PROVINCE VIC WS 497388. REQUEST FLARESHIP AT			
			292140 DEC. OP OVERRUN. 5. AN OP WAS			
			ATTACKED BY VC IN VINH LONG PROVINCE VIC			
			WS 884308. REQUEST TO AOC MADE THEN			
			CANCELLED. 6. AN OP WAS ATTACKED BY VC IN			
			BA XUYEN PROVINCE VIC XR 289556. FLARESHIP			
			ON AT 2252 AND OFF AT 0030. DROPPED 106			
			FLARES. ATTACK BROKEN OFF AT 300050 DEC.			
			7. AN OP IN VINH LONG PROVINCE VIC WS 980195			
			WAS ATTACKED BY VC. FLARESHIP ON TARGET AT			
			2235 AND OFF AT 0035; DROPPED 38 FLARES. 2			
			ALH'S DISPATCHED, DID NOT EXPEND. 8. AN OP			
			IN GO CONG PROVINCE VIC XS 875544 WAS ATTACKED			
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			BY VC. FLARESHIP ON TARGET AT 2350 AND OFF AT					
			0130. 40 FLARES DROPPED.					
4	0300		USSF GP SAIGON (SGT CAMPBELL): REF ITEM #1.					
			RECEIVED INFO FROM NHA TRANG THAT BEN CAT IS					
			STILL UNDER ATTACK.					
5	0320		USSF GP (SGT CAMPBELL): RECEIVED CALL ON					
			RADIO FROM CABBY (BEN CAT) TO SEND HELP TO					
			DONG SO VIC XT 795432. AT 0253 BY THE SAME					
			SOURCE IT WAS REPORTED THAT 4 VC BN'S WERE				→	
			ATTACKING AND JAMMING THEIR FREQUENCY.					
			NOTIFIED III CORPS AT 0325. <del>RECEIVED INFO</del>					
			ALSO NOTIFIED JOC AT 0331.					
6	0325		USSF GP (SGT CAMPBELL): LOCATION OF DONG SO					
			IS XT 795432. RESULTS: FRIENDLY 2 KIA, 2 WIA.				CHANGED LATER TO 1 KIA, 1 WIA	
7		0350	III CORPS TOC (MAJ MOBLE): 5TH DIV REPORTED					
			FIRING HAS CEASED AT BEN CAT. MED EVAC WILL					
			BE MADE. 1 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. NO INFO ON					
			DONG SO OP. THE DONG SO OP WAS ATTACKED AT					
			APPROX 300050 DEC AND BEN CAT WAS ATTACKED					
			AT APPROX 300130 DEC.					
8		0405	5TH DIV TOC (MAJ CHAVIS): 5TH DIV LOST					
			CONTACT WITH DONG SO OP. AN L-19 OVER AREA.					
			NO ACTION AT THIS TIME. ARTY FLARES ARE BEING					
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			USED IN THE AREA. WILL REPORT WHEN SOMETHING				
			BREAKS.				
9	0530		III CORPS (CAPT FURMAN): CALLED III CORPS AND				
			THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFO ON DONG				
			SO. REF BEN CAT IT IS NOW REPORTED THAT				
			FRIENDLY CASUALTIES ARE: 1 KIA, 1 WIA,				
			2 TRUCKS BURNED. NO FURTHER INFO ON THE				
			SITUATION AT PHUOC TUY PROVINCE. OTHER THAN				
			III CORPS WILL CONTINUE THE OPERATION. ALL				
			IS QUIET NOW. REQUESTED THAT III CORPS SEND				
			LATEST INFO FOR BRIEFING.				
10	0544		I CORPS ( MAJ PUYBEK): NEGATIVE REPORT.				
	0545		II CORPS (LTCOL ANDERS): NEGATIVE REPORT.				
	0546		7TH DIV (CAPT TRUWYOR): NEGATIVE REPORT.				
	0548		IV CORPS (CAPT CASSIDY): NEGATIVE REPORT.				
	0550		CMD (MAJ RICARD): NEGATIVE REPORT.				
	0555		JOC: NEGATIVE REPORT.				
	0602		MP DESK (SGT WHALLY): NEGATIVE REPORT.				
	0603		2ND AD (MAJ ENGLE): NEGATIVE REPORT.				
	0605		USSF (SGT VICKERS): NEGATIVE REPORT.				

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11	0525	(DELAYED)	CMD (MAJ RICARD): AT 292200H DEC A TEAM OF PF MAINTAINING SECURITY FOR A MOURNING HOUSE IN CAY BANG HAMLET IN GIA DINH DISTRICT VIC XS 895 906 WAS FIRED ON BY 3 VC AGENTS. 1 PF WIA. PF RETURNED FIRE AND 1 VC HIT AND CARRIED OFF.			
12	0620		III CORPS (CAPT FURMAN): LATEST CASUALTY FIGURES FOR PHUOC TUY OPERATION IS FRD: 8 KIA, 34 WIA (6US). VC: 32 KIA (BODY COUNT).			
13	0705		IV CORPS (CAPT CASSIDY): REF ITEM 3 NOTE 4. THE OP. BAY OT IN <del>GIANG</del> <sup>KIEN</sup> PROVINCE VIC <del>WUS</del> <sup>KUS</sup> 497338 WAS ATTACKED BY ESTIMATED 300 VC. THE <del>PART</del> <sup>POST</sup> WAS DEFENDED BY 37 PF. NOT CONFIRMED IF IT WAS OVERRUN. THE <del>PART</del> <sup>POST</sup> WAS HIT AT 300028. TEAM WILL GO OUT AT DAY LIGHT TO CHECK.			
14	0825		A CHECK WITH III CORPS TOC, CAPT FURMAN, ON THE BINH GIA OPERATION INDICATES AT PRESENT THAT ARMED UHLB'S (NUMBER UNKNOWN) ARE MAKING STRIKES AGAINST THE VC POSITIONS IN THE VILLAGE. A MTG IS TAKING PLACE NOW TO DETERMINE A PLAN OF ATTACK. THE VC ARE STILL PRESENT.			
15	0900		USSF (CAPT THOMPSON): AT 300820H DEC 64 AN ESTIMATED VC BN HIT TOWN OF XA LOC NINH, TAY			
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15	0900	(CONT'D)	NINH PROVINCE VIC XT 398630. TWO STRIKE FORCE COMPANIES IN THE AREA ARE PRESENTLY HOLDING THE BN DOWN BUT CANNOT TAKE THEM. AIR STRIKES HAVE BEEN REQUESTED.			<del>NOTIFIED</del> <sup>JIC COMM</sup> NOTIFIED. THEY STATED THU INFO WAS ERRONEOUS.		
16	0955		C/S: C/S CALLED SAID HE HAD RECEIVED WORD FROM COL BARTON THAT KIEN GIANG PROVINCE WITH THE EXCEPT OF HIEU LE AND KIEN AN DISTRICTS HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED TO 9TH DIV AREA. PASSED INFO TO MAJ MATTHEWS.					
17	1000		III CORPS TOC (CAPT MCCOSKEY): RESULTS OF AN DAN 44: Friendly - 1 KIA, 6 WIA; VC - 24 KIA (BODY COUNT), 1 CAPTURED WIA, 4 IND WPNS.					
18	1015		JOC (CAPT WEEDEN): REPORTS RECEIVED AT JOC INDICATE THAT 33RD RANGER BN <del>WAS</del> <sup>S</sup> SUFFERED HEAVY <del>LOSES</del> <sup>LOSSES</sup> AND IS DOWN TO APPROX 100 EFFECTIVES. THE BN WAS UNDER <del>STRENGTH</del> <sup>ENGTH</sup> PRIOR TO THIS OPERATION, APPROX 200 OR 250 <del>STRENGTH</del> <sup>ENGTH</sup> FOR ENTIRE BN. BATTLE IN PHUC TUY IS STILL CONTINUING WITH HEAVY CONTACT. ONE COMPANY OF THE 4TH MARINE BN HAS BEEN COMMITTED. REF TAY NINH LOC NINH OP ATTACK NO INDICATION THAT POST WAS ATTACK BY BN SIZE FORCE.					
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22	1250		III CORPS (MAJ BERKEY) - MORE INFORMATION ON PHOUC TUY OPN. THE 4TH MARINES COMPLETED MOVEMENT THROUGH BINH GIA AND LINKED UP WITH THE 33RD RANGER BN. PEOPLE ARE COMING OUT OF THEIR HOUSES NOW. THE 4TH MARINES MADE NO CONTACT WITH ANY VC AND IT APPEARS THAT THE VC HAVE LEFT THE AREA.					
23	1300		SPT CMD (SGT HORN BROOK) - THE TWO USSF PERSONNEL REPORTED AS KIA AT <del>DOONG SA</del> <sup>DOONG SA</sup> <del>BIANH</del> <sup>BIANH</sup> IN <del>DOONG SA</del> <del>DOONG SA</del> PROVINCE ARE, MSG E8 SEIGRIST, WILLIAM L., RA 13234222, A/314, 5TH SFG (ABN), 1ST SF, APO 40 AND SSG E6 PANULA, REINO A, RA55687849 A/314, 5TH SFG (ABN), 1ST SF, APO 40. THE EXACT CAUSE OF DEATH IS UNKNOWN AT PRESENT.				CINCPAC TUX AG-CASUALTY INTERNAL SPOT	
24	1300		III CORPS TOC (CAPT MCCOSKEY) - VC LOSSES FOR AN DAN 44 OPNS AS OF 301100H. 27 VC KIA, 3 WIA, 1 BREN GUN, 1 M1 RIFLE, 1 THOMPSON SMG 1 CARBINE, 1 RUSSIAN RIFLE AND 2 MAGAZINES FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED MG. THE OPERATION CONTINUES.					
25	1350		III CORPS TOC (CAPT MCCOSKEY) THE 331ST & 332ND CIDG COS WERE OVERRUN AT BONG SO. BOTH CO CMDRS WERE KIA AND 2 U.S. KIA. SF COS					
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**Eyewitness Statement of Colonel Douglas E. Moore, U.S. Army (Retired)**

**This is written to support a Medal of Honor recommendation for Army Staff Sergeant Harold George Bennett, RA 18 542 931.**

**While I didn't know Sergeant Bennett personally, I was in close proximity to him on at least two different occasions and communicated with him by radio just prior to his capture by the Viet Cong on 29 December 1964. His actions on both of those days speak volumes about this brave soldier's gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty. His personal bravery and self-sacrifice on the battlefield and while being held as a Prisoner of War (POW) were so conspicuous until there is no question that he deserves to be recognized with our Nation's highest military honor.**

**The first time I became aware of Sergeant Bennett's courage occurred during a meeting on or about 23 December 1964 at the 145<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion located at Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Saigon. We had been alerted a day or so earlier that a mission was being planned to attempt a rescue of two American POWs.**

**Most of us had participated in missions like that previously, but we knew this one would be radically different after being told that heavy concentrations of tear gas would be used to confuse the captors during the rescue attempt. Each of the helicopter units participating in the effort was furnished a sufficient number of protective masks for its aircrews and we flew practice missions to learn the nuances of flying with a device that was not designed for aviation use.**

**At the 145<sup>th</sup> meeting, we also learned the raid would be conducted on early Christmas morning in an area of triple canopy jungle north of Tay Ninh. The location presented a major problem because the only landing zone (LZ) anywhere near the suspected POW camp was so small until it would not accommodate more than one helicopter at a time. We were then told the operation would be conducted in two phases. The first would be to insert a small team of six or seven Vietnamese Rangers accompanied by an American Advisor into that tiny LZ. Their mission was engage the Viet Cong captors in an attempt to keep them from fleeing further into the jungle with the POWs while the remainder of the 33rd Vietnamese Ranger Battalion was air landed in a clearing about 1000 meters away.**

**At that meeting, I recall everyone calling the single ship effort a "suicide" mission. I think all us expected the aircraft to be shot down and believed the Ranger Team would either be killed or captured. I distinctly remember being very concerned for the safety of the lone American who would be inserted with that small band of Vietnamese Rangers.**

As operations officer for the 57<sup>th</sup> Medical Detachment (Dust Off), I took the necessary information from the meeting and briefed two of our crews who would be participating in the operation. On Christmas Eve, I was the duty pilot for our unit and was extraordinarily busy all day. Then late in the afternoon, a pair of Viet Cong sappers drove an explosive laden truck into the parking lot of the Brinks Hotel, an American BOQ in downtown Saigon, and detonated it, killing or wounding more than 50 people.

Since I was up most of the night on Christmas Eve, I didn't get to Tay Ninh until late morning on Christmas Day. On the flight there, I kept wondering whether the mission had been successful and what had happened to the lone American who had volunteered to go on the mission. By the time I arrived, the raid was winding down and I learned the Viet Cong had probably been tipped off in advance and moved the POWs before the Ranger team got there. In retrospect however, that does not diminish the gallantry and intrepidity of the soldier who volunteered for what everyone thought would surely be a suicide mission. Years later, I learned that soldier was Sergeant Harold George Bennett.

Four days later, a regiment of the 9<sup>th</sup> Viet Cong Division overran the tiny village of Binh Gia located about 50 miles southeast of Saigon while a second regiment took up positions around all of the nearby clearings because they knew the American helicopters would be coming soon, loaded with Vietnamese soldiers and accompanied by their American Advisors.

Two large scale airlifts took place on 29 December and the battle became particularly intense after the second insertion when an enemy force later estimated to be more than 5000 attacked a South Vietnamese force of less than 500. Several American helicopters were struck by enemy fire and at least three were shot down.

As the pilot of a Dust Off medical evacuation helicopter, I spent the day transporting wounded and dead from the battle area to a Vietnamese Military Hospital in Saigon. About mid-afternoon, I took a load there and was headed to the refueling point when I heard a radio call indicating that an American had been seriously wounded near the Cambodian border, west of Saigon. We had enough fuel to complete the mission, so we responded immediately and picked up a Special Forces NCO and several Vietnamese.

Returning to Tan Son Nhut Air Base, I walked to our operations shack while the crew refueled our helicopter. At that early stage of the Vietnam War, we did not have the infrastructure that came when American combat units were introduced in the following spring of 1965. In 1964, there were only about 20,000 Americans in-country and we were scattered about the countryside in small advisory teams or aviation units. Our communications systems were fragile at best and we depended on unreliable radio relay and land line telephone systems and there were none of the "Command and Control" helicopters that continuously orbited the battlefields once the American combat units arrived.

When I reached operations, they had no missions pending, so I used our land line to call the Vietnamese III Corps Tactical Operations Center (TOC) located about 25 miles away in Bien Hoa to ask if there were any more wounded at Binh Gia. The American Advisor at the TOC told me he didn't know because they had no contact with anyone in that area. At that point, I decided to take off again to see whether I could reach someone flying in the Binh Gia area to get a better update.

Since Binh Gia was nearly 50 miles away, I climbed out to about 5000 feet and began calling on all of the frequencies that we had used earlier in the day, but got no response. I had an uneasy feeling that we might be needed there, so I called our operations and told them I would run out to Binh Gia to check things out.

We continued calling while enroute, but couldn't raise anyone until we were about 25 miles away. At that time, I began hearing broken radio calls from what sounded like a helicopter gun ship team to an American Advisor on the ground. It didn't take long to determine that the Advisor was in deep trouble.

I heard the gun ship team leader tell him that he could not determine the disposition of his troops and was concerned about firing on "friendlies." The Advisor responded by saying he was sorry, but that he had run out of smoke grenades and had nothing else to mark his positions.

To help guide the gun ships, the Advisor began pointing to objects on the ground, but the pilots could not recognize them. Finally, I heard the Advisor say something to the effect, "I'm standing on a small mound near a large clump of bushes and waving my handkerchief. If you can see me, you have clearance to fire anywhere more than 100 meters from my position."

A minute or so later, the gun ship team leader reported that they had fired all of their rockets and had very little machine-gun ammunition remaining. At that point, he told the Advisor that he ought to try moving to a clearing to his southwest where the gun ship would land and pick him up. The Advisor quickly responded, "Don't try it! They're all around me down here and all you'll do is get shot down." The gun ship team leader again encouraged the Advisor to move, but he was adamant that it was too dangerous for any rescue attempt.

After hearing those radio transmissions, I called the gun ships and asked whether they were at Binh Gia or someplace else. When they responded that they were at Binh Gia, I told them we were inbound and were about 10 - 12 miles out at the time. I told the gun ships I would attempt to pick up the Advisor if they would provide cover. Before the gun ship pilot could answer, the Advisor came on the air and said, "Negative, Dust Off. You can't make it, so don't even try it!"

I thought there was some chance that we could save him because our helicopter was lighter and much more maneuverable than one of the heavier gun ships, so I told my crew to slide the doors back and get their weapons ready because we would approach at tree top level until we reached the clearing where the Advisor was located and then touch-down just long enough to pull him aboard. At that point, I began descending and was about five miles out when the Advisor made his last call, "Well, they are here now. My little people are laying their weapons down and they want me to turn off my radio. Thanks a lot for your help and God Bless you."

With those words, the Advisor was gone. The gun ship team leader then told me that he was completely out of ammunition and almost out of fuel so his team needed to return to Bien Hoa immediately. He also advised me not to over-fly the clearing where the Advisor had been located because they had received heavy automatic weapons fire every time they got near it.

I skirted around the clearing at low level and could see no activity on the ground, but then I saw a tiny L-19 observation plane approaching from the north. I called the L-19 to ask whether there were any more gun ships on the way to Binh Gia and he responded by saying, "No."

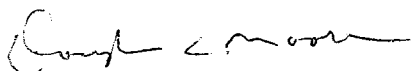
We decided to remain in the area as long as fuel permitted because other elements were still heavily engaged. Less than 20 minutes later, I heard a radio call saying, "Have no fear, blue eyed VNAF is here!" The call came from a flight of Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) A1-E Skyraiders, but they were being piloted by American Advisors. They had learned of the desperate situation at Binh Gia and were rushing to help, but were too late to save the Advisor.

The fact that we didn't rescue the American Advisor troubled me for many years and I often wondered who he was and how things turned out for him. While attending the Army War College, I began researching the "Battle of Binh Gia" as it has now become known and gained access to many documents located in the Army History Center and at the Library of Congress. Through these sources, I learned that three Americans had been captured at Binh Gia, but two of them had died in captivity. With that limited information, I wrote an article that was published in the August 1999 issue of Army Magazine. In the article, I appealed to others to help me fill in the gaps.

I received more than 50 responses including one that gave me the name and hometown of the only surviving American captive from that battle, but I was told he was extremely reclusive and wouldn't talk about his experiences. On the outside chance that I might get something useful, I called former PFC Charles Crafts and he willingly shared his story with me. He had been in Vietnam about three weeks when the Battle of Binh Gia occurred and that was his first combat experience. Charles Crafts confirmed that it was Sergeant Bennett talking on the radio that day.

Like others from the Vietnam era, I have witnessed many heroic acts, but Sergeant Bennett's actions were clearly beyond those of his comrades. I cannot imagine what his thoughts must have been when he realized that he was surrounded and that his unit was collapsing all around him. There is no way to fathom the despair he must have felt as an overwhelming enemy force closed on him while American helicopters flew a few hundred feet overhead. I'm still amazed that he remained so calm and focused on our safety and not his. Sergeant Bennett's willingness to sacrifice himself instead of letting me or one of the gun ship pilots attempt to rescue him was an incredible demonstration of personal bravery that certainly meets the criteria of "above and beyond the call of duty."

In closing, Sergeant Harold George Bennett, a hard-core Airborne Infantryman, did everything he could for his country both on the battlefield and while in captivity. It is now time for us, the living, to recognize his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty. No one could do more than Sergeant Bennett did and, as the other eyewitness statements and supporting documents will show, there is incontestable proof that he deserves to be awarded the Medal of Honor.



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**INTRODUCTION**

My name is Charles Earle Crafts. I am recommending Staff Sergeant Harold George Bennett, RA 18 542 931, for the Medal of Honor for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk to his life for the period of 29 December 1964 until his execution by the Viet Cong on or about 25 June 1965.

I was drafted into the U. S. Army on 3 June 1964; my service number was US 51 479 671. I arrived in Vietnam around Thanksgiving, 1964 as a Private E2. I went through a brief MACV Advisors orientation course in Saigon, and then was assigned as a Radio Operator (MOS 05C) for Advisory Team # 95 at Bien Hoa.

I was captured at Binh Gia with SSG Bennett on 29 December 1964, and held in jungle captivity until 23 February 1967. I was released by the Viet Cong for humanitarian reasons because of my poor health from jungle diseases (primarily bouts of malaria) and malnutrition. I sincerely doubt that I would have survived another year of captivity, as even CAPT Donald Cook supposedly died from malaria and malnutrition on 8 December 1967 according to the communist Provisional Revolutionary Government's accounting of American prisoners who died in VC captivity.

In 1967, the Central Committee of the National Liberation Front for South Viet Nam had decided to make a political statement to influence public opinion in the United States against the Vietnam war by releasing a Caucasian (me) along with a Negro soldier, SGT Sammie N. Womack, RA 13 811 472, who was captured on 8 October 1966.

Each of us were directed by the VC to write a letter to the National Liberation Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam requesting release from captivity. These letters stated that each of us had received good medical care, were fed well, clothed well, and received humane treatment. There was nothing derogatory to the United States Government in these letters. Our requests were approved, and a release ceremony was held in the jungle on 14 February 1967. On 16 February 1967 we were escorted out of the jungle camp, and stopped at approximately five rest camps on this final trip.

On 23 February 1967, the VC put both of us on a southbound Vietnamese bus on Highway 13, and when the bus stopped at a U.S. checkpoint on a bridge in the vicinity of the Lai Khe Rubber Plantation, we returned to U. S. military control and freedom.

I had been promoted to PFC in captivity on 24 August 1965. I received an Honorable Discharge on 12 May 1967. I subsequently had a correction to my DD Form 214 which promoted me to Specialist 4, with date of rank of 28 May 1965, as recommended by CAPT Cook.

My DD Form 214 credits me with two years, eleven months, and ten days of service, of which two years, three months, and four days were in Vietnam. I calculate that based upon my capture date of 29 December 1965, and my return to U. S. military control on 23 February 1967, I had survived two years, one month, and 24 days of brutal jungle captivity.

### **PART I – SSG HAROLD GEORGE BENNETT'S CONSPICUOUS ACTS OF VALOR AT THE BATTLE OF BINH GIA**

Captain James E. Behnke, 0 89 029, was Senior Advisor to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Vietnamese Ranger Battalion in late December, 1964 when I arrived for duty as a Radio Operator. SSG Bennett was the Non-Commissioned Officer assigned to our Advisory Team. On the 29<sup>th</sup> of December, our battalion was placed on alert because the Viet Cong had overrun the defenders of the predominantly Catholic village of Binh Gia. Our battalion then boarded helicopters for an air assault to take back the village. SSG Bennett and I accompanied one company of our Ranger Battalion while Captain Behnke accompanied the Ranger Battalion Commander and another part of our force.

SSG Bennett and I landed at about 1430 hours and things were quiet initially. We were armed with M-2 carbines and I was carrying a PRC-25 radio. We could see the Catholic Church steeple in the distance and began moving in that direction. We had gone approximately 500 meters when we began receiving sporadic sniper fire. We deployed into a double-pincer formation of two attacking columns and continued to move forward.

Before long, the enemy fire began to increase in intensity, but the Rangers continued moving towards the village. As we neared the village's defensive perimeter, our right pincer was pinned down by intense machine gun and recoilless rifle fire from a nearby wooded knoll. The enemy fire was so intense until it cut down stands of banana trees behind us.

As we lay exposed in an open area near the southern outskirts of the village, a large force of Viet Cong rose from camouflaged holes and overran our Rangers from the flank, killing or wounding scores of them, including officers and NCOs who were trying to get us out of the killing zone. We had inadvertently walked into a classic L-shaped ambush.

**Sensing our desperate situation, SSG Bennett began moving around fearlessly. Despite the heavy fire and mounting casualties, he kept trying to rally the surviving Rangers and called in air strikes around our position. Both of us returned fire as we could, but it was soon clear that we were being overwhelmed by a much larger enemy force. During this time, SSG Bennett was constantly talking on the radio and throwing smoke grenades to direct two helicopter gun ships who came to our aid. The situation then grew worse when we realized that, intermingled with our Rangers, was a large group of Viet Cong soldiers who were well armed and wearing camouflage capes.**

SSG Bennett and I continued to move from one vantage point to another in an attempt to organize the few surviving Rangers and to direct the fire being delivered by the helicopter gun

ships. Our situation soon became more desperate, because there were dead or dying Rangers all around us and others began to surrender. The ones who were continuing to fight were beginning to run out of ammunition and SSG Bennett had thrown his last smoke grenade, so there was no way for us to guide the gun ships that were trying to help us.

At about that point, one of the gun ship pilots recommended we move to a clearing located to our southeast where he said he would land and pick us up, but SSG Bennett refused his offer, telling him it was too dangerous and would only result in the helicopter being shot down. A medical evacuation helicopter was also returning to our area after delivering casualties to a hospital in Saigon and its pilot offered to pick us up too, but Sergeant Bennett told him not to try it.

Since our reserve company of Rangers had not arrived, we found ourselves in an extremely difficult situation. We were trapped and essentially on our own. In the best traditions of a Non-Commissioned Officer in combat, SSG Bennett continued to rally the survivors and made a tough decision when he twice refused the offers of the helicopter pilots to rescue us. In retrospect, his decision was the correct one because we were surrounded by an overwhelming enemy force and it would have only meant the loss of the helicopters and their crews. To me, SSG Bennett's conspicuous courage and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty against Viet Cong forces was deserving of the Medal of Honor.

A few minutes later, a VC assault force of 20-30 men was on top of us and captured us.

## **PART II – SSG BENNETT'S CONSPICUOUS ACTS OF GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY DURING CAPTIVITY UNTIL HIS EXECUTION BY THE VIET CONG**

Fortunately, neither of us was wounded. SSG Bennett was standing in the open with a handkerchief waving it to the helicopters overhead to mark our position after he used the last smoke grenade. There was a tremendous amount of enemy small arms fire and why we weren't hit is either a miracle, or else the VC must have made a decision not to shoot to kill or wound us in order to take us prisoners.

Both of us were then bound and tied and they took our boots. They also took SSG Bennett's Bible, money, ID card, and a copy of a promotion list with his name on it for promotion to SSG E-6. The VC missed a set of jeep keys and a pair of fingernail clippers in Bennett's pocket and they also let keep some cigars and a class ring.

SSG Bennett began talking with me about escaping right after we were captured at Binh Gia and were on the trail. At that time, the guards were a little way in front of us and a little way in back of us. I told SSG Bennett that it was his decision as to when we should make a run for it, but, about that time, they moved the guards closer in back of us. It was night, so he told me the next

time we stopped, we would make a break for it, but to forget it if the guards remained directly in back of him.

On 30 December 1964, we were taken to a POW camp that had 50-70 ARVN enlisted men, 8-10 ARVN officers, and 2-3 Vietnamese women as prisoners. On 1 January 1965, SSG Bennett and I were moved to another camp about two miles away. We called this camp "Camp Jose." We stayed there from 2 January - 29 January 1965.

Our next escape attempt was on 2 January 1965. As I mentioned above, the guards had overlooked a set of jeep keys and a pair of fingernail clippers in SSG Bennett's pockets. They kept us chained around the ankles with cheap padlocks and we were confined in a structure made of small diameter tree poles firmly planted close together in the jungle floor, which was compacted dirt. The top of the cage was made of the same tree poles lashed together with jungle vines. Once the vines were cut, we planned to push the ceiling poles aside and escape out the top.

During the afternoon, we used SSG Bennett's jeep keys and kept turning the locks until we weakened their springs and they finally popped open. Then about dark, we took the clippers and began cutting the vines that lashed the ceiling poles together.

We then took off our shirts and reversed them and tore out the white labels. The previous night, a guard had checked us at approximately 8:00 or 9:00 o'clock. We waited for him to check us again, but he never did. In fact, no one checked on us that night. Instead, the guards all went to bed, except for one. It was deathly quiet in the jungle, so we knew that, if we tried to escape that night, the noise would attract their attention.

Prior to that night, the guards had usually sat around a fire chatting away and would not have heard our escape attempt, so we decided to wait for another opportunity. The next morning, they came to unlock us and found the locks would not open. I'm sure we sprung the springs in them during our earlier attempt to open them and the guards worked on them for a half hour or so before getting them open, but I don't think they suspected us. I suppose they thought the locks had worn out because they never searched us or showed any signs of us trying anything. Later that day, they came back with some US Army-type locks. They were the heavy, bronze ones and you can't pick those locks. The guards apparently didn't notice that we had clipped the vines in the ceiling of our cage.

About this time, SSG Bennett and I were joined by CAPT Donald Cook, USMC 072 794. He had been wounded in the left leg and captured two days later than us on 31 December 1964 when the Vietnamese Marine battalion he was with suffered very high casualties during an attempt to re-take Binh Gia. The VC hated the Vietnamese Marines and executed any of them left behind on the battlefield. CAPT Cook became our Senior American Prisoner and instilled in us a strict adherence to the Code of Conduct. The three of us stayed together at that camp until 26 January 1965, when all three of us traveled for two days to a village and stayed there for four days.

On 30 or 31 January 1965, CAPT Cook was kept behind at the village to let his wounded leg heal while SSG Bennett and I were moved to another VC camp that we called "Camp SOB." About mid-March 1965, CAPT Cook rejoined us there.

Sometime in February, SSG Bennett went on a hunger strike to protest the poor quality of our food; however, I don't know whether he thought through the consequences of his actions. I believe the VC purposely gave us inadequate rations to reduce our ability to resist disease and, more importantly, to sap our stamina to escape. Once the effects of weight loss took effect, it would be almost impossible to escape captivity because an individual wouldn't have enough stamina to subdue and out-run the guards.

The third escape attempt occurred on 20 March 1965 when CAPT Cook, SSG Bennett and I planned to escape while being allowed to go to the latrine. At that time, the three of us were being held in a pole "house" about 25-30 feet in length. It was partitioned into four cubicles with walking space in the front. SSG Bennett was in the first cubicle; CAPT Cook was in the second, I was in the third; and the fourth cubicle was empty.

As we walked out of the "house" to go to the latrine, they said only two of us could go and told me to return to my cubicle. When they got to the latrine, SSG Bennett asked Cook "can we leave Crafts behind?" CAPT Cook said he was in command and that it was his decision to attempt an escape. They broke and ran, but SSG Bennett apparently got his foot caught in a tree root. CAPT Cook came to aid SSG Bennett, and both of them beat up the guard around his head, which was all swollen when I saw the guard later.

SSG Bennett had put his hand over the guard's mouth to silence him, but the VC bit one of his fingers to the bone. The guard finally was able to yell out and other guards came and brought CAPT Cook and SSG Bennett back to their "house" in the camp. Two VC officers put their pistols to the heads of both CAPT Cook and SSG Bennett and threatened to kill them while guards put all three of us individually in leg shackles attached to an iron bar such that we could sit up, or lie down only - facedown or face up - we couldn't turn once we were prone; nor could any of us stand upright and walk around. CAPT Cook had handcuffs applied, but not SSG Bennett or me. I witnessed SSG Bennett receive a blow to his head from a guard's clenched fist.

The guard who was beaten up wouldn't look at either CAPT Cook or SSG Bennett in the days following the escape. He was very wary to be in their presence, but wasn't hostile toward them either.

The three of us individually were unshackled once a day for about 10 minutes to go to the latrine; or for about 30 minutes to bathe and wash our clothes. This lasted until about May 15 when we were moved to a new camp. In the meantime, the guards never bandaged SSG Bennett's finger. It was a nasty wound; if the guard had broken the bone, the finger for all intents and purposes would have been severed. He kept it wrapped with rags, but didn't receive any medical treatment for his very painful injury.

All three of us received reduced rations during this time, and Bennett had particular difficulty eating rice. He gagged on the rice and vomited it up because he simply couldn't adapt to the rice diet.

SSG Bennett told me in April that he had been struck with a bamboo stick, struck on the head with a rifle butt, and hit with a clenched fist by a guard in April, but I did not witness this.

I would say that SSG Bennett's health began deteriorating rapidly beginning in April or May of 1965. He had lost a tremendous amount of weight by that time that made him unable to make an arduous forced march to a new camp that we began on or about 15 May. That was probably the beginning of his last days alive. Once on bivouac, CAPT Cook ordered Bennett to eat his rice, which he did, but it wasn't enough to stop his rapid decline in health. The VC rations were not adequate to support a Western person's calorie and nutrition needs, so we all lost weight over time. CAPT Cook said he suffered from a loss of night vision due to vitamin A deficiencies in our diet.

The last day that CAPT Cook and I saw SSG Bennett alive was on 28 May 1965. The guards got us up about 1 or 2 AM to move us to a new camp. CAPT Cook and I knew SSG Bennett was very weak and told him to try to go on. Although he was extremely weak, he claimed he was very strong. We walked two or three miles before the guards stopped and told us to sit down. At the time, SSG Bennett was behind us, exactly where I do not know.

Later, the guards came back and told us they had killed him, but neither CAPT Cook nor I heard any gunshots. At the time, we believed they were leaving him behind with three other guards, one of whom had malaria. It was our belief that he would rejoin us in a few days.

Traveling had been very difficult for SSG Bennett during that forced march. If he had been any other American prisoner, the guards would have put him on a transportation bicycle and pushed him to the new camp, but our guards hated him and would beat and kick him whenever he would stumble during the forced march.

CAPT Cook and I reached the new camp that we called "Camp Carefree" on 1 June 1965. There were four other American POWs there that had been captured at the Special Forces Camp at Hiep Hoa on 24 November 1963. They were SP5 George E. Smith, RA 13 552 780; SGT Claude D. McClure, RA 14 703 075; SFC Kenneth Roraback, RA 13 322 146; and SFC Isaac Camacho, RA 18 468 655. They called this camp "Camp Auschwitz."

On 4 July 1965, CPT John Schumann, 084 511, joined CAPT Cook and me in captivity at Camp Carefree. He would stay with us until he died in my arms on 7 July 1966 from pneumonia and kidney failure due to the long term effects of malaria and malnutrition.

There were now seven American POWs together at Camp Carefree. Security was lax. A high ranking VC officer we named "Alex" told us that for us the war was over, and to relax, read,

work, relax, take it easy, wait for the end of the war. He was the only VC officer that ever told us this. No other VC officer said that to us; they wouldn't respond whenever we brought the subject up.

All the lax security changed when on the night of 9 July 1965, SFC Camacho escaped during a monsoon thunderstorm. He had his GI combat boots, and left during a monsoon rain in the middle of the night. He pulled a "Houdini" because there was no visible sign that he had escaped from his cage. He was the first American POW to escape and return to U. S. military control all by himself. Just before SFC Camacho's escape I had a recurrence of malaria for the second time in four months.

**Alex told me on 16 July 1965 that SSG Bennett had tried to escape from the rest camp that Bennett supposedly had been taken to "redeem himself" when we last saw him on 28 May 1965, and was being punished very severely for attempting to escape. Alex also told me that he was hoping that he would never have to pick an American POW to be executed.**

On 16 July 1965 the six of us moved to another location that we called "the Bivouac Area," which we believed to be located in Tay Ninh province. I didn't have the strength to keep up with the main group, and I fell behind with three VC guards. I was apprehensive that I would meet the same fate as SSG Bennett, but the VC guards put me on one of their transportation bicycles and pushed me along to the new camp, which took us 10 days to get there.

We stayed there about two weeks then moved to another camp on 7 August 1965 we called "Camp Tay Ninh." It was located about 15 miles northeast of Nui Ba Den Mountain in Tay Ninh province.

**In late September of 1965, the guards came and took SFC Kenneth Roraback away, on orders from the camp commander "Oil Can Harry." The guards never said anything more about him, but took all of his gear. After my release in 1967, I learned that he had been executed along with CPT Humbert "Rocky" Versace on 25 September 1965 in retaliation for the Saigon government's execution of several VC terrorists in Da Nang.**

**Then in October, 1965, the interrogator "Grandpa" told me out of the blue that the VC had planned to execute an American in retaliation for the planned execution of two VC terrorists by the Saigon government. Grandpa pronounced the American's name as "Hawks." Grandpa told me that the VC announcement caused the Americans to put a lot of pressure on the Vietnamese government to stay their original execution order to try to spare the American's life. Grandpa said that Bennett was executed instead of *Hawks* when another two VC terrorists were executed in Saigon.**

**In 1973, I read newspaper accounts of the communist Provisional Revolutionary Government's accounting of Americans who died in captivity. "*Hawks*" was Gustav Hertz; he was an American diplomat who had been captured by the VC. Hertz supposedly died of malaria in 1967 while in jungle captivity, according to the PRG. His remains have never been recovered.**

On 21 November 1965, a ceremony was held by the VC provincial commander to announce the release of SP5 Smith, a Caucasian soldier, and Sergeant McClure, a Black soldier. This same pattern would be repeated for my release with Sergeant Sammie Womack in 1967.

Douglas Ramsey, an American State Department officer who spoke fluent Vietnamese, joined CAPT Cook and me at Camp Tay Ninh on 24 January 1966. The VC kept him in isolation as they suspected him of being a CIA spy. He survived the longest in jungle captivity (who returned alive,) and was the last American POW to see CAPT Cook alive in 1967 before the two of them were split up on a move to a new jungle camp. I learned that Mr. Ramsey was released on 12 February 1973 during Operation Homecoming. He has indicated that CAPT Cook suffered from recurring bouts of malaria and dropsy – an accumulation of fluids in the lower extremities. I was aware that CAPT Cook had dropsy symptoms since 1965, probably resulting from malnutrition. He kept himself in top-notch physical shape by exercising and doing physical labor in the camps such as digging bomb shelters.

SGT Sammie Womack, RA 13 811 472, joined CAPT Cook, Mr. Ramsey and me at Camp Tay Ninh on 21 October 1966. On 26 October 1966 the four of us left for another camp, which we named "Camp Bien Hoa." It took us 14 days to get there and it was the hardest forced march any of us had been on. The conditions at this new camp were horrible. I stayed here until SGT Womack and I were released from captivity on 16 February 1967. That was my last time to see CAPT Cook.

## **VERY IMPORTANT**

Before I was released from captivity on 16 February 1967, I received some notes written on cigarette paper by CAPT Cook recommending valor awards and I smuggled them out in my glasses case. If the VC had found these notes, I am sure that I wouldn't have been released and the world would not have known of CAPT Cook's heroism while in captivity that later prompted the Marine Corps to recommend him for the Medal of Honor.

In the notes that I carried out, CAPT Cook recommended the following awards for SSG Bennett:

- 20/3/65 [20 March 1965.] Silver Star for his attempted escape.
- 20/3/65 [20 March 1965.] Purple Heart for the VC guard biting his finger half off.
- 29/12/64 [29 December 1964.] Bronze Star with "V" for valor at Binh Gia when we were captured. Although CAPT Cook wasn't at Binh Gia until 31 December, his experience was the same as ours. We both walked into an ambush of overwhelming enemy fire which decimated our ARVN Rangers on the 29th and his Vietnamese Marines on the 31st. Binh Gia was a VC killing field that they controlled from November of 1964 until mid February of 1965.
- 28/5/65 [28 May 1965.] Purple Heart (posthumous) for his death, exact date unknown.

I gave CAPT Cook's notes that I smuggled out to Army interrogators during my debriefings in 1967. I wrote a letter to the Marine Corps Commandant on 8 March 1967 and signed statements for CAPT Cook to receive the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart medals. After Operation Homecoming in 1973, I learned from newspaper accounts that the Provisional Revolutionary Government claimed that CAPT Cook supposedly died alone on 8 December 1967 while being moved to another camp. The VC said he died of malaria, but no returning American POW witnessed his death.

I understand that the Commandant of the Marine Corps initiated a posthumous Medal of Honor recommendation for CAPT Cook which was awarded to his wife Laurette on 16 May 1980.

### **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY**

It has bothered me very much over the years that the only medal that SSG Bennett's family received was a Purple Heart after it was learned that he had been executed by the Viet Cong. To rectify that oversight, I have joined several other Vietnam veterans to recommend SSG Bennett for posthumous award of the Medal of Honor through the Office of U. S. Senator Blanche Lincoln to see that SSG Bennett receives the recognition he deserves for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action against the enemy at Binh Gia and for his steadfast upholding of the Code of Conduct under extremely brutal conditions until his execution by his Viet Cong captors.

I strongly believe that SSG Bennett is equally deserving of the Medal of Honor as was CAPT Cook. I was with both of them in jungle captivity and both were heroes in their own way. They each had an unshakeable faith in God, a steadfast faith in our country and fellow prisoners, and upheld the strictest requirements of the Code of Conduct during brutal jungle captivity. Above all else, SSG Bennett was loyal to CAPT Cook as Senior American prisoner and did everything to unify our collective spirit of resistance.

To give you some idea of the brutality we suffered, I am the only survivor of that original group composed of CAPT Cook, SSG Bennett, and me. Additionally, when CAPT Cook and I were at Camp Carefree in September, 1965, MSG Kenneth M. Roraback was executed. Also, MAJ John R. Schumann died in my arms from the effects of kidney failure and pneumonia resulting from malnutrition while in captivity at Camp Tay Ninh on 7 July 1966.

CAPT Cook was an officer and a gentleman and I respected him very much for his outstanding leadership as our Senior American Prisoner ever since SSG Bennett and I met him on 2 January 1965. The VC had told us that we were forbidden to have a military organization while in captivity. Enlisted men were considered equal to officers under their concept of abolishing distinctions of military rank. The VC resented CAPT Cook because

as Senior American Prisoner he set up a covert military organization under their noses, and set the example for all of us to follow in resisting interrogation and indoctrination. He was a constant inspiration for us to follow and he maintained our morale and comforted us when we faced death from disease and malnutrition. He voluntarily shared his food and medicines whenever needed. He was always a great morale booster.

The interrogator "Grandpa" in particular had hatred for CAPT Cook because of his refusal to be drawn into arguing against Grandpa's propaganda line. CAPT Cook would tell him "I am a POW - I am in no position to argue." This would send Grandpa into a fit of despair and anger which upset his train of thought, especially whenever CAPT Cook caught Grandpa in lies, which happened often.

The VC punished CAPT Cook for refusing to complete the POW Index Card, the attempted escape attempt with SSG Bennett, and maintaining unity with his fellow prisoners. I estimate that CAPT Cook was kept in solitary confinement for a total of 12 months to break his spirit, which didn't even bend. The VC had told us several times that just because the war would end, that didn't mean that CAPT Cook would be released.

SSG Bennett was a tough, Airborne Ranger with a very violent temper that might be expected of an Airborne Infantry NCO. He was a "kick ass" soldier, and I respected him for being so tough and fearless in the face of death at Binh Gia. He hated our VC guards and they hated him in return. As an example, one of our guards pointed a sub machine gun at him one day, but he looked the guard squarely in the eyes and dared him to pull the trigger. That was the type of soldier he was and he was most definitely not afraid of dying.

CAPT Cook told me later that SSG Bennett could not accept being held as a POW. I believe he would have preferred being killed while attempting another escape. He maintained his faith in God to the end, so he must have known that a better life was awaiting him at the time of his execution.

Since the Viet Cong couldn't break SSG Bennett's indomitable spirit of defiance, I believe they ultimately made a decision to execute him as an example to all of the other American jungle POWs in South Vietnam. He was the number one person on their list of hard-core resisters when Radio Hanoi announced his execution in June of 1965. This was followed later by announcements of the execution of CPT Humbert "Rocky" Versace, and MSG Kenneth Roraback in September of 1965. I didn't hear either of these Radio Hanoi broadcasts while I was in captivity, but my parents showed me newspaper clippings of both events after my release in 1967.

SSG Bennett upheld the Code of Conduct in all respects while in captivity. He never divulged any military information and would only give the interrogators his name, rank, serial number, and date of birth as required by the Geneva Convention. SSG Bennett refused to complete the POW Index Card, just like CAPT Cook, except that CAPT Cook was punished for his refusal. Bennett refused all indoctrination efforts and would not make any statements disloyal to the U. S. Government or our South Vietnamese allies.

Twice the Camp Commander at Camp SOB told SSG Bennett that they wanted to kill him and that he should realize he could be killed at any time by them. SSG Bennett remained defiant and showed them that he was as hard-core and unflinching as CAPT Cook when it came to upholding the Code of Conduct.

Finally, to my knowledge, all of the hard-core POW resisters that received the Medal of Honor while in captivity during the Vietnam War have been officers, and I don't believe our Nation's highest medal is reserved solely for officers. SSG Bennett's conspicuous gallantry on the battlefield and while in captivity is an outstanding example for all enlisted men to emulate.

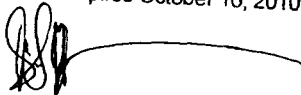
Staff Sergeant Harold George Bennett was the first American POW to be executed while being held captive in Vietnam and his remains lie buried in an unmarked jungle grave known only to God in communist Vietnam 40 years after his execution. I strongly recommend that the Secretary of the Army recognize the actions of this incredibly brave Non-Commissioned Officer by awarding him the Medal of Honor (posthumously.)

Respectfully submitted,



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My Commission Expires October 16, 2010





## **DUANE E. FREDERIC'S ANALYSIS OF EXTRACTS FROM CHARLES E. CRAFTS' DEBRIEFING DOSSIER**

Upon his release from captivity by the Viet Cong on 23 February 1967, PFC Crafts was extensively debriefed by U. S. military intelligence agents on all aspects of his captivity experience. He was given a copy of these documents, identified as Dossier No. 004421895, dated 26 January 1967. The original document may be located at the Joint Services Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) Agency, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5788, but I do not know this to be correct.

Crafts' dossier was numbered from 1 – 293 pages. The debriefing interviews contained therein are not presented in a chronological order. Therefore, I will refer to the topics deemed of interest to the Army Senior Decoration Board in evaluating the captivity experience of SSG Bennett and PFC Crafts in the order in which they appear in the dossier.

1. Pages 28 – 29 concern the extreme mental duress that PFC Crafts endured to save CAPT Cook from threatened execution if Crafts did not make a propaganda statement demanded by his VC interrogators. PFC Crafts made a potentially damaging statement under threat of his and CAPT Cook's execution. When these events happened on 28 - 29 August 1966, SSG Bennett and SFC Roraback had been executed in 1965, and CPT John Schumann had died in Crafts' arms on 7 August 1966 from kidney failure and pneumonia as a direct result of malnutrition and slow starvation.
2. Pages 55 – 56 pertain to Article 31 rights explanation.
3. Pages 61 – 63 concern the recommended awards that CAPT Cook wrote out for SSG Bennett. There is this reference to Crafts:  
  
"CRAFTS: Promoted E4, 28 May 1965.  
  
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Recommendation: no action be taken in accordance with UCMJ."
4. Pages 66 – 70 pertain to SSG Bennett and CAPT Cook.
5. Pages 112 – 117 pertain to a detailed discussion of torture.
6. Pages 121 – 123 pertain to Crafts' sworn statements.

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AGENT REPORT

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## 1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

CRAFTS, Charles Earle  
PFC, E-3, US 51 479 671  
DPOB: 11 August 1942, Livermore Falls, Maine

## 2. DATE SUBMITTED

9 March 1967 #0407

## 3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER

## 4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

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Part 1, Agent Report, On 8 March 1967, Charles E. CRAFTS, PFC (E-3) US 51 479 671, was interviewed under oath at US Army Station Hospital, Fort Devens, Massachusetts, concerning statements written and recordings made by HIM while in captivity. CRAFTS stated substantially as follows:

On 28 or 29 August, CRAFTS, while a POW at Camp Tay Ninh, was asked to write a statement and make a recording. When first requested, SUBJECT refused to make any statements or recordings. The next day "Pussy", the interpreter, came to HIS house and indicated that HE had agreed to make a statement and recording when asked the previous day. CRAFTS denied this and stated that HE would not do it. Pussy became quite upset and left. About one half hour later CRAFTS was called before the interrogator called "Grandpa" who said that the reason CRAFTS would not make the statement and recording was because HE had been ordered by HIS superior officer, Captain Cook, not to do this. SUBJECT stated that HE had discussed the matter with Cook and was told by Cook that the decision was HIS to make. HE was again asked to write a statement but refused. HE was given five minutes to think it over, and if HE refused again HE would be tied up, thrown in the hole and the next morning Cook would be executed and then CRAFTS would be shot. CRAFTS again refused and at about one o'clock in the afternoon HE was tied and put in the hole. While in the hole CRAFTS made the decision that HE did not want to be responsible for Cook's death and that HE did not want to die. At about 1600 hours HE told the interrogator that HE would write a statement and make a recording. The recording session was conducted as a question and answer period. CRAFTS was asked three general questions: 1. Have you been treated well since your capture - general treatment? 2. What do you think the purpose of the war is and 3. What do you think the purpose of your government is in South Vietnam? CRAFTS does not recall HIS exact responses but does remember that HE did say and write certain things that were of a derogatory nature concerning the United States. The general gist of what HE wrote and recorded was that the United States was an envokee (sic) of the 1954 Geneva Convention; that it was the responsibility of the United States to seek peace negotiations instead of escalating the war; and that HE was opposed to the war in Vietnam, and in fact all wars.

The interview and recording session was conducted in English, through an interpreter. CRAFTS realized that by writing a statement and making a recording of this nature HE was violating the Code of Conduct and certain articles of the UCMJ. CRAFTS was mentally disturbed over the death of Captain Schumann, concerned for Cook's life and HIS own, when HE committed this act. If HE had been asked a month earlier or a month later HE would have been able to resist the VC's requests. Although Cook left the decision to CRAFTS as to the making of the recording and statement, HE is of the opinion that Cook did not approve of HIS actions.

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PLACE	DATE	FILE NUMBER
Headquarters, USARYIS, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands	26 February 1967	
LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL	SERVICE NUMBER	GRADE
CRAFTS, Charles Earle	US 51 479 671	PFC E-3
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Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USARYIS, Okinawa		

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I, CHARLES EARLE CRAFTS, ~~XXXXXX~~ (have read) THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE ONE (1) AND ENDS ON PAGE 2. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING STATEMENT MATTER. THIS STATEMENT HAS BEEN MADE BY ME FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

Charles E Crafts

(Signature of person making statement)

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 26th DAY OF Feb, 1967, AT HQ USARYIS, Okinawa

WITNESSED BY:

John H. Carey  
JOHN H. CAREY  
Special Agent

Donald L. Scott  
DONALD L. SCOTT  
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Part 2, Agent Report 1st debriefing period of Charles Earle CRAFTS, PFC (E-3), US 51 479 671, conducted 2 March 1967. CRAFTS stated substantially as follows:

On 12 January 1967, SUBJECT and Donald Ramsey witnessed CPT Donald G. Cook write three letters, two of which were in SUBJECT's possession at the time of release. The two letters, one identified as "Pertinent Facts and Recommendations", and the other as a personal letter to Cook's wife, were written on thin cigarette paper. The third letter, also a personal letter to Mrs. Cook, was written on regular note paper. Cook had to write very rapidly because a VC guard was nearby. Cook read the contents of the letter entitled "Pertinent Facts and Recommendations" and the letter written on note paper, to SUBJECT. Cook wanted CRAFTS to know the contents of the letter concerning his recommendations as he thought his writing was not legible. SUBJECT promised Cook that HE would not read the letter written on cigarette paper to Mrs. Cook, but HE would memorize the contents of the letter written on note paper because HE might have to destroy it because of its bulk. SUBJECT used a razor blade to slit the inside covering of HIS glasses case and inserted the two letters written on cigarette paper into the slit in the case. The contents of the letter to Mrs. Cook, written on note paper, was memorized and destroyed because its bulk prevented insertion in the glasses case. CPT Cook directed SUBJECT to give the letter concerning his recommendations to the personnel who debriefed HIM after HIS release.

2d(2), but no sub-paragraph applies.

SUBJECT gave the following narrative reading and explanation of the contents of Cook's letter of "Pertinent Facts and Recommendations":

"1. Bennett: Silver Star, 20 March 1965. The Silver Star was recommended for Bennett's attempted escape.

: Purple Heart, 20 March 1965. During Bennett's attempted escape VC bit his finger half off.

: Bronze Star, 29 December 1964, date of capture. Item in parentheses is "V" for Valor.

: Purple Heart, the PH in parenthesis indicates posthumous, July 1965. The date 28 May 1965 is the last day SGT Bennett was seen by SUBJECT.

2. Schumann: Bronze Star, "V" for Valor, 15 May 1965, his date of capture.

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: Purple Heart, the "PH" in parentheses indicates posthumous, 7 August 1966. 7 August 1966 is the date of death of CPT Schumann. SUBJECT was holding Schumann in HIS arms when he died. Schumann's death was verified by Cook, Ramsey and a VC doctor. Cause of death was cited as pneumonia and a kidney infection.

3. Schumann's last wish: Three NCOs in CB (Cia Bhen)(phonetic), Bronze Stars. Schumann was local advisor at Cia Bhen prior to capture. SUBJECT recalled two of the NCOs names referred to by Schumann as SGT Bell and SGT Ward. Neither Cook nor SUBJECT could recall the name of the third NCO.

4. CRAFTS: Promoted E4, 28 May 1965.

: Fell, 29 August 1966. Guilty, Mitigation; frightened and dense. Recommendation: no action be taken in accordance with UCMJ.

5. General Recommendations and Desires: Push POW exchange. We'll stick it out.

6. CRAFTS will fill in whys and wherefores. This statement was signed, Very Respectfully, D. G. Cook O3."

SUBJECT recalled that the contents of the letter from Cook to his SICK-NA wife indicated how close he had come to God; that his children grow up with the outlook towards life to do what they believed in all of their lives; the simplicity of life; his desire for his wife to live in an apartment or a house large enough for the family; and not to worry about money as that was the least of his worries. The great possibility that he would not return; but even though he had a desire to return to his family he would not let his country down. SUBJECT desires to visit Mrs. Cook, accompanied by a military representative if necessary.

SUBJECT was in possession of a gold wedding band, a former possession of CPT Schumann, inscribed on the inside "Honey Love 13/9/58". SUBJECT wanted to deliver the ring personally to Mrs. Schumann but agreed to turn it over to military control. SUBJECT removed the ring from Schumann's hand at the time of HIS death.

In February 1967, SUBJECT received from a VC interpreter three documents, the property of Douglas Ramsey. The three documents were Ramsey's last Will and Testament, Power of Attorney, and a letter to the First National Savings Bank regarding transfer of a bank account. SUBJECT and Cook both witnessed the documents and they were returned to the VC.

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The present whereabouts of the documents is unknown. Ramsey's Will indicated that everything should go to his father; if his father was deceased, everything to his mother. In the event both Ramsey's parents were deceased, the estate would go to a relative. SUBJECT could not recall the relative's name, but thinks it was a man. Ramsey's father was to be given the Power of Attorney to effect the transfer of a bank account. SUBJECT desires that this information be related to Ramsey's family. SUBJECT may visit Ramsey's family at some future date.

AGENT'S NOTES: Part 2, final Agent Report, 1st debriefing period, 2 March 1967. All references in right margin relate to appropriate paragraphs, SICR Message DIA May 66. SUBJECT was again warned of classification and sensitivity of certain information discussed during the debriefing. All materials, clothing and letters in SUBJECT's possession at the time of release by VC were put under military control and a receipt given. Receipt includes names of Cook, Ramsey, Schumann and Bennett. It is noted that the SICR Message, DIA May 66, does not cover specific areas of interest regarding treatment, search, etc, just prior to release. EXHIBIT III.

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Part 1, Agent Report, 2nd debriefing period of Charles Earle CRAFTS, PFC (E-3), US 51 479 671, conducted on 3 March 1967. CRAFTS stated substantially as follows:

CRAFTS met Sergeant Harold G. Bennett, an advisor to the 33rd Ranger Battalion, on 29 December 1964, when Bennett and CRAFTS were captured together during an operation in Ben Zar (phonetic) RVN. Attached to the 33rd Ranger Battalion were Captain Benke (phonetic), Lieutenant White, Bennett and CRAFTS. CRAFTS was a close friend of Bennett's while they were at Bien Hoa. They often went to the Enlisted Club together and talked. When Bennett was captured on 29 December 1964, the VC took his boots, a Bible, his money, Identification Card, other things and a promotion list on which Captain Benke had recommended him for promotion to E-6. The VC did not discover a set of jeep keys and a pair of fingernail clippers. The VC allowed Bennett to retain some cigars and class ring. HE was in good health upon capture by the VC, except for venereal disease, which was treated on 6 February 1965 by the VC with penicillin pills and injections. Shortly after capture, Bennett, a Protestant, who believed in God, but was not a regular attendant at church, became a religious "fanatic". He wanted only to talk about God whenever he had the opportunity to talk. On occasion, Captain Cook and CRAFTS attempted to talk to him about his past or childhood, but he only wanted to talk about God. In approximately April or May 1965 Bennett's health began to fail. He did little physical exercise and ate very little, sometimes as little as four or five spoonfulls of rice. His stomach was upset, and the illness was not believed to be malaria, diarrhea, swelling of the legs, or fluid filling the lungs. He began a gradual decline in health, believed to be psychological. He could not reconcile the fact that he was a POW. After capture, the VC searched CRAFTS and Bennett while on the trail to the first POW camp. When they arrived at the first camp they discovered that there were ARVN POWs there. They proceeded to another camp on 1 January 1965 and met Captain Cook. The three proceeded to another camp on 6 February 1965 in which there were other ARVN POWs. They departed this camp on 15 May 1965 and proceeded to another camp. On the way to this camp, Bennett became weak and could no longer travel. On 28 May 1965, approximately 0100-0200 hours, they began the move to the camp. After approximately two or three miles the VC stopped and told the POWs to sit down. Sergeant Bennett was to the rear of CRAFTS and Captain Cook, in an unknown location. Three VC guards were sent to the rear. The guards returned to CRAFTS and Captain Cook and said that they had killed Bennett. There were no shots fired during the absence of the guards. CRAFTS heard about Sergeant Bennett in 16 July 1965 in Camp Tay Ninh when a very high ranking officer told CRAFTS, Smith and McClure that Sergeant Bennett had been punished severely for attempting to escape.

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The officer said that Bennett was at a camp trying to redeem himself. On approximately October or November 1965 in Camp Carefree, the VC interrogator stated that VN Government officials had made a decision to execute two VC. The VC would retaliate by executing a POW Hawks (phonetic). The VN Government officials executed two other VC instead of the original two and the VC retaliated by executing Sergeant Bennett instead of Hawks. The interrogator told CRAFTS and Cook this information for no apparent reason. CRAFTS has not heard of Bennett since October or November 1965. CRAFTS believes that if the VC did not execute Bennett, he would have died from not eating.

Sergeant Bennett met Captain Cook, Donald Dawson, Collette Emberger and CRAFTS. Dawson did not accompany the three on the trail to the other camp. During the march to the camp, Captain Cook ordered Bennett to eat his rice. Bennett ate it but he said that it did not taste good to him. Bennett's attitude during the march was that of depression. He had a violent temper, which had manifested itself in his past. He was removed from the Special Forces because of an argument with an officer; and in the Enlisted Men's Club, after consuming an excess amount of alcohol, he struck a Sergeant Major. After discussing the incident with Captain Benke, the Sergeant Major and Benke decided to not punish him but to remove his name from the promotion list. Bennett told CRAFTS other difficulties he had while in the Military Service. The VC disliked Bennett and showed their displeasure by small measures such as delaying lighting Bennett's cigarette or just ignoring him altogether. He would become angry at the VC and swear at them. He never struck them.

Bennett received the same indoctrination that CRAFTS and Cook received. He read VC propaganda pamphlets, but did not write any essays or letters or anything for the VC. He attended lectures, but was not interrogated for military information. He attended a total of three indoctrination sessions. The indoctrinations consisted mainly of the history of the VC, from 1945 to the present time, presented by a VC Captain who spoke only poor English. The VC interrogated the POWs very little. Approximately 95% of any encounter with an official was in the form of an indoctrination, a list of orders, or a verbal reprimand for their bad conduct as POWs.

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Bennett planned one escape immediately after capture when they were being marched away from the combat site. It was at night, and the guards were too close to him to permit him to escape. In the afternoon of 2 January 1965, CRAFTS and Bennett utilized Bennett's jeep keys to weaken the springs of the cheap padlocks which bound their ankles. They utilized the fingernail clippers to cut through the vines which bound the bars over their heads. They reversed their shirts, removed all white

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labels and waited until the guard checked the POWs at 2000 or 2100 hours before leaving. The guard never did check the POWs and while waiting, the camp became too quiet to attempt an escape. The next day the guards replaced the cheap padlock with a United States Army-type lock, which was impossible to pick. The guards did not suspect any tampering of the lock and did not search the POWs. The last attempt that Bennett made to escape was in March 1965. Bennett, Cook and CRAFTS decided to escape when the three were enroute to the latrine. The VC permitted only Cook and Bennett to go to the latrine, however, and CRAFTS remained behind. Cook decided to leave CRAFTS behind and proceed with the escape. Bennett caught his foot in a tree and became stuck. He almost had his finger bitten off attempting to quiet the guard by holding his hand over the VC's mouth. Another guard appeared, brought them back, and handcuffed and shackled them. CRAFTS received no such imprisonment because HE told the guards that HE had no knowledge of the escape.

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The VC knew nothing concerning Bennett's background. Bennett, as the others, printed their names upon orders from the VC Captain. When Bennett was seen last he had a Crucifix he received from Dawson, a Catholic. He had nothing else with him when CRAFTS saw him last. Bennett requested CRAFTS to visit his mother should CRAFTS be released ahead of Bennett. CRAFTS intends to see her in the future; his mother is in poor health. His sister, a school teacher, has been in contact with CRAFTS' parents. CRAFTS can add nothing else pertinent to HIS encounter with Sergeant Harold G. Bennett.

CRAFTS first met Captain Donald Cook on 2 January 1965. On that date Cook was brought into the camp where CRAFTS was confined. In the camp also, was Bennett. On 25 January 1965, CRAFTS, Bennett and Cook departed the camp under VC guard. Cook was unable to match the pace of the party because of a leg wound and was left in a temporary camp with VC escort. Cook arrived in the next camp during the middle of March 1965. CRAFTS, Bennett, and Cook were the only United States POWs in the camp. On 15 May 1965, the three departed the camp. On 1 June 1965, Cook and CRAFTS arrived at a VC POW camp believed to be in Tay Ninh province which they called Camp Carefree. Present at this camp were Sergeants Smith, McClure, Comacho, and Rohrbach. On 26 July 1965, Smith, McClure, Rohrbach, Schumann, CRAFTS, and Cook moved to a new camp believed to be in Tay Ninh province referred to by other prisoners as the Bivouac area. They all remained there for approximately two weeks and departed on 7 August 1965. That same day they arrived at a permanent camp called Camp Tay Ninh. On 28 October 1966, Cook, CRAFTS, Mr. Douglas Ramsey, and Sergeant Sammie Womack departed the camp under armed escort and were marched for 14 days when they reached another permanent camp believed to be in Tay Ninh province and referred to as Camp Tay Ninh.

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CRAFTS last saw Cook on <sup>16</sup>26 February 1967 when HE departed Camp Tay Ninh for HIS release.

Cook had been captured just prior to 2 January 1965 when he had gone to the site of a helicopter crash with a South Vietnamese military unit to check for survivors. While in the area, they were ambushed by the VC and the unit Cook was with ran. Cook attempted to organize the remaining few into some sort of defense. He dragged two South Vietnamese soldiers into a depression for cover and then left the cover to see if he could be of assistance somewhere else. He was shot in the leg while in the open. He then entered another depression with other South Vietnamese soldiers. He looked up and saw he was surrounded by VC and was forced to surrender. Although he had lost a considerable amount of blood, he recovered from his leg wound, which did not break the bone, by March 1965. Since this initial wound, Cook has been in above-average health for a POW. Due primarily to inadequate footwear, he has suffered from foot disorders including swelling, blisters and lacerations. In June 1965, Cook contracted an unknown disease which resulted in a loss of appetite, weakness, and pains in his legs. Comacho gave him vitamin pills which Comacho had received in an International Red Cross package. By 16 July 1965, Cook was well enough to travel. He has also suffered from dropsy, characterized by a swelling of the body, and stomach disorders characterized by gas, upset stomach, and diarrhea. The VC have provided medical treatment with what they had available including vitamins and anti-biotics, through pills and injection and aspirin. When last seen on 16 February 1967, Cook was strong and relatively healthy. His feet were in a good condition but he was suffering slightly from stomach disorders.

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The VC have always respected Cook as an Officer. They have treated him well considering their standards but he has been occasionally punished. In February 1966, they asked Cook to complete an "index card" which had blanks on it for personal history information including military assignments. Cook refused to fill out the cards. For punishment, the VC halved Cook's rations for a week. At the time, CRAFTS and Schumann, also in the camp, were not directed to fill out the card. CRAFTS believes that Cook was perhaps directed to fill out the index card because of his previous escape attempt with Bennett. Cook has divulged little or nothing concerning his background. When captured, he ripped off his fatigue jacket pocket with the Marine Corps insignia and, to this date, the VC seem to believe that he is a member of the U. S. Army.

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Cook has been subjected to indoctrination sessions with a professional indoctrinator and written material to about the same degree as the other POWs. He is a very stubborn man and has written no essays or propaganda letters. The VC indoctrinator nicknamed "Grandpa" disliked Cook very (continued)

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5. TYPE NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

ROLAND W. STAHL, 135th MI Group  
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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS <p>much. "Grandpa" would try to engage Cook in a politically orientated argument which Cook would refuse. Cook would say, "I am a POW - I am in no position to argue." That would usually terminate the conversation.</p> <p>Cook has been able to maintain a certain covert military control over the POWs as the senior man in the various camps. The VC have frequently stated that there is no military organization in the POW camps. Everyone is to be treated the same whether the POW is an Officer, Sergeant or Private. The senior military man is to have no control over the others. In fact, however, Cook has exercised control and established unauthorized communications channels and unauthorized assistance to the POWs. Cook is a constant source of inspiration and comfort to the other prisoners and substantially uplifts their morale. On one occasion he shared his food with CRAFTS for a week when CRAFTS was ill and has frequently shared medicine with other POWs. At one time, CRAFTS believed Cook may be executed by the VC. At present, CRAFTS does not believe that he will be executed. The Camp Commander at Bien Hoa camp told CRAFTS that Cook would not be released until the end of the war because he was an officer.</p> <p>Cook attempted one escape in March 1965 with Bennett. He is presently considering escape. CRAFTS does not know what plans he has, however, CRAFTS believes that much of the success of the attempt will depend on whether or not Cook can obtain <u>boots or shoes to protect his feet.</u></p> <p>Cook wrote one letter to his wife in September 1965 which he gave to the VC for delivery. CRAFTS has not heard whether or not she has received it. Cook gave CRAFTS a letter to Cook's wife and a note prior to CRAFTS' release which CRAFTS successfully smuggled from the camp. Cook also had CRAFTS memorize a letter for Cook's wife.</p> <p>AGENT'S NOTES: End Part 1, 2d debriefing period, 3 March 1967. The marginal notes are references to DIA SICR May 66. Information derived from CRAFTS on 24 February 1967, indicates that shortly after capture, Bennett and CRAFTS were photographed with still and movie cameras with ARVN prisoners. Details of Cook's letters are reported in Agent Reports concerning CRAFTS' interview on 2 March 1967.</p>	
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Part 1, Agent Report, third debriefing period of Charles E. CRAFTS, PFC (E-3), US 51 479 671, conducted on 4 March 1967. CRAFTS stated substantially as follows regarding the general subject area of and all forms or methods of torture to which POW's HE knew were subjected:

Captain Donald G. Cook was subjected to periods of indoctrination on the average of two times monthly. Sometimes he would not be indoctrinated for a period of four to six months. The longest period of indoctrination was two to three hours and the shortest period, one half hour. On one occasion Cook was interviewed by two civilians; believed to be Cubans. The interview was conducted in English. CRAFTS, Cook and Ramsey, on one occasion, attended a group discussion controlled by "Oil Can Harry," a VC Captain, who was a Camp Commander at several camps. The topic of discussion covered the 1945 French Revolution and views concerning the current war and the VC position. Oil Can Harry stated that the war would end during the dry season of 1968. As a result of an attempted escape in January 1965 each foot was shackled to a steel bar approximately six to seven feet long, which was nailed to the floor to prevent it from turning. Cook was shackled hand and foot to his bunk. Cook had to lay flat on his back and could not turn to or on either side. Cook was shackled in this manner for one week at which time the chains were removed from his hands. Cook's feet remained shackled for approximately one month. Cook has been in solitary confinement at different times for a total of twelve months. During these periods he was not allowed to speak to other POWs. Cook was allowed to wash his clothes, go to the well and latrine but had to live alone. Cook has lived alone longer than any other POW known to CRAFTS. Cook has shown no visual affects of this to his sanity. Cook is very strong and has conquered the problem of this type of confinement. In April or May 1966, during Operation Birmingham, while at Camp Tay Ninh, Cook as well as the other POW's, was shackled to a post in his hut, for security reasons. On a few occasions CRAFTS saw VC guards point their weapons at Cook as though they were threatening to shoot him. When Cook refused to complete an index card which required personal background information, his daily food ration was reduced one half. For a period of one week, Cook along with other POWs, was chained for security reasons in July, 1965, because of Sergeant Camacho's escape. SUBJECT saw a guard threaten to hit Cook with an iron bar on one occasion when Cook had asked the VC a question. CRAFTS did know what was said between the VC guard and Cook. CRAFTS could not recall any other incidents of torture, either physical or psychological, which Cook was subjected to.

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2b(3)  
2c(9) (possibly)  
2c(10) (pressure)  
2h(2)(g)  
No known  
SICR ref  
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2a (during Allied  
Opns)  
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2b(4)  
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In January 1967, at Camp Binh Hoa, Sergeant Sammie Womack was chained and placed in an underground pit for a period of two days. The

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punishment was as a result of Womack's refusal to complete the POW index card. During the period 31 October 1966 to 28 October 1966, while at Camp Tay Ninh, Womack was interrogated on two occasions for short periods of one or two hours. While at Camp Binh Hoa, during January 1967, Womack was interrogated for a six hour period. The interrogation was conducted by the "Old Man" and the "Prevaricator", who was the interpreter. He was interrogated for short periods at other times but SUBJECT could not recall details. Womack's sandals did not fit him properly and the VC cut the straps from the rear of these sandals to prevent him from trying to escape. The sandals caused Womack great physical discomfort. Womack was exposed the the type of indoctrination directed toward racial issues. This consisted of stating to both Womack and McClure that the US was abusing the Negro. Additionally the VC attempted to create dissension between Negro and Caucasian POWs. Other than the aforementioned, CRAFTS has no additional knowledge concerning any type of torture either physical or psychological that Womack was subjected to during his period of captivity.

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2g(2)  
(sep indoc)  
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2c(2)  
2c(4)  
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(sep indoc)  
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(psych)  
2a(phys sec)  
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(poss)  
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Sergeant Harold G. Bennett was subjected to the same type of physical restraint at Camp SOB as Cook, which resulted from their attempted escape in March 1965. While trying to over come a VC guard Bennett's finger was bitten half off. Bennett was shackled in solitary confinement for approximately 3 months. For one month a plastic coner was hung on the side of his cell so that he could not see the other POWs. At the time of his capture Bennett had a venereal disease. In January 1965, while at Camp Jose Bennett was refused medical attention by the VC. Cook, who was being treated for a leg wound, offered to let Bennett have some Penicillin that he was receiving, but the VC medic would not do this. Bennett did not receive an injection of penicillin until April 1965. He suffered much physical discomfort as a result of not receiving medical treatment. CRAFTS is of the opinion that during this period penicillin was in short supply. On the night of the same day that Cook and Bennett had attempted to escape, two VC officers pointed their pistols at both Cook and Bennett and threatened to kill them. A VC guard struck Bennett in the side of his head with his fist. During April 1965, at Camp SOB, Bennett was struck with a piece of bamboo and hit on the head with a rifle butt held by a VC guard. CRAFTS could not recall the reason for the beating. During May 1965, while moving from Camp SOB to Camp Carefree, Bennett was weak and could not keep up the pace. He was kicked and beaten by the guards. Bennett was last seen by CRAFTS on 28 May 1965, and at that time he was in poor health. CRAFTS

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was subsequently told by the VC in October 1965, that Bennett had been executed. CRAFTS believes that normally the VC would not execute POW's if they were too weak to travel. SUBJECT cited two instances wherein HE and Sergeant Claude McClure were provided a bicycle to travel on when they were too weak to walk. CRAFTS said Bennett was subjected to the three periods of indoctrination while at Camp SOB. CRAFTS had no other knowledge of any type of either physical or psychological torture Bennett had received from the VC.

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Captain Schumann was indoctrinated approximately six times. His first indoctrination took place in Camp Carefree, in July 1965. The other indoctrinations took place at Camp Tay Ninh from October 1965 until his death in July 1966. Schumann was exposed to the usual propaganda line. He was not indoctrinated from excessive periods of time. Schumann died from kidney trouble and pneumonia. He was given all the medical help that the VC had available. The living conditions that he was subjected to undoubtedly contributed to his death. CRAFTS has no knowledge of Schumann being subjected to physical torture or any psychological torture. Schumann was a quiet man, and not a mixer. CRAFTS feels that the VC looked up on him as a model prisoner. Schumann received more medical treatment than any of the other POWs.

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Mr. Ramsey has not been subjected to any physical torture other than the usual methods of restraint utilized on all the POWs. HE was exposed to extensive periods of interrogations during February and March 1966, at Camp Tay Ninh. At one time he was interrogated on two consecutive days on the average of six hours daily. SUBJECT is of the opinion that Ramsey received more periods of interrogations than other POWs because he spoke Vietnamese fluently and that he was a civilian. Prior to capture Ramsey was employed by the United States Overseas Mission (USOM). Ramsey told Cook and CRAFTS that the VC were plotting to kill him. He said that the guards would discuss ways of killing him in such a manner that he would hear these discussions. CRAFTS and Cook frequently discussed Ramsey's obsession and felt that this is a figment of his imagination. On one occasion during August 1966, Ramsey told "Pussy", a VC interrogator, that he knew what the VC were planning to do with him and that the guards had told other POWs of the VC plans. CRAFTS stated that neither Cook nor HIMSELF had ever been told by anybody that the VC had plans to execute Ramsey. During August 1966, Ramsey told CRAFTS that he almost had a nervous breakdown. Having lived with Ramsey from January 1966, until HIS release, CRAFTS feels that Ramsey is mentally unstable and that his mental condition

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2b(4)(poss)  
2c(9)(poss)  
2h(2)(k)  
(med rea)  
(not escape)  
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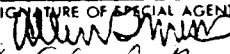

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<p>Sergeant Smith was not subjected to any physical torture. CRAFTS could not recall Smith being indoctrinated in excess of that which the other POWs received. Smith was accidentally shot in the leg by a VC. The VC guard was evidently playing with his weapon when it discharged, wounding Smith. Prior to his release in October 1965, the Camp Commander said that Smith was thin and that he needed to be put on a high protein diet to fatten him up.</p> <p>Sergeant Camacho was known by CRAFTS from 1 June 1965 to 9 July 1965. During this period Camacho was subjected to two periods of indoctrination of short duration. Topics discussed at these indoctrinations were not known by CRAFTS. At the first indoctrination Camacho received a letter from his family. The second time he received a Red Cross box. Camacho escaped from Camp Carefree on 9 July 1965. CRAFTS has no knowledge of Camacho being subjected to any form of physical or psychological torture other than that received by all POWs.</p> <p>Sergeant McClure injured his leg when he fell on a punji stake while returning from the latrine. McClure couldn't walk and the VC guards refused medical treatment for his injured leg. McClure did not receive any more indoctrination than any of the other POWs but in his case the theme of the indoctrination was directed towards racial matters and the exploitation of the Negro by the United States. CRAFTS is of the opinion that at the time of his release McClure was beginning to accept things the VC told him as being true and that VC were supporting the oppressed people of the world. CRAFTS does not believe that his loyalty to the United States has changed, only that McClure apparently was accepting the Viet Cong way of life as attractive to a Negro. During indoctrination periods attempts were made to convince McClure that the Caucasian POWs had a hatred for the Negro POWs. CRAFTS has no knowledge of McClure being subjected to physical torture or receiving any special treatment not normal for other POWs.</p> <p>While at Camp Carefree Sergeant Rohrbach refused to sharpen punji stakes for the VC. He was shackled and placed in a hole for 24 hours. A nylon cover was placed over the entrance to the hole restricting air and light from entering the hole. Rohrbach was subjected to the usual indoctrination periods. CRAFTS has no knowledge concerning any other forms of torture that Rohrbach was subjected to. Rohrbach and Smith did not get along well together.</p>	
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this name and CRAFTS assumes that this person was a POW. CRAFTS could 2h(2)(n) recall no other details concerning the aforementioned names. CRAFTS has no knowledge of any other American, Australians, Koreans, or high ranking Vietnamese military or civilian POWs.

AGENT'S NOTES: CRAFTS was advised that the information regarding detailed discussion of any possible means of torture technique was classified SECRET in order to protect POW's still in Viet Cong control. Note SICR MSG DIACO, May 1966 does not inquire as to end result or end effect of indoctrination, interrogation, or torture; therefore, no reference can be made to a valuable part of any escapee/returned POW answer. Interrogation and indoctrination sometimes overlap and blend, therefore references are also made to interrogation paragraphs of SICR. Hawks and Gustav-Hertz, USDM, may be one and the same person.

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☐ (Strike out words between brackets if person is neither accused nor suspected of a criminal offense.)

"THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, ARTICLE 31, ~~(Retain words in parentheses if statement is taken in connection with line-of-duty investigation)~~  
☐ the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States (Retain words between brackets if person making statement is a civilian) ~~(have)~~ BEEN READ AND EXPLAINED TO ME BY Joseph L. Bates.  
I UNDERSTAND THAT I DO NOT HAVE TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT WHATSOEVER AND ANY STATEMENT I MAKE MAY BE USED AS EVIDENCE AGAINST ME. I also understand that I may consult with and have physically present an appointed military attorney, a military attorney that I may specifically request providing he is reasonably available, or a civilian attorney at my own expense. If I request an attorney, I understand that I will not be questioned until counsel is present and, that regardless as to whether I have counsel, questioning will cease at any time I say I wish to remain silent or to say nothing further. Fully understanding my rights as stated, I do here freely, knowingly, and intelligently waive my right to be represented by counsel and to remain silent.

- Q: Do you have any questions concerning your rights?  
A: No.
- Q: Do you have any objections to being interviewed under oath?  
A: No, sir.
- Q: Do you have any objections to signing a sworn statement which will be in question and answer form covering the salient points of this interview?  
A: No, sir.
- Q: Do you understand that you will be afforded an opportunity to go over the transcript of the interview so that you may make any changes, corrections, additions, or deletions that you feel necessary in order to make it more complete and accurate?  
A: Yes, sir.
- Q: Do you have any objections to the utilization of a tape recorder during the interview?  
A: No, sir.
- Q: Or, the presence of the stenotypist?  
A: No, no objections.
- Q: Are you willing to be interviewed under the circumstances I have enumerated?  
A: Yes, sir.
- Q: Will you please stand and raise your right hand? Do you swear that the statement you are about to make shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but

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STATEMENT (Continued)

- the truth?  
A: I do.
9. Q: Will you please be seated. Please state your full name, rank, service number, and date and place of birth?  
A: Charles Earle Crafts, PFC, E-3, I believe, US 51 479 671. I was born on 11 August 1942 in Livermore Falls, Maine.
10. Q: I have told you we have a requirement to obtain your clothes and the other things that you brought out. We would like to see your clothes and whatever else you have with you, and to have you tell what they are and give us a little description on where you got them, and what you used them for?  
A: This is what I wore out of the jungle and it is typical VC shoe made out of rubber tire, as you can see, cut to the shape of the foot. I received these in October 1966. Anything else you would like to know?
11. Q: They look durable. What is the story on the cup? ccl

AFFIDAVIT

I, Charles Earle Crafts, HAVE HAD READ TO ME (have read) THIS STATEMENT WHICH BEGINS ON PAGE ONE (1) AND ENDS ON PAGE 122 I FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ENTIRE STATEMENT MADE BY ME. THE STATEMENT IS TRUE. I HAVE INITIALED ALL CORRECTIONS AND HAVE INITIALED THE BOTTOM OF EACH PAGE CONTAINING STATEMENT MATTER. THIS STATEMENT HAS BEEN MADE BY ME FREELY WITHOUT HOPE OF BENEFIT OR REWARD, WITHOUT THREAT OF PUNISHMENT, AND WITHOUT COERCION, UNLAWFUL INFLUENCE, OR UNLAWFUL INDUCEMENT.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF May, 1967, AT Fort Devens, Mass.

WITNESSED BY:

DONALD C. BROWN  
Special Agent, USAINTC

JOSEPH L. BATES  
Special Agent, USAINTC  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires on the  
6th day of April 1973

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# AGENCY REPORT

(SR 380-320--10)

1. Name of Subject or Title of Incident

DAWSON, Donald Charles  
DOB: 20 May 1940  
POB: San Luis Obispo, California

2. Date Submitted

22 September 1965

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3. Control Symbol or File Number

ZA015603

4. Report of Findings

DAWSON was not able to talk to any of the three American detainees, due to the camp policy that all detainees and prisoners must remain silent at all times. HE knew the American detainees only as the Captain, the Lieutenant and the Sergeant. All three Americans were at the camp for only the first two weeks of DAWSON'S stay, and then were relocated to Cambodia. DAWSON described the Americans as follows:

Name: Unknown, but referred to as The Lieutenant by DAWSON.

Age: 20 - 25 years

Height: 5' 10" - 6' 0"

Weight: 155 - 160 pounds

Build: Thin

Eyes: Blue

Race: Caucasian

Distinguishing Marks: Tattoo on left forearm. Large brown birthmark on stomach. Had sores on his back, and walked very slow.

Name: Unknown, but referred to as The Captain by DAWSON.

Age: 29 - 31 years

Height: 6' 1" - 6' 3"

Weight: 190 - 200 pounds

Build: Medium, strong

Hair: Sandy Brown

Eyes: Blue

Race: Caucasian

Distinguishing Characteristics: Whistled The Yellow Rose of Texas.

Name: Unknown, but referred to as The Sergeant by DAWSON.

Age: 30 - 35 years

Height: 5' 6" - 5' 8"

Weight: 140 - 145 pounds

Build: Small, slender

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Dark

Race: Caucasian

Distinguishing Characteristic: Appeared to pray often - religious type.

The Captain and The Sergeant were shackled together in the opposite end of the cage from where DAWSON was located. DAWSON thought they were shackled because they had tried to escape the camp sometime prior to DAWSON'S arrival. They were not permitted to leave the cage at anytime, except to relieve themselves. The Sergeant was often abused by the guards, and definitely received harsher treatment than any other detainee or prisoner at the camp. One of the punishments he suffered was not being allowed to go to the toilet for several days at a time. HE was always kept blindfolded. DAWSON did not know why he was so especially mistreated by the camp staff. On one of the few occasions when the detainees could

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5. Typed Name and Organization of Special Agent

CHARLES F. JONES, 704th INTC Det (CI)

6. Signature of Special Agent

*Charles F. Jones*

# AGENT REPORT

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## 4. Report of Findings

secretly whisper, The Sergeant asked DAWSON to make arrangements for The Sergeant's mother to receive \$100 a month. Just prior to the departure of the American detainees, DAWSON gave The Sergeant a crucifix HE had been carrying. The Sergeant cried when DAWSON made this presentation. The Lieutenant was kept in a partition near the middle of the cage, and was afforded the same treatment as the other ARVN and US detainees.

DAWSON believed the American detainees to be only in fair health, although no combat wounds were observed. The morale of The Captain and The Lieutenant seemed good, however, The Sergeant was always very depressed.

After providing the descriptions of the three American detainees, DAWSON made what HE considered positive identification of the men from a volume of records and photographs provided HIM. According to DAWSON The Captain is Donald Gilbert Cook, Captain, USMC, 272734, captured by the VC 1 January 1965; The Lieutenant is Charles E. Crafts, Private, US Army, US 524 79571, captured by the VC 29 December 1965; and The Sergeant was Harold G. Bennett, Sergeant, US Army, RA 18 542 921, captured by the VC 29 December 1964.

DAWSON could provide no additional information concerning the US detainees.

A typical day at the camp was described by DAWSON as follows: All the detainees were awakened at 0530 hours and were allowed an exercise period. The VC guards were first to exercise, then the US and ARVN detainees followed by the VC prisoners. The doors to the main detainee hut were opened during this period. Exercising was not mandatory. The detainees were next permitted to wash and toilet prior to reporting to breakfast. The breakfast hall commenced at 0600 hours. The detainees proceeded to the messhall a few at a time, from different partitions of the detainee cage. After obtaining their food, they went back to their cage to eat. Wash cans were available to wash the utensils which were all hand made from airplane parts. The detainees kept only a plate and a spoon with them in the cage. Rest, garden and other work details were formed. The work detail at the garden stayed at the garden all day, while other details did miscellaneous work around the main camp. After the noon meal the detainees were allowed a short leisure period. The work detail from the garden area usually arrived back at the main camp by 1800 hours. There was always ample opportunity to bathe in the stream near the camp and garden area. After the evening meal the detainees were locked in the cage. No one was ever allowed to talk, except during a "confession session" held after the detainees were locked in the cage for the evening. The cage master would locate himself near his hut in front of the cage to hear all the detainees tell each other what mistakes they had made, and how they had violated the rules of the camp. VC songs were learned and were sung by the men when demanded by the cagemeister. After the "confession period" ended those persons with illnesses or injuries were treated by the camp doctor and nurse. Each detainee was examined

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<p>5. Typed Name and Organization of Special Agent</p> <p>CHARLES F. JONES, 7046h INTC DET (CI)</p>	<p>6. Signature of Special Agent</p> <p><i>Charles F. Jones</i></p>
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1 COUNTRY: REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM  
1 of Tay Province

2. REPORT NUMBER 6 075 1567 07

1. (b)(7)(C) Interview of Lieutenant  
Major General [REDACTED]

A. DATE OF REPORT 17 January 1967

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IR 6 026 2136 56

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1. PLACE AND DATE OF ACQ Bien Hoa, RVN, 14 Dec 66 12. PREPARED BY

A. EVALUATION: SOURCE C INFORMATION 2 14. APPROVING AUTHORITY:

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1. 101.309, Headquarters, Dong Ngai Separation Area, Bien Hoa, did not know the exact location of the Prisoner of War (POW) camp in which he was held. He thought it was located between the villages of Binh Gia (YS 500 775), Duc Thanh District; Long Phuoc (YS 448 648), Long Le District; and Xuyen Moc (YS 660 580), Phuoc Tuy Province. He was captured during the battle of Binh Gia on 29 December 1964. During the period 29 December 1964, to 1 May 1965, the POW camp moved three times. The prisoners constructed each camp. The camps were about one days march from each other. The POW camps all had identical layouts. From conversations with VC guards at the POW camps, HOA learned that there were two camps in the same general area. The main camp in which HOA was held, contained approximately 104 prisoners who the VC were considering for eventual release. The auxiliary camp, thought by HOA to be also within the triangle formed by the three above-mentioned villages, was maintained for those prisoners not eligible for release. Sergeant BENNET, an advisor to the Vietnamese 33d Ranger Battalion, and an American Private, also on the advisory team to the 33rd Ranger Battalion were captured at Binh Gia. They were kept in the main camp with HOA for three days in early January 1965 before being moved to the auxiliary camp. The American private lived in the same hut with HOA and Sergeant Nong ra VI. Sergeant BENNET refused to sign a statement for the VC, or cooperate with them in any way during his interrogation. He was not beaten, but rather was tied hand and foot for 24 hours. During that time, BENNET did not receive any food. HOA heard BENNET tell his interrogators that he would not cooperate with the VC because he was a Catholic, anti-communist, and because of the policy of the American Government and the US Army prohibited his cooperation with them. The VC did not beat BENNET or any other prisoner, Vietnamese or American, at the main camp. The main camp consisted of four houses, enclosed by a barbed wire perimeter (200 by 100 meters). One platoon of VC guarded the main camp, and they lived in four huts located at each corner of the POW enclosure.

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Only the small scrub brush and undergrowth were removed for the camp area. The tall trees were left standing to provide protection against aerial surveillance.

2. and about thirty other soldiers were released by the VC on 1 May 1966, near Baria (YS 377 608), Phuoc Tuy Province. They were briefly interrogated by the Sector S2 and then sent to Bien Hoa Province Military Security Service (MSS). The former prisoners were debriefed by the MSS before being sent to the Trai An Duong (Rest Center) Saigon, RVN.

3. did not know if the camp had been overrun by Vietnamese or Allied troops. The VC did make a propaganda movie of the POW camp. Aerial photography was made impossible by the dense tree cover.

4. heard that an American Marine Captain, name unknown, was held at the auxilliary camp. The Captain, an advisor to the 4th Vietnamese Marine Combat Battalion, had been wounded and captured at Binh Gia. The Captain had three children in the UNITED STATES, and had been permitted to write his family.

REMARKS: A check conducted at III Corps MSS on 9 December 1966, failed to produce any debriefing reports of the prisoners released with

However, with the submittal of names gathered during the course of the investigation to the Bien Hoa Province, MSS, some of the debriefing reports have been obtained and are now being copied and translated. was interviewed on 14 December 1966, at Hq, III ARVN Corps, Bien Hoa Province, RVN by Charles O. PFLUGRATH of Rgn III, 135th MI Gp with the assistance of a 135th MI Gp support source. This IR partially satisfies SICR D-1E6-16303. Collection action is continuing.

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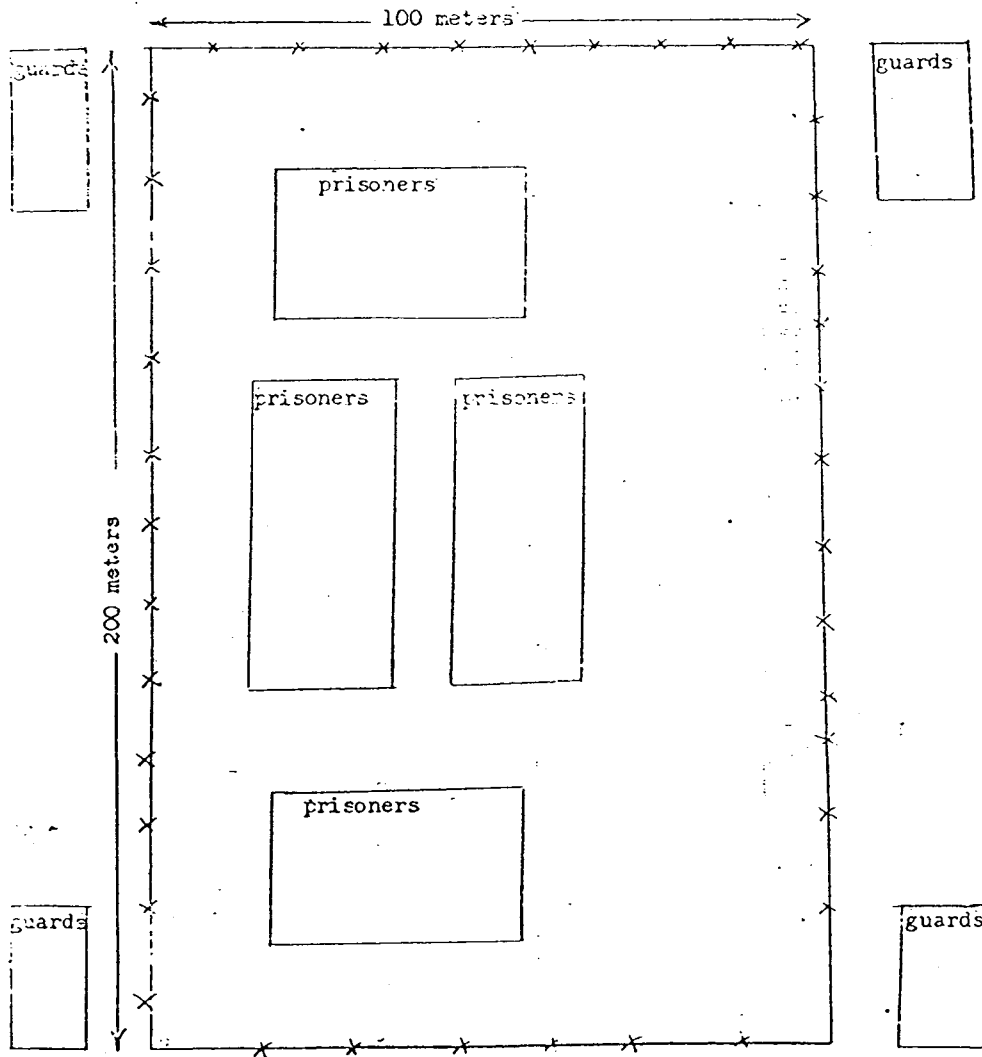
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From: Commander, Joint Task Force – Full Accounting

To: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Personnel Command

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PERTAINING TO CASES 0043, 0049, AND 0050 (0049)

Encl: (1) CDR JTF-FA HONOLULU HI//170732Z JAN 03

1. Enclosure (1) is a 2-Sectioned message and is provided for release to the next of kin of HAROLD G. BENNETT (REFNO 0049-1-01). Final Section of 2 is included within enclosure (1).

2. The JTF-FA has sanitized the enclosed report by redacting U.S. personnel names per Executive Order 12812, 22 Jul 92, and Title 5, U.S. Code 552(b)(6). In no instance has substantive material been removed.



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2. SUMMARY.

A. CASE 0043 CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: ON 6 NOVEMBER 1964, 1LT  
DANIEL DAWSON, PILOT, AND A REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARMED FORCES  
(RVNAF) OBSERVER WERE FLYING AN O-1F AIRCRAFT ON A VISUAL  
RECONNAISSANCE OF THE BIEN HOA PROVINCE AREA IN SOUTH VIETNAM.  
THEY TOOK OFF FROM BIEN HOA AB AT 1420 HOURS AND WERE NEVER SEEN  
AGAIN. AT 1900 HOURS THE SAME DAY, ANOTHER AIRCRAFT WAS  
DISPATCHED TO TRY AND LOCATE THE OVERDUE AIRCRAFT, BUT IT WAS  
UNSUCCESSFUL. ON 7 NOVEMBER, THE SEARCH EFFORT WAS TURNED OVER

TO THE AIR FORCE, WHICH CONTINUED THE SEARCH FOR THREE MORE DAYS WITHOUT SUCCESS. NO TRACE OF THE AIRCRAFT OR CREW HAS EVER BEEN FOUND. 1LT DAWSON'S BROTHER, [REDACTED] AND HIS COMPANION, [REDACTED] WERE TAKEN PRISONER BY GUERRILLAS WHILE SEARCHING FOR 1LT DAWSON. [REDACTED], A CIVILIAN, AND MS. [REDACTED], A VIETNAMESE CITIZEN OF FRENCH-VIETNAMESE ETHNICITY, WERE HELD IN A POW CAMP UNTIL AUGUST 1965. WHILE IN THE CAMP, THE CAMP COMMANDER TOLD [REDACTED] THAT HIS BROTHER WAS DEAD AND GAVE HIM A JACKET ALLEGEDLY BELONGING TO 1LT DAWSON.

B. CASE 0049 CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: ON 29 DECEMBER 1964, SGT BENNETT AND PFC CRAFTS WERE ADVISORS WITH A RVNAF RANGER BATTALION ON A COMBAT OPERATION IN WARTIME PHUOC TUY PROVINCE. THE RANGER COMPANY LANDED IN THE VICINITY OF BINH GIA VILLAGE AND MOVED EAST APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS WHERE IT ENCOUNTERED LIGHT ENEMY CONTACT. ENEMY RESISTANCE INCREASED AND AIRSTRIKES WERE CALLED IN TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION. DURING THE INTENSE FIGHTING, THE RVNAF COMPANY BROKE AND RAN, ABANDONING SGT BENNETT, PFC CRAFTS, AND 2LT HOA, AN RVNAF PLATOON LEADER. ALL THREE WERE CAPTURED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YS 549 755 BY 20-30 ENEMY SOLDIERS. RVNAF SOLDIERS WHO ESCAPED FROM THE AREA STATED THAT THE THREE CAPTIVES WERE LED AWAY IN THE DIRECTION OF XUAN SON VILLAGE (YS 567 773). ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT'S (PRG) DIED-IN-CAPTIVITY LIST, SGT BENNETT DIED IN JUNE 1965. THE PRG RELEASED PFC CRAFTS ON 16 FEBRUARY 1967.

C. CASE 0050 CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: ON 31 DECEMBER 1964, CAPT COOK WAS AN ADVISOR WITH AN RVNAF MARINE BATTALION ON A COMBAT OPERATION NEAR BINH GIA VILLAGE IN WARTIME PHUOC TUY PROVINCE. HIS UNIT ENGAGED A VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST FORCE IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATE YS 85 90. THE RVN MARINES REPORTED THAT CAPT COOK WAS WOUNDED IN THE LEFT HIP AND CAPTURED BY THE ENEMY FORCE. CAPT COOK WAS HELD WITH OTHER AMERICANS IN VARIOUS POW CAMPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM FROM 1964 TO 1967. ACCORDING TO THE PRG'S DIED-IN-CAPTIVITY LIST, CAPT COOK DIED ON 8 DECEMBER 1967.

D. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION: ON 21, 22, AND, 23 OCTOBER 2002, DURING THE 71ST JFA, WHILE INVESTIGATING ANOTHER CASE IN HO CHI MINH CITY AND TAY NINH PROVINCE, VIETNAM, THE RESEARCH AND INVESTIGATION TEAM (RIT) OBTAINED INFORMATION ON CASES 0043, 0049, AND 0050. THE RIT INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES, EACH OF WHOM PROVIDED FIRSTHAND INFORMATION CONCERNING SEVERAL U.S. PRISONERS HELD IN PRISON CAMPS IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM.

E. REMAINS/PERSONAL EFFECTS: NONE.

### 3. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION.

A. PURPOSE: CONDUCT JOINT INTERVIEWS WITH THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHOM THE VNOSMP UNILATERALLY INTERVIEWED DURING THE 70TH JFA (REF A):

(1) MR. NGUYEN THANH LONG (NGUYEENX THANH LONG), FORMER CHAIRMAN, SOUTHERN VIETNAM LIBERATION FRONT (NOT ACCOMPLISHED, SEE PARA 3.B., BELOW).

(2) MR. NGUYEN VAN NHA (NGUYEENX VAWN NHA), AKA CHIN THIEN (CHINS THIEENJ), FORMERLY IN CHARGE OF WAR ZONE D SECURITY CAMP T1 (ACCOMPLISHED, SEE PARA 3.D.(1), BELOW).

(3) MR. NGUYEN TAN PHONG (NGUYEENX TAANS PHONG), AKA MUOI PHONG (MWOIF PHONG), FORMER GUARD AT A WAR ZONE D PRISON CAMP (NOT ACCOMPLISHED, SEE PARA 3.B., BELOW).

(4) MR. DUONG VAN THUA (ZWONG VAWN THWAR), AKA DUONG VAN LIEN (ZWONG VAWN LIEEN), AKA SAU LIEN (SAUS LIEEN), FORMER MEMBER OF THE LEADERSHIP SECTION OF THE WAR ZONE D T1 DETAINMENT CAMP (NOT ACCOMPLISHED, SEE PARA 3.B., BELOW).

(5) MR. NGUYEN VAN TIET (NGUYEENX VAWN TIEETS), AKA TU TIET (TW TIEETS), FORMER GUARD AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR SOUTH VIETNAM (COSVN) DETAINMENT CAMP (TRAIJ GIAM "R") (ACCOMPLISHED, SEE PARA 3.E.(1), BELOW).

(6) MR. NGO QUANG THANH (NGOO QUANG THANHJ), AKA BAY THANH (BAYR THANHJ), FORMER HEAD OF THE EASTERN REGION-SOUTHERN VIETNAM MILITARY REGION DEFENSE OFFICE (ACCOMPLISHED, SEE PARA 3.E.(2), BELOW).

(7) MR. TRAN NAM HUNG (TRAANF NAM HUNGF), FORMER COMMANDER, 16TH INDEPENDENT REGIMENT, COSVN (NOT ACCOMPLISHED, SEE PARA 3.B., BELOW).

(8) MR. MUOI ANH (MWOIF ANHR), FORMER MEMBER OF A WAR ZONE D SECURITY CAMP INTRODUCED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CAMP (NOT ACCOMPLISHED, SEE PARA 3.B., BELOW).

B. BETWEEN 21 AND 23 OCTOBER 2002, THE JOINT RIT INVESTIGATED A PRIORITY CASE IN HO CHI MINH CITY AND TAY NINH PROVINCE, VIETNAM.

C. TEAM COMPOSITION (NOTE: DUE TO SPLIT OPERATIONS, THE TEAM COMPOSITION FOR EACH INTERVIEW IN THIS INVESTIGATION WAS DIFFERENT. EXACT TEAM COMPOSITION IS LISTED AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH WITNESS STATEMENT SECTION.):

(1) U.S. CONTINGENT:

(A) MR. [REDACTED], JTF-FA, RIT LEADER.

(B) MSGT [REDACTED], JTF-FA, ASSISTANT RIT LEADER.

(C) MSGT [REDACTED], JTF-FA INVESTIGATOR/LINGUIST.

(D) MR. [REDACTED], STONY BEACH DEBRIEFER.

(E) HM1 [REDACTED], TEAM MEDIC.

(2) VIETNAMESE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONTINGENT:

(A) SENIOR COLONEL (SRCOL) LE KY (LEE KYR), TEAM LEADER.

(B) MR. NGUYEN THANH SON (NGUYEENX THANH SOWN), TEAM MEMBER (MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY).

(C) MR. BUI HOANG LONG (BUIF HOANGF LONG), TEAM MEMBER (MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS).

D. THE JOINT RIT INTERVIEWED WITNESS ONE IN HO CHI MINH CITY ON 21 OCTOBER 2002. (NOTE: ALL EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE JOINT RIT WERE PRESENT DURING THIS INTERVIEW.) HE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING:

(1) NAME: MR. NGUYEN VAN NHA (NGUYEENX VAWN NHA), AKA CHIN THIEN (CHINS THIEENJ).

(2) AGE: 72 YOA.

(3) ADDRESS: NUMBER 9A TRUNG MI TAY ROAD (DWONGF TRUNG MIX TAAY), TAN BINH DISTRICT, HO CHI MINH CITY.

(4) WARTIME OCCUPATION: COMMANDER OF THE T1 SECURITY CAMP IN EASTERN REGION-SOUTHERN VIETNAM.

(5) BACKGROUND: THE VNOSMP INTERVIEWED MR. NHA DURING THE 70TH JFA (4 JUNE-2 JULY 2002, REF A). THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME A JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED MR. NHA.

(6) STATEMENT:

(A) T1 PRISON CAMP. MR. NHA WAS ORIGINALLY FROM SAIGON BUT AFTER THE GENEVA ACCORDS IN 1954 HE MOVED TO HANOI.

IN EARLY 1962, MR. NHA RETURNED TO SAIGON AND IN 1963 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE T1 PUBLIC SECURITY PRISON CAMP (TRAIJ GIAM AN NINH T1). THE T1 PRISON CAMP WAS GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS "AN NINH (SECURITY) T1". "AN NINH" WAS THE WARTIME TERM FOR PUBLIC SECURITY WHICH HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH THE TERM "CONG AN" (COONG AN) SINCE THE WAR. THE T1 PUBLIC SECURITY AREA (KHU AN NINH T1) ADMINISTERED THE T1 PRISON CAMP IN THE EASTERN REGION-SOUTHERN VIETNAM (MIEENF DOONG NAM BOOJ) (ERSV). AT THAT TIME, THE ERSV INCLUDED SEVEN PROVINCES (AS ORGANIZED UNDER THE DIEM REGIME): BINH LONG, PHUOC LONG, TAY NINH, PHUOC THANH, THU DAU MOT, BIEN HOA, AND LONG KHANH. THE ERSV WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THESE SEVEN PROVINCES IN 1961 AND REMAINED INTACT UNTIL 1967. AT THAT POINT, DUE TO HEAVY FIGHTING, THE STRUCTURE WAS NO LONGER COMPATIBLE WITH THE SITUATION, SO THE ERSV WAS DISBANDED AND SUB-REGION 5 (PHAAN KHU 5) WAS ESTABLISHED WHICH INCLUDED THU DAU MOT AND BIEN HOA PROVINCES (NOTE: MR. NHA USED BIEN HOA AND DONG NAI INTERCHANGEABLY DURING THE INTERVIEW, AS DONG NAI IS THE CURRENT NAME FOR WARTIME BIEN HOA PROVINCE). THE SAIGON-GIA DINH SPECIAL ZONE (DAWCJ KHU SAIF GONF-GIA DINHJ) WAS CALLED T4. T3 WAS SOUTH OF SAIGON AND INCLUDED LONG AN, MY THO, AND OTHER PROVINCES (NFI) IN THE WESTERN REGION-SOUTHERN VIETNAM (MIEENF TAAY-NAM BOOJ). MR. NHA WAS UNSURE WHICH PROVINCES T2 INCLUDED.

(B) SUBORDINATION. MR. NHA WAS IN CHARGE OF CAMP T1, WHICH WAS LOCATED IN WAR ZONE D (CHIEENS KHU D) AND WAS DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO MR. MAI CHI THO (MAI CHIS THOJ) OF THE ZONE PARTY COMMITTEE. MR. THO SERVED AS BOTH THE SECRETARY OF THE ZONE PARTY COMMITTEE (BIS THW KHU UYR) AND THE CHIEF OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY SECTION FOR THE T1 PUBLIC SECURITY ZONE (TRWONGR BAN AN NINH KHU AN NINH T1). THE ZONE PARTY COMMITTEE WAS DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO COSVN (TRUNG WONG CUCJ). (NOTE: COSVN WAS THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION THAT CONTROLLED ALL PARTY FUNCTIONS IN WARTIME SOUTH VIETNAM.) MR. NGUYEN THANH LONG (NGUYEENX THANH LONG) WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MILITARY REGION FRONT (CHUR TICHJ MAWTJ TRAANJ QUAAN KHU). HE WAS PRESENT FOR THE RELEASE CEREMONY FOR MR. [REDACTED] AND MS. [REDACTED] (SEE PARA 3.D.(6)(E), BELOW). THE ZONE PARTY COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS WAS WITHIN A ONE-HALF DAY WALK FROM CAMP T1 IN A REMOTE LOCATION (NFI).

(C) LOCATION OF THE T1 PRISON CAMP. THE T1 CAMP WAS LOCATED IN A REMOTE LOCATION NORTH OF THE DONG NAI RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF THU DAU MOT AND BIEN HOA PROVINCES (CURRENTLY BINH DUONG AND DONG NAI PROVINCES). THE NEAREST POPULATED AREA (PLACENAME UNRECALLED) WAS A FOUR-DAY WALK FROM THE CAMP BUT DEPENDING ON COMBAT ACTIVITY IN THE AREA, IT COULD TAKE MUCH LONGER. CAMP PERSONNEL WOULD GO TO A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT PLACES FOR SUPPLIES, INCLUDING SEVERAL "STRATEGIC HAMLETS" (AAPS CHIEENS LWOCJ). THE T1 CAMP WAS INTENTIONALLY PLACED IN AN AREA DEVOID OF MAJOR TRANSPORTATION ROUTES TO PREVENT ENEMY DETECTION. THE SO-CALLED LE XUAN ROAD (DWONGF LEEJ XUAAN), WHICH WAS A TWO-DAY WALK EAST OF THE T1 CAMP, DERIVED ITS NAME FROM TRAN LE XUAN (TRAANF LEEJ XUAAN) (FIELD COMMENT - ALSO KNOWN AS MADAME NHU), THE SISTER-IN-LAW OF NGO DINH DIEM. XUAN HAD BULLDOZERS CUT A ROAD AS A MEANS TO EXPLOIT LUMBER. ONCE ENEMY ACTIVITY PICKED UP IN THE AREA, XUAN ABANDONED THE PROJECT LEAVING AN UNFINISHED PATH THROUGH THE FOREST. ON STILL NIGHTS, PERSONNEL AT THE T1 CAMP COULD HEAR JET AIRCRAFT TAKING OFF AND LANDING AT BIEN HOA

AIRFIELD (NEVER DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS). ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SEVERAL TEMPORARY TACTICAL AIRFIELDS FOR HELICOPTER OPERATIONS WITHIN HEARING DISTANCE, THERE WERE NO OTHER AIRFIELDS THAT COULD ACCOMMODATE JET AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINITY OF THE T1 CAMP.

(D) PUBLIC SECURITY MISSION. THE MISSION OF PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES (LWCJ LWONGJ AN NINH) AT THAT TIME WAS TO KEEP THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS CLEAR OF HOSTILE ELEMENTS THAT INCLUDED ESPIONAGE AND COUNTERINTELLIGENCE FORCES. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY WERE TO ESTABLISH AN INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK TO BETTER GRASP THE SITUATION IN THE STRATEGIC HAMLETS. BECAUSE THE MILITARY WAS INVOLVED WITH CARRYING OUT THE WAR, THEY DID NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO MAINTAIN A PRISON SYSTEM IN THE EARLY YEARS (1961-1967). FOR THIS REASON, THE MILITARY AUTHORIZED THE PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES TO FORM THE T1 CAMP TO HOLD PRISONERS INCLUDING REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (RVN) AND U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL.

(E) CIVILIAN PRISONERS. THE T1 CAMP DID NOT HOLD VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS. ON ONE OCCASION, HOWEVER, IT DID HOUSE AN AMERICAN CIVILIAN NAMED [REDACTED] ALONG WITH AN INTERPRETER NAMED [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] WAS A U.S. CITIZEN WHO CAME TO VIETNAM TO FIND THE REMAINS OF HIS BROTHER WHO DIED WHEN THE L-19 HE WAS IN CRASHED IN SOUTH VIETNAM. LOCAL FORCES CAPTURED THESE TWO PEOPLE AND BROUGHT THEM TO T1. AFTER A SHORT TIME IN THE T1 CAMP, THEY WERE RELEASED. ASIDE FROM [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] MR. NHA WAS AWARE OF NO OTHER AMERICAN CIVILIANS HELD IN T1.

(F) CAMP STAFF/LAYOUT. APPROXIMATELY 40 PERSONNEL MANNED THE T1 CAMP. MR. NHA DESCRIBED THE CAMP STAFF AS BEING LARGER THAN ONE PLATOON MADE UP OF TWO SECURITY SQUADS. ALL PERSONNEL AT THE CAMP WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTH SECURITY AND REAR SERVICES TASKS. MR. NHA EXPLAINED THAT WHOEVER WAS AVAILABLE WOULD BE TASKED WITH OBTAINING PROVISIONS AND OTHER SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. THE T1 CAMP WAS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS: 1) COMMAND SECTION, 2) FEMALE PRISONER SECTION, 3) CIVILIAN SECTION, AND 4) THE MILITARY PRISONER SECTION. DURING MR. NHA'S TIME AT THE T1 CAMP, THE CAMP MOVED TWICE DUE TO ENEMY DETECTION. HE COULD NOT SPECIFICALLY RECALL WHEN THESE MOVES TOOK PLACE.

(G) FOREIGN PRISONERS. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF THREE FOREIGN PRISONERS BETWEEN 1963 AND 1967 AT THE T1 CAMP. ONE OF THESE WAS MR. [REDACTED]. THE OTHER TWO WERE CAUCASIAN AMERICANS CAPTURED DURING THE BATTLE AT BINH GIA (DATE UNRECALLED): ONE CAPTAIN AND ONE SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER (NCO). (NOTE: THE WORD MR. NHA USED FOR SNCO WAS "THWONGJ SIX" WHICH CAN BE INTERPRETED AS EITHER WARRANT OFFICER OR SENIOR NCO. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS REPORT, THE TERM WILL BE TRANSLATED AS SENIOR NCO.) HE DESCRIBED THE CAPTAIN AS BEING VERY TALL BUT COULD RECALL NO SPECIFIC DETAILS OF EITHER AMERICAN. BOTH WORE U.S. MILITARY UNIFORMS AT THE TIME OF CAPTURE. WHILE AT THE T1 CAMP THEY WORE BLACK AND WHITE STRIPED PAJAMAS (INTENDED TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR PRISONERS TO HIDE IF THEY WERE TO ESCAPE).

((1)) GUARD INTERACTION. GUARDS AT THE CAMP DID HAVE REGULAR, DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE PRISONERS. ARMED GUARDS WOULD ESCORT PRISONERS ONE AT A TIME TO RELIEVE THEMSELVES OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER OF THE CAMP ON A DAILY BASIS. THE GUARDS WERE INSTRUCTED NOT TO INTERACT WITH THE PRISONERS. BECAUSE NONE OF THE GUARDS AT THE T1 CAMP COULD SPEAK ENGLISH, MR. NHA OPINED THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PRISONERS.

((2)) ESCAPE ATTEMPT. ONE DAY (NFI), WHILE MR. OANH WAS GUARDING THE TWO AMERICANS AS THEY RELIEVED THEMSELVES OUTSIDE THE PRISON GATE, THEY ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE. ALTHOUGH IT WAS PRISON POLICY TO NEVER ALLOW ONE GUARD TO ESCORT MORE THAN ONE PRISONER, MR. OANH MADE AN EXCEPTION BECAUSE THE PRISONERS APPEARED TO BE IN PAIN. ONCE OUTSIDE THE CAMP, THE PRISONERS THREW THEMSELVES TO THE GROUND FEIGNING STOMACH PAINS. WHEN MR. OANH CAME TO ASSIST THEM, THE CAPTAIN GRABBED MR. OANH'S AK-47 AND ATTEMPTED TO SHOOT MR. OANH BUT THE WEAPON DID NOT FIRE. AT THAT POINT, MR. OANH BIT THE AMERICAN CAPTAIN ON THE HAND. THE AMERICAN CAPTAIN USED HIS BODY TO SLAM INTO MR. OANH SENDING HIM STUMBLING TO THE FLOOR. BOTH AMERICANS FLED WITH THE AK-47. GUARDS WERE SENT OUT TO RECAPTURE THE AMERICANS. THE AMERICANS HID THEMSELVES IN SOME BUSHES AND FIRED AT THE GUARDS, BUT DID NOT HIT ANY OF THEM. AFTER RUNNING OUT OF AMMUNITION, THE AMERICANS SURRENDERED TO THE PRISON GUARDS.

((3)) DEATH OF AN AMERICAN PRISONER.

APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS AFTER THESE AMERICANS WERE BROUGHT TO T1, AN ESCORT SQUAD ARRIVED AT THE T1 CAMP TO TAKE THEM TO COSVN. COSVN ORDERED THIS TRANSFER BECAUSE THEY INTENDED TO SUBSEQUENTLY MOVE THE AMERICANS TO HANOI. SINCE THE T1 CAMP HAD NO RADIO OR TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS, THESE ORDERS WERE TRANSMITTED BY 1LT PHI HUNG (PHI HUNGF), AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING INTERROGATOR ASSIGNED TO ERSV WHO ACCOMPANIED A SQUAD OF MILITARY ESCORTS THAT WERE TO TAKE THE AMERICANS TO COSVN. THE ESCORTS MADE THE AMERICAN PRISONERS WEAR BLACK PAJAMAS WHILE IN TRANSIT IN ORDER TO AVOID ENEMY DETECTION. BOTH PRISONERS WERE ALLOWED TO WEAR THEIR BOOTS DURING THE MOVEMENT. SEVERAL DAYS AFTER DEPARTING THE T1 CAMP WITH THE PRISONERS, MR. PHI HUNG RETURNED AND TOLD MR. NHA WHAT HAD OCCURRED ON THE WAY TO COSVN. ACCORDING TO MR. PHI HUNG, AFTER ESCORTING THE AMERICANS AWAY FROM THE T1 PRISON CAMP FOR TWO DAYS, THE AMERICAN CAPTAIN REFUSED TO WALK ANY FARTHER. AT THAT POINT, THE CAPTAIN MADE AN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM THE ESCORT TROOPS AND MR. PHI HUNG SHOT AND KILLED HIM ON THE SPOT WITH HIS K54 PISTOL. THE SENIOR NCO CONTINUED WITH THE ESCORTS TO COSVN WITHOUT RESISTANCE. MR. NHA OPINED THAT BECAUSE THE AMERICANS WERE LACKING SUFFICIENT FOOD AND WATER THEY PROBABLY STRUGGLED TO KEEP UP WITH THEIR ESCORTS. SO, AFTER TWO DAYS OF THIS, THE CAPTAIN COULD GO NO FARTHER. MR. NHA DID NOT KNOW THE NAMES OF ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ESCORT SQUAD.

((4)) BURIAL LOCATION. THIS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE ALONG THE UPPER SAIGON RIVER (MES SOONG SAIF GONF THWONGJ). MR. PHI HUNG AND THE OTHERS BURIED THE AMERICAN NEAR THE COMMO-LIAISON ROUTE ALONG THE BANK OF THE SAIGON RIVER. THE ONLY COMMO-LIAISON STATION ALONG THAT ROUTE THAT MR. NHA COULD REMEMBER WAS CALLED STATION 27 AND IT BELONGED TO THE ERSV. STATION 27 WAS APPROXIMATELY A ONE-DAY WALK FROM THE T1 PRISON CAMP, SO IT WAS APPROXIMATELY HALFWAY BETWEEN THE T1 CAMP AND THE AMERICAN CAPTAIN'S BURIAL SITE. MR. NHA OPINED THAT EVEN IF MR. PHI HUNG WAS LOCATED AND TAKEN BACK TO THE VICINITY OF THE BURIAL, IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND THE EXACT BURIAL SITE DUE TO THE CHANGES IN THE TERRAIN AND VEGETATION.

((5)) ESCORT OFFICER. 1LT PHI HUNG WAS THE PERSON THAT ORIGINALLY ESCORTED THE TWO AMERICANS TO THE T1 PRISON CAMP SHORTLY AFTER THEIR CAPTURE IN BINH GIA. BECAUSE 1LT HUNG WAS IN THE MILITARY AND MR. NHA WAS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

SECURITY FORCES (AN NINH), MR. NHA HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXTENT OF 1LT HUNG'S DUTIES RELATED TO OTHER PRISON CAMPS IN VIETNAM. THROUGH SEVERAL FRIENDS, MR. NHA HAS LEARNED THAT MR. PHI HUNG IS STILL ALIVE AND LIVING SOMEWHERE IN HO CHI MINH CITY BUT HAS THUS FAR BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN HIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE HIM. (NOTE: SRCOL KY STATED THAT HE HAS MADE NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE MR. PHI HUNG THROUGH LOCAL VETERANS' ASSOCIATIONS BUT HAS FOUND THAT THEY RARELY KEEP DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING LOW-RANKING PAVN OFFICERS.) MR. NHA ESTIMATED THAT HE AND MR. PHI HUNG WERE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AGE (72 YOA). ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT RECALL MR. PHI HUNG'S HOMETOWN, MR. NHA RECALLED THAT HE SPOKE WITH A SOUTHERN ACCENT.

(H) OTHER PERSONNEL. MESSRS. PHI HUNG AND UT TOT (UTS TOOTS) WERE BOTH FIRST LIEUTENANTS ASSIGNED TO THE ERSV AND WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTING PRISONERS TO AND FROM THE T1 CAMP. MR. NHA DESCRIBED MESSRS. PHI HUNG AND UT TOT AS CLOSE FRIENDS DURING THE WAR; HOWEVER, HE HAS LOST TOUCH WITH BOTH OF THEM SINCE THAT TIME. MR. NHA RECALLED THAT MR. OANH WORKED AS A SECURITY GUARD AT THE T1 CAMP. MR. NHA COULD NOT RECALL MR. OANH'S HOMETOWN AND ONLY GUESSED THAT MR. OANH WAS MORE THAN 10 YEARS HIS JUNIOR.

(I) OTHER PRISON CAMPS. MR. NHA KNEW OF PROVINCE-LEVEL PRISON CAMPS IN THE DONG NAI (WARTIME BIEN HOA), BINH DUONG (WARTIME THU DAU MOT), AND TAY NINH PROVINCES. BECAUSE OF THE UNSTABLE SECURITY SITUATION IN BA RIA-VUNG TAU, BIEN HOA, THU DAU MOT, TAY NINH, AND PHUOC THANH PROVINCES, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN PRISON CAMPS IN THESE PROVINCES. THERE WERE, HOWEVER, SMALL TEMPORARY PRISONS AT THE VILLAGE, DISTRICT, AND PROVINCE LEVELS ORGANIZED UNDER PROVINCIAL PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES (AN NINH TINHR). SINCE THESE SMALL PRISONS WERE NOT PREPARED TO HOLD LONG-TERM PRISONERS, THEY WOULD SEND SUCH PRISONERS TO THE T1 CAMP BECAUSE IT WAS SUFFICIENTLY MANNED AND EQUIPPED TO HANDLE THEM. TWO OR THREE TIMES A YEAR (1963-1965), MR. NHA CONDUCTED INSPECTION VISITS TO THE PROVINCE-LEVEL PRISONS IN BIEN HOA, THU DAU MOT, AND TAY NINH PROVINCES. THE ERSV DIRECTED THESE VISITS TO ENSURE THAT DIRECTIVES CONCERNING THE CARE OF PRISONERS WERE ENFORCED. MR. NHA STATED THAT THERE WERE STRICT RULES AGAINST STARVING OR TORTURING THE PRISONERS. AMONG THE THREE PRISONS HE VISITED HE COULD ONLY REMEMBER THE NAMES OF TWO INDIVIDUALS: MR. MUOI THANH (MWOIF THANH) (NFI), IN CHARGE OF THE THU DAU MOT PRISON CAMP, AND CAPTAIN PHAN NAI (DECEASED), COMMANDER OF THE BIEN HOA PROVINCE CAMP. BECAUSE THESE PROVINCIAL LEVEL PRISONS WOULD SEND MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE ERSV WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NUMBERS AND TYPES OF PRISONERS HELD, THE ERSV SENT REPRESENTATIVES, LIKE MR. NHA, TO INSPECT THE PRISONS AND TO VERIFY THESE REPORTS.

(J) MR. NHA DID NOT KNOW OF ANY OTHER LOSS INCIDENTS OR INCIDENTS INVOLVING UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICANS, AMERICAN GRAVESITES, OR AMERICANS WHO REMAINED IN VIETNAM AFTER 1975.

E. THE RIT INTERVIEWED WITNESSES TWO AND THREE IN TAY NINH PROVINCE. THEY PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) WITNESS TWO (INTERVIEWED ON 22 OCTOBER 2002). (NOTE: THE FOLLOWING RIT MEMBERS WERE PRESENT DURING THIS INTERVIEW: MR. [REDACTED] MR. [REDACTED] AND HM1 [REDACTED] FROM THE U.S. SIDE ALONG WITH MR. SON AND MR. LONG OF THE VNOSMP.)

(A) NAME: NGUYEN VAN TIET (NGUYEENX VAWN TIEETS),

AKA TU TIET (TW TIEETS).

(B) AGE: 63 YOA.

(C) ADDRESS: 108/4B NGUYEN THAI HOC (NGUYEENX THAIS HOCJ) STREET, TAY NINH CITY, TAY NINH PROVINCE.

(D) WARTIME OCCUPATION: DEPUTY SECURITY PLATOON LEADER IN CHARGE OF REAR SERVICES FOR THE COSVN PRISON CAMP.

(E) BACKGROUND: IN OCTOBER 1993 MR. TIET PROVIDED INFORMATION TO THE JOINT SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM (SRT) PURSUANT TO CASE 0052 (REF B). THE VNOSMP UNILATERALLY INTERVIEWED MR. TIET DURING THE 70TH JFA (REF A).

(F) STATEMENT:

((1)) COSVN PRISON CAMP. MR. TIET SERVED AT THE COSVN PRISON CAMP CONTINUOUSLY BEGINNING IN EITHER 1962 OR 1963 UNTIL 1975. THE CAMP WAS COMMONLY CALLED "R" SECURITY CAMP (TRAI AN NINH "R"). (NOTE: THE TERM "R" WHICH STANDS FOR "REGION" WAS A TERM DESCRIBING THE COSVN AREA OF OPERATIONS. THE TERM WAS OFTEN SYNONYMOUS WITH THE TERM COSVN.) THE COSVN PRISON CAMP MOVED BETWEEN TAY NINH PROVINCE AND CAMBODIA THROUGHOUT THE WAR DEPENDING ON INTENSITY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. THE DESIGNATION OF THE CAMP ALSO CHANGED THROUGHOUT THE WAR. THE DESIGNATORS THAT MR. TIET COULD RECALL WERE B17 AND C23. MR. TIET HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF PRISON CAMPS DESIGNATED T21, T22, C24, OR C26. THE COSVN PRISON CAMP WAS ORGANIZED INTO SEVERAL DIFFERENT OPERATIONAL SECTIONS THAT INCLUDED A COMMAND SECTION (BAN LANHX DAOJ) AND GUARD SECTION (BAOR VEEJ). MR. TIET SERVED AS THE DEPUTY PLATOON LEADER IN CHARGE OF REAR SERVICES (TRUNG DOOIJ PHOS PHUJ TRACHS HAAUJ CAANF). HIS PLATOON WAS AN ARMED GUARD PLATOON (TRUNG DOOIJ VUX TRANG BAOR VEEJ) CHARGED WITH SECURITY OF THE COSVN PRISON CAMP. CAMP PERSONNEL PURCHASED ALL SUPPLIES FROM LOCAL VILLAGERS. THE PRISON CAMP WAS SURROUNDED BY A PERIMETER FENCE AND INCORPORATED SEVERAL SMALL STRUCTURES INCLUDING A HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, A GUARD SHACK, AND PRISONER QUARTERS. THERE WERE OTHER SECURITY FORCES PRISON CAMPS IN THE TAY NINH AREA, BUT MR. TIET DID NOT VISIT THEM BECAUSE, IN GENERAL, THERE WAS LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.

((2)) PRISONERS. THE COSVN PRISON CAMP PRIMARILY HELD VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL IMPRISONED BY PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES FOR VARIOUS ADMINISTRATIVE AND DISCIPLINARY RULES VIOLATIONS. MR. TIET HAD KNOWLEDGE OF TWO FOREIGN PRISONERS HELD AT THE COSVN CAMP DURING THE WAR. ONE AMERICAN MALE THAT, AFTER BEING HELD FOR THREE OR FOUR YEARS, DIED OF MALARIA IN THE 1966-1967 TIME FRAME. THE OTHER FOREIGNER (NATIONALITY UNKNOWN) WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED IN THE 1967-1968 TIMEFRAME.

((3)) DEATH OF THE AMERICAN. THE AMERICAN THAT DIED IN THE COSVN PRISON CAMP WAS A RELATIVELY TALL, HEALTHY CAUCASIAN MALE. MR. TIET COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE AMERICAN'S FEATURES BUT GUESSED HIM TO BE APPROXIMATELY 30 YEARS OLD. BECAUSE MR. TIET DEALT PRIMARILY WITH LOGISTICS FOR THE CAMP, HE HAD LITTLE INTERACTION WITH THE PRISONERS. HE COULD NOT RECALL IF THE AMERICAN WAS MILITARY OR CIVILIAN. WHEN THE AMERICAN DIED, HE WAS BURIED NEAR THE COSVN PRISON CAMP. MR. TIET PROVIDED SPECIFIC INFORMATION ABOUT THIS BURIAL TO THE JOINT TEAM THAT INTERVIEWED HIM PREVIOUSLY (SEE REF B).

((4)) OTHER PERSONNEL. THE COMMANDER OF THE COSVN PRISON CAMP WAS A NORTHERNER WITH THE PSEUDONYM HAI QUANG MINH. MR. TIET BELIEVES MR. MINH IS STILL LIVING SOMEWHERE IN HO

CHI MINH CITY. MR. TIET COULD NOT RECALL EVER DEALING WITH MR. PHI HUNG.

((5)) MR. TIET DID NOT KNOW OF ANY OTHER LOSS INCIDENTS OR INCIDENTS INVOLVING UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICANS, AMERICAN GRAVESITES, OR AMERICANS WHO REMAINED IN VIETNAM AFTER 1975.

(2) WITNESS THREE (INTERVIEWED ON 23 OCTOBER 2002).  
(NOTE: THE FOLLOWING RIT MEMBERS WERE PRESENT DURING THIS INTERVIEW: MR. [REDACTED], MR. [REDACTED], AND HM1 [REDACTED] FROM THE U.S. SIDE ALONG WITH MR. SON AND MR. LONG OF THE VNOSMP.)

(A) NAME: MR. NGO QUANG THANH (NGOO QUANG THANHJ),  
AKA BAY THANH (BAYR THANHJ).

(B) AGE: 70 YOA.

(C) ADDRESS: PHUOC HOI HAMLET (AAPS PHWOCS HOOIJ),  
PHUOC THANH VILLAGE (PHWOCS THANHJ), GO DAU DISTRICT (GOF ZAAUF),  
TAY NINH PROVINCE.

(D) WARTIME OCCUPATION: SECURITY OFFICER AT THE LE  
PHUOC THANH MILITARY DISCIPLINARY CAMP OF T1 (EASTERN REGION-  
SOUTHERN VIETNAM).

(E) BACKGROUND: THE VNOSMP UNILATERALLY INTERVIEWED  
MR. THANH DURING THE 70TH JFA (REF A). THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME A  
JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED MR. THANH.

(F) STATEMENT:

((1)) T1 COMPOSITION. FROM 1960 UNTIL 1967, THE  
ERSV (MIEENF DOONG NAM BOOJ) WAS ALSO KNOWN AS T1 AND WAS DIVIDED  
INTO FIVE SUB-REGIONS (PHAAN KHU). SUB-REGION ONE WAS THE SAIGON-  
CHO LON (CHOWJ LOWNS) AREA, SUB-REGION TWO INCLUDED BA RIA-VUNG  
TAU AND PART OF BIEN HOA PROVINCE (PRESENT DAY DONG NAI  
PROVINCE), SUB-REGION 23 WAS IN THE LONG AN AREA, AND SUB-REGION  
FIVE WAS IN THE BINH DUONG AREA.

((2)) PRISON CAMPS. PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES  
OPERATED ONE PRISON CAMP IN THE ERSV. MILITARY UNITS IN THE AREA  
ONLY OPERATED "MILITARY DISCIPLINE" CAMPS (TRAIJ KYR LUAATJ QUAAN  
DOOIJ). THESE CAMPS, UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE MILITARY  
REGION (QUAAN KHU), WOULD REEDUCATE COMMUNIST TROOPS THAT HAD  
VIOLATED DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS.

((3)) SON LE PHUOC THANH PRISON CAMP. MR. THANH  
WAS FIRST ASSIGNED TO T1 IN 1963 WHERE HE SERVED AS POLITICAL  
OFFICER AT A MILITARY DISCIPLINARY CAMP IN T1 UNTIL 1967. DURING  
HIS TENURE AT THE CAMP HE ATTAINED THE RANK OF JUNIOR CAPTAIN  
(THWONGJ UYS). THE DISCIPLINARY CAMP WAS CALLED THE SON LE PHUOC  
THANH CAMP (TRAIJ SOWN LEE PHWOCS THANHJ) AND WAS LOCATED IN  
THONG NHAT DISTRICT, DONG NAI PROVINCE, BETWEEN THE TRAN LE XUAN  
ROAD (DWONGF TRAAUF LEEJ XUAAN) AND THE BA HAO STREAM (SUOOIS BAF  
HAOF) IN WAR ZONE D. THIS CAMP WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER  
DOWNSTREAM FROM THE T1 PUBLIC SECURITY PRISON CAMP ALONG THE BA  
HAO STREAM. MR. THANH EXPLAINED THAT THE TRAN LE XUAN ROAD RAN  
FROM DONG XOAI (DOONGF XOAIF) TO THE DONG NAI RIVER AND THAT MRS.  
TRAN LE XUAN CUT THE ROAD BY BULLDOZER TO BOTH BUILD THE ROAD AND  
TO EXPLOIT THE LUMBER.

((4)) OTHER PERSONNEL. HAVING FREQUENTLY VISITED  
THE T1 PUBLIC SECURITY CAMP MR. THANH RECALLED THE NAMES OF  
SEVERAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED THERE. MR. MUOI VAN (MWOIF VAAN)  
(DECEASED), SERVED AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CAMP. THE  
LEADER OF THE SECURITY ELEMENT AT THE T1 CAMP WAS MR. SAU THUA  
(SAUS THWAR). HE IS CURRENTLY RETIRED AND LIVING IN DONG NAI

PROVINCE. MR. CHIN THIEN (CHINS THIEENJ) (WITNESS ONE, AKA NGUYEN VAN NHA) SERVED AS A SECURITY OFFICER AT THE T1 CAMP.

((5)) THREE AMERICAN PRISONERS. DURING THE BATTLE AT BINH GIA, COMMUNIST FORCES CAPTURED THREE AMERICANS AND BROUGHT THEM TO HIS MILITARY DISCIPLINARY CAMP. DUE TO INSUFFICIENT FACILITIES (NO PERIMETER FENCE) AT THAT CAMP, THE MILITARY REGION ORDERED THEM TO BE TAKEN TO THE T1 PUBLIC SECURITY PRISON CAMP. THE THREE PRISONERS INCLUDED TWO CAUCASIANS AND ONE BLACK AMERICAN. MR. THANH COULD NOT PROVIDE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE AMERICANS BECAUSE HE ONLY SAW THEM BRIEFLY OVER 35 YEARS AGO.

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((6)) AMERICAN WITH INTERPRETER. LATER, IN APPROXIMATELY 1966, LOCAL FORCES (BOOJ DOOIJ DIAJ PHWONG) IN BIEN HOA CAPTURED ONE AMERICAN MALE ALONG WITH A FEMALE VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER ON HIGHWAY ONE. WHEN THESE PRISONERS ARRIVED AT THE T1 PUBLIC SECURITY PRISON CAMP, MR. THANH WAS INVITED TO COME SEE THEM. AT THE T1 PRISON CAMP, MR. NGUYEN VIET HUNG, A MEMBER OF THE ERSV ENEMY PROSELYTIZING SECTION, WAS INTERROGATING THE AMERICAN. MR. THANH EXPLAINED THAT MR. VIET HUNG SPOKE ENGLISH AND THAT MR. PHI HUNG, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE ERSV ENEMY PROSELYTIZING SECTION, DID NOT. MR. VIET HUNG WAS, THEREFORE, INVOLVED IN INTERROGATING AND ESCORTING AMERICANS. AFTER A PERIOD OF REEDUCATION, THE FEMALE INTERPRETER WAS RELEASED TO RETURN TO HER HOMETOWN IN BA RIA-VUNG TAU PROVINCE. IN THE SUMMER OF 1967, AS T1 WAS BEING DISBANDED, THE MILITARY REGION ORDERED THAT THE AMERICAN PRISONERS BE TAKEN FROM THE T1 PUBLIC SECURITY PRISON CAMP TO COSVN. MR. THANH HEARD THAT MR. VIET HUNG ESCORTED ALL FOUR AMERICANS TO COSVN ALONG WITH A NUMBER OF SECURITY PERSONNEL (NAMES UNKNOWN TO MR. THANH). BECAUSE MR. THANH MOVED TO TAY NINH AT APPROXIMATELY THAT SAME TIME, HE LOST CONTACT WITH MR. VIET HUNG AND HAD NO FURTHER KNOWLEDGE OF THE FATE OF THESE FOUR PRISONERS. BECAUSE MR. THANH HAD NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM MR. VIET HUNG SINCE 1967, HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. IN DECEMBER 1969, WHILE IN TAY NINH PROVINCE, MR. THANH SAW THE BLACK AMERICAN MENTIONED ABOVE DURING HIS CHRISTMAS-TIME RELEASE CEREMONY AT TA SIN (TAF SIN) (UNLOCATED) IN BEN CAU (BEENS CAAUF) DISTRICT, TAY NINH PROVINCE. MR. THANH BELIEVED THE AMERICAN RECOGNIZED HIM BECAUSE THE AMERICAN GREETED HIM WITH A NOD.

((7)) CAMP DESCRIPTION. MR. THANH DESCRIBED THE T1 PUBLIC SECURITY CAMP AS BEING COMPRISED OF A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS WITHIN A PERIMETER FENCE CONSTRUCTED WITH INDIGENOUS JUNGLE TREES. THE CAMP WAS NEAR THE BA HAO STREAM, SO THE BUILDING NEAREST THE STREAM WAS THE KITCHEN. THERE WERE NO MINES OR PUNJI STAKES SURROUNDING THE CAMP. OTHER BUILDINGS INCLUDED A DINING AREA, QUARTERS FOR CAMP PERSONNEL, QUARTERS FOR FOREIGN PRISONERS, AND A HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. MR. THANH RECALLED THAT THERE WAS A STATION 27 (TRAMJ 27) ALONG THE ONG HOANG STREAM (SUOOIS OONG HOANGF) APPROXIMATELY A FOUR-HOUR WALK FROM THE SON LE PHUOC THANH DISCIPLINARY CAMP. THIS STATION WAS MANAGED BY THE REGIONAL PARTY COMMITTEE, NOT THE MILITARY.

((8)) OTHER PRISON CAMPS. DURING THE WAR MR. THANH VISITED OTHER PROVINCES IN THE T1 REGION INCLUDING BA RIA, BIEN HOA, BINH DUONG, TAY NINH AND LONG AN. HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF CAMPS DESIGNATED C24 OR C26 IN THE BINH DUONG OR BINH PHUOC

AREAS. HE EXPLAINED THAT BECAUSE BINH PHUOC WAS PART OF MILITARY REGION 6 UNTIL 1973, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN OUTSIDE HIS PURVIEW IN T1 (ERSV).

((9)) MR. THANH DID NOT KNOW OF ANY OTHER LOSS INCIDENTS OR INCIDENTS INVOLVING UNACCOUNTED-FOR AMERICANS, AMERICAN GRAVESITES, OR AMERICANS WHO REMAINED IN VIETNAM AFTER 1975.

4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE: NONE.

5. SITE SURVEY RESULTS: NONE.

6. PERTINENT DATA OR LOCATION CHANGES: NONE.

7. STONY BEACH DEBRIEFER COMMENTS. ALL THREE SOURCES FOR THIS REPORT PROVIDED INFORMATION IN AN OPEN AND FRIENDLY MANNER. RO DETECTED NO ATTEMPTS AT DECEPTION DURING THE THREE INTERVIEWS. RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR ANY SOURCE INTERVIEWED FOR THIS REPORT.

8. INVESTIGATOR'S COMMENTS.

A. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MR. NHA (WITNESS ONE) AND MR. THANH (WITNESS THREE) CONCERNING MR. [REDACTED] AND MS. [REDACTED] CORRELATES TO CASE 0043 ONLY FROM THE ASPECT THAT MR. [REDACTED] AND MS. [REDACTED] WERE SEARCHING FOR THE UNACCOUNTED-FOR INDIVIDUAL IN CASE 0043.

B. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ALL THREE WITNESSES CONCERNING THE U.S. PRISONERS CAPTURED AT BINH GIA PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CASES 0049 AND 0050. THE SECONDHAND INFORMATION MR. NHA PROVIDED CONCERNING THE DEATH OF THE AMERICAN CAPTAIN EN ROUTE TO COSVN PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CASE 0050.

9. TEAM LEADER COMMENTS.

A. CONCLUSIONS: SAME AS INVESTIGATOR.

B. HOST GOVERNMENT COOPERATION/SUPPORT: GOOD.

10. DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S COMMENTS. NONE//

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overheard [REDACTED] saying on tape "...demand that United States Armed Forces be withdrawn from South Vietnam...". [REDACTED] had no first hand knowledge concerning [REDACTED] recording session. One day [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] to inform Cook that during [REDACTED] recording he had made some statements against our war policy in South Vietnam. To the best of SUBJECT'S knowledge Cook, Crafts, and Schumann made no recordings. All of the communications between the original four detainees was oral during card sessions and meals. At this point in the debriefing SUBJECT was asked HIS attitude toward [REDACTED] while at Camp Dachau. SUBJECT stated that HE still considered [REDACTED] to be one of the group but their conversations consisted only of good morning, good evening, and how is your health. [REDACTED] communications with Cook began on 24 May 1965. At this time, after washing Cook's clothes, HE asked Cook his name and rank. Cook replied, "Captain Cook, captured at Dinh Gia". HE then asked how many were captured. Cook replied that there were two others; Crafts and Bennett. Bennett could not make it and dropped out. Cook then showed SUBJECT his wounded leg and stated that the wound had almost healed. Cook's feet were almost raw from walking barefoot for long periods of time. HE told Cook HE would then try to contact him by another means. Cook then asked how long SUBJECT had been detained, where he had been captured, and what the indoctrination procedure was. The VC squad leader then noticed that SUBJECT was in the vicinity of Cook's cell and told the guard to get SUBJECT away from him. HE told the guard that HE was telling Captain Cook how to ask to go to the latrine. The guard relayed this to the squad leader, but the squad leader told SUBJECT to get away from the cell. HE estimated that Bennett had dropped out somewhere between the north side of Saigon and their present location. HE thought over possibilities of communications with Cook but was not quite sure if Cook was really a detainee. [REDACTED] stated to SUBJECT that he had spoken with Crafts, and Crafts had told [REDACTED] that he was an airman. Smith had noticed that Craft's clothing was of the Army Quartermaster type issue. [REDACTED] noticed that when he washed Cook's clothing, the initials USMC were on his jacket. SUBJECT felt that Cook's wound, the condition of his feet, the initials USMC, and conversations with Cook confirmed HIS beliefs that Cook was an American. HE believes that Crafts told [REDACTED] that he was an airman because Crafts was suspicious also. HE discussed his plans for communications with Cook with [REDACTED]. SUBJECT found an old medical bottle, wrote a note to Cook identifying the four original detainees by name, told him when they arrived at Dachau, where they were captured, the various camps of detainment, and requested the same information from Cook. This note was placed in the bottle and buried under a log near the well. On 4 June 1965, Cook passed SUBJECT'S cell to go and take a bath. HE said in a loud voice, supposedly directed at [REDACTED] that he should look under the short log. SUBJECT had written in this note, "If you get this note, whistle Dixie." At this point, HE remembered that this message was not sent by means of the medical bottle on 4 June 1965, but was personally given to Cook through his cell bars when SUBJECT returned from washing Cook's eating pail on 29 May 1965. As HE slipped the pail through the bars, HE concealed the note and gave it to Cook. The next note was sent to Cook by bottle on 4 June 1965 as described above. HIS first thought about communicating by the bottle method was



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## REMARKS (Number and Classify each Paragraph)

1. The source, a former civilian prisoner of the VC, states that during 1965, at a camp generally north of Saigon, he saw four Americans and the Vietnamese female companion of one of the Americans.
2. This report accurately relates what is known of all individuals cited:
  - a. Bennett - Equates to SSG Harold G. Bennett, USA, captured in December 1964 at Binh Gia, Phuoc Tuy Province. Bennett was reportedly executed in late 1965.
  - b. Craft - Correlates to PFC Charles E. Crafts, USA, captured with Bennett and released in 1967.
  - c. The "Captain" - Capt Donald G. Cook, USMC, captured near Binh Gia in December 1964. Cook later died in captivity in 1967.
  - d. "Dobbson" - Donald Dawson, U.S. Civilian, who was captured near Saigon around April 1965 while searching for information on his missing brother. Dawson was released later in 1965.
  - e.                      - Dawson's female interpreter,                     , a French-Vietnamese. She was released with                     .

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15. SUMMARY:

This report forwards Combined RVNAF/USMACV Military Interrogation Center (CMIC) Interrogation Report No US 075-67. Source provides information on his being captured by the VC, his experiences in a VC prison camp and physical descriptions of US PW's he met in the camp. MACJ-214-2.

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# COMBINED MILITARY INTERROGATION CENTER

SPECIAL REPORT

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SUMMARY: This report contains information obtained during field inter-  
rogation of source during  
Source, who claims to be a former student and captive of the VC for the  
past two years, gave limited information concerning his capture by the  
VC and other prisoners of the VC.

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Additional Information From  
of Captivity and US PWs.

Concerning Period

was taken captive about noon of a Saturday in late November 1964. He departed SAIGON at approximately 0900 hours on a VESPA motor scooter, li On Highway 13, approximately 100 km out of SAIGON, he stopped and walked into the jungle to relieve himself and was taken captive. He thinks that the area where he was taken captive was close to DINH QUAN.

During the month of December, source was taken to several places in the jungle. He did not know the locations. On 4 Jan 65, source arrived at the prison where he remained until approximately Nov 65. In late Jan 65, two American PWs, BENNETT and CRAFT, were brought to the camp. He knew their names because name plates were sewn on their shirts. Source stated that CRAFT and BENNETT had been captured at BINH GIA. In May 65, another PW was brought to the camp. Source did not know his name but the other PWs called him "Captain." He was wounded in the right leg and still wore the bandage. *Capt. Frank White*

The three PWs were at this camp until Jul or Aug 65. During the time they were there, they were not allowed to talk to each other. One day, while they were cutting wood near the kitchen, they asked the guard to take them to the latrine. The three men attempted to escape and one of the guards was killed. The captain seized a weapon from one of the guards but was unable to use it. Source did not know what prevented the captain from using the weapon. The weapon was taken away from the captain and the three men were tied to their beds by the arms and legs and blindfolded. They were not allowed to talk to each other. The captain liked to sing. He sang all the time. The VC liked to hear him sing so they did not prevent him from doing so.

Three weeks later, the three PWs were taken away. Source did not know where. The time was either Jul or Aug 65.

In May 65, a civilian named DOBBSON and a Vietnamese woman named COLLETTE were brought to the camp. Source knew the name DOBBSON because he had seen it on a canteen that the man had. Source said that DOBBSON was looking for his brother. DOBBSON had a newspaper clipping which stated that his brother had been shot down in the jungle. Source translated the article for the VC. The VC had shown DOBBSON a fragment from an airplane and told him that was what was left of his brother's plane and that his brother was dead. Source said that during an air raid DOBBSON had told him that his wife was in CALIFORNIA, that he had two children, and had been in the Navy. DOBBSON and COLLETTE were released in late 1965. The VC told source that they were back in SAIGON. DOBBSON and the woman were treated better than the PWs. When they were released, the VC warned the woman not to say that she had escaped.

Source thought that COLLETTE was DOBBSON's interpreter. She was well educated. Source believed she may have attended a French school in SAIGON named "Marie Curie." Source stated all this information was obtained during an air raid while they were all in a bunker.

Interrogator's Note: It is my opinion that this individual's story is too pat. It should be looked into very carefully. After two years of captivity, source was in good health and has not lost any weight.

*That's because his information is true*

DESCRIPTION OF CAPTIVES

CRAFT

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 170 lbs

Build: Slender

Hair: Dark blonde

Face/Complexion: Light

Distinguishing Characteristics:  
Smiled a lot; told jokes, said  
"Oh God" everytime he had to do  
something; wore upper false  
teeth.

BENNETT

Height: 5' 8"

Weight: 180 lbs

Build: Heavy

Hair: Dark blonde, curly

Eyes: Blue

Face/Complexion: Ruddy

Distinguishing Characteristics:  
Spoke in a low voice, serious all  
of the time; seldom smiled;  
tattoo of eagle on upper left arm.

COLLETTE

Height: 4' 6"

Weight: 85 lbs

Build: Thin

Hair: Black

Eyes: Blue (very noticable)

Face/Complexion: Fair

Distinguishing Characteristic:  
Spoke clearly, speaks Vietnamese,  
French and English.

"Captain"

Height: 5' 7"

Weight: 160 lbs

Build: Medium

Hair: Brown

Eyes: Unknown

Face/Complexion: Ruddy

Distinguishing Characteristics:  
Spoke in a low voice; spoke  
French; easy going; did not  
show fear.

DOBSON

Height: 5' 10"

Weight: 180 lbs

Build: Heavy

Hair: Brown

Face/Complexion: Had a beard

Distinguishing Characteristics:  
Spoke clearly, joked all the  
time; tattoo on leg, name of  
ship.



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4. Report of Findings

On 28 July 1965, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] formerly assigned to Detachment 120, Company B, 5th Special Forces Group, Republic of Vietnam (RVN), was interviewed at the 526th Intelligence Corps Detachment (CI), Okinawa, concerning HIS capture, detention, and subsequent escape from elements of the Viet Cong (VC) in the RVN. [REDACTED] stated substantially the following concerning Captain Cook and Sergeant Bennett:

On 24 May 1965, Captain Cook arrived at Camp Dachau. At this time, SUBJECT spoke briefly with Cook concerning his name, rank, and place of capture. The remainder of the communications between Cook and SUBJECT were by notes and the use of a "dead letter drop" at the well in Camp Dachau. These notes were passed during the period 25 May 1965 to 8 July 1965.

On or about 26 June 1965, SUBJECT received a note from Cook which stated "Charlie told me this morning that they killed Bennett. I believe it is bullshit". Cook did not say when, where, or why Bennett was killed, but at this point stated, "Sergeant Bennett on route up here got very sick, had to be left behind". Cook also stated, "On 20 March 1965, Floyd and Jose jumped on a Charlie with a sub-machine gun; he let out a scream and we beat the shit out of him. He managed to get Floyd's finger in his mouth and almost bit it off. Immediately the Charlies came and surrounded us. We were put in irons and fed very little. Floyd wouldn't eat; I tried to get him to eat, but he wouldn't. He got very sick and weak." "Charlie" was defined by SUBJECT as the Viet Cong; "Floyd" was defined by SUBJECT as the code name for Bennett, and "Jose" was defined as the code name for Cook. Cook never elaborated as to where Bennett was left and under what circumstances. SUBJECT does not know where Bennett was held or whether he is still alive. HE believes that there were other Americans at Dachau and Bennett could possibly have been one of them. On one occasion the VC interpreter, Hoa, stated, "Let me have your tobacco to give to Bennett, because you have cigarettes". The interpreter then gave the tobacco to Crafts. The interpreter knew Crafts by name and therefore SUBJECT believes it could have been a slip of the tongue on the part of the interpreter. [REDACTED] never saw Bennett before, during, or after HIS capture and escape.

During the period 23 June 1965 to 4 July 1965, SUBJECT heard three jets strafing to the south of Camp Dachau. HE believed this strafing was answered by the VC with light machine gun and some small arms fire. No other firing was heard or observed by HIM on or about 24 June 1965.

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To: Whom It May Concern.

Reference: Recognition of the demonstrated valor in combat, selfless service under extreme conditions, and ultimate personal sacrifice by Staff Sergeant Harold George Bennett, U. S. Army.

It is with considerable honor and privilege that I have this opportunity to comment on the extraordinary gallantry in combat and exemplary conduct while a POW in Vietnam of Staff Sergeant Bennett, U. S. Army Ranger.

I shall make it clear immediately that I was not a witness to Staff Sergeant Bennett's courageous actions. My purpose is simply to support the recommendation(s) of those who do/did have personal knowledge, and to attempt to remind those who will consider the merits of his award recommendation(s) of the conditions under which brave Americans like Staff Sergeant Bennett served, the importance of their service, and the legacy they established for Americans like me who followed them.

It is necessary for those who read this presentation to remember that Staff Sergeant Bennett's acts of bravery occurred in 1964 when the U. S. effort in Vietnam was in its infant stage, and that there was not a meaningful support infrastructure, particularly for U. S. advisors to Vietnamese units.

Vietnamese Ranger units were small, lightly armed units that lacked the capability for sustained combat against moderate size formations of NVA or Viet Cong forces. Their mission(s) were primarily oriented on small unit tactics. When they encountered larger enemy forces, they depended upon the employment of larger units as reinforcement.

As Senior Advisor, I Corps Ranger Command (ARVN), for one year with advisors assigned to nine Border Ranger Battalions and a Mobile Ranger Group with three battalions, I quickly learned that even in the later stages of the war, the U. S. Ranger Advisors did not normally have dedicated or responsive air, artillery, or logistical support. The Ranger Advisors were usually left to depend upon their personal initiative, their fellow advisors, and what they could carry with them. Whether in Iraq or Vietnam, service as an advisor inherently requires a high degree of personal courage, confidence

in one's professional abilities, positive leadership, and survival skills. Advisors such as Staff Sergeant Bennett served under these hazardous and difficult conditions, daily representing the United States of America and its principles, simply because our great nation asked them to serve in this important capacity. They did not just "go in harm's way" but were placed in positions of imminent danger with a high probability of death, capture and/or injury.

When our great nation places our soldiers in such isolated positions, it is with a clear understanding that administrative procedures, such as award recommendations, can not possibly be as rigorous or redundant as normally required in American military units. In the case of POWs and MIAs, procedures must be adjusted in line with the situation presented, and appropriate judgments and assumptions made. It is exceedingly fortunate in the case of Staff Sergeant Bennett that the institution has a living eye-witness to all relevant events concerning his valorous actions, in the person of Specialist Crafts. His statements were deemed credible and sufficient for the United States Marine Corps to appropriately recognize the bravery, service and sacrifice of Captain Donald Cook, USMC.

It is known that Staff Sergeant Bennett served in an extremely hazardous and critical position as a Ranger Advisor in Vietnam; that he and Specialist Crafts were captured when their unit was attacked by a vastly superior size enemy force; that Staff Sergeant Bennett's conduct as a POW was exemplary and served as an example for others to continue to resist the enemy and attempt escape when possible; and that Staff Sergeant Bennett gave the ultimate sacrifice as an American soldier in the service of our great nation. To this framework, one adds the detailed, eye-witness description by Specialist Crafts of Staff Sergeant Bennett's extraordinary valorous actions to defeat the enemy and to save fellow soldiers lives with total disregard for his personal safety, to include his refusal on two occasions to accept evacuation from the battle area, and one has a complete, documented presentation of profound personal bravery that demands significant recognition by our great nation.

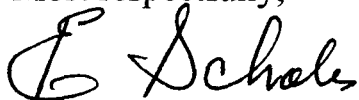
Staff Sergeant Bennett's many acts of personal courage and valor under fire to defeat the enemy and to save the lives of American and allied soldiers during the battle of Binh Gia, and his ultimate sacrifice to defeat the enemy while a POW were in the highest traditions of selfless service as measured against others recorded in our nation's proud history of military conflicts.

Unfortunately, during war, many acts of personal bravery and sacrifice go unnoticed and undocumented except by the Almighty God. Fortunately, even under the difficult, extreme conditions of this case, Staff Sergeant Bennett's valorous actions were more than sufficiently documented by Specialist Crafts, Captain Cook, and others. These extraordinary acts of personal valor in combat should be recognized by our grateful nation with the highest, most prestigious award for gallantry in combat possible, the Medal of Honor, as recommended by the living eye-witness. This award should be presented without further delay in respect for Staff Sergeant Bennett's distinguished and profound bravery, for his family and loved ones, for the soldiers who served with him, and for the institution of U.S. Army. Captain Cook, as the senior POW in the group, recommended Staff Sergeant Bennett for other valor awards while a POW which should also be considered for approval.

The example(s) of American courage, professionalism, compassion, loyalty and respect established by military advisors such as Staff Sergeant Bennett in the early days of the Vietnam War is still vivid in the hearts and minds of the Vietnamese soldiers and people, and is still the popular subject of their speeches and conversations at all of our joint reunions.

Thank you for this unique opportunity to comment about a true American hero.

Most respectfully,



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TO: Military Awards Branch

This letter is written in support of a recommendation to posthumously award the **Medal of Honor** to the late Staff Sergeant Harold G. Bennett, for his heroic actions in the Republic of South Vietnam as an advisor to the Vietnamese Rangers; members of the U.S. Army Vietnamese Ranger Advisors are in agreement with this recommendation.

Lieutenant General Burton Patrick (Advisor to the ARVN Rangers, 1966) stated: Rangers Advisors in the early to mid sixties, knew what living hell was like each and every week as they were constantly called upon to wade into a well concealed and dug in enemy once every 3-5 days for the entire duration of his tour. Some lived to write about it...most didn't. This statement could have chronicled the epoch of tragedy, valor and sacrifice of Staff Sergeant Bennett....

While serving as a Ranger Advisor to the 33rd Vietnamese Ranger Battalion, SSG Bennett volunteered to lead a seven Ranger combat team on a helicopter (named the "suicide chopper") into a one-ship landing zone near the Cambodian border--the only American on the team--in an effort to free three Americans held captive by Communist forces, on Christmas Day 1964; it was one of the two first formal rescue operations of the war: code-named **Hung Vuong I** (after a Vietnamese king), sixty-six helicopters would support and airlift the remaining elements of the 33rd ARVN Ranger Battalion into landing zones south of Tay Ninh city in an area known as the Bo Lu woods. During this operation, Vietnamese troops employed three hundred pounds of bulk tear-gas powder and several hundred gas grenades. Ranger Bennett and his snatch team landed first, quickly worked their way through the camp but unfortunately the Viet Cong had moved the prisoners prior to their arrival. While this mission did not accomplish its goal of liberating the captured Americans, in no way did it detract from the heroic efforts of SSG Bennett to free them.

Four days later--29 December 1964--Sergeant Bennett, with his American RTO, accompanied the 2nd Company of the 33rd Ranger Battalion on the first airlift into the operational area of the legendary "Battle of Binh Gia". As the Rangers were being overrun by elements of the Viet Cong 9th Division, Bennett remained on the radio, refusing American

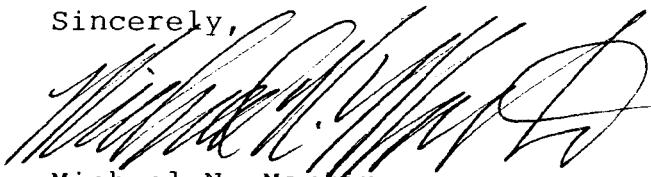
helicopter gunships and medical evacuation helicopter attempts to rescue him and his RTO (PFC Charles Crafts) due to the overwhelming enemy forces and their firepower.

After Bennett's capture at Binh Gia, he was labeled a troublemaker by his captors because of his constant aggressiveness; in the brutal conditions of jungle POW camps he verbally berated his guards, daring them to confront him man-to-man. On one of three unsuccessful escape attempts, a Viet Cong soldier almost bit his finger off as he was punched by Bennett. They couldn't break him; his honor and his religion was the stalwart of his spirit.

In June of 1965, the Communist National Liberation Front announced that they had **executed** Sergeant Harold G. Bennett, reportedly in reprisal for actions of the South Vietnamese Government: he was the "first" American Soldier to be executed in Vietnam.

Ranger Bennett's exemplary gallantry, complete disregard for his own safety, and his deep concern for his fellow fighting men at the risk of his own life, reflect the highest traditions of the United States Army; his actions are the embodiment of the Ranger Spirit and most deserving of the award of the **Medal of Honor**.

Sincerely,



Michael N. Martin

Member of the Ranger Hall of Fame

Distinguished Member of the 75th Ranger Regiment

Distinguished Member of the Ranger Training Brigade



February 20, 2006

MajGen Rhett A. Hernandez  
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Dear General Hernandez,

I recently completed a 142-thousand word biography about deceased Marine Colonel Donald Cook. He was the first Marine captured in the Vietnam War, and the first Marine in history to earn the Medal of Honor while a POW. Cook died in captivity in December, 1967, and his remains have never been recovered.

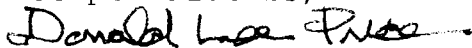
During the course of over five years of research into Cook's life, I came across the heroic story of deceased U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Harold George Bennett, who was captured in the same battle with Cook. Bennett was also held with Cook in the same jungle POW camps, was later executed by the Viet Cong, and like Cook, his remains have never been recovered either.

The reason I am writing to you is first to point out the striking similarity between Cook and Bennett's unswerving adherence to the Code of Conduct, dogged resistance to interrogation, and daring escape attempts.

Second, I would like to highlight the fact that Cook received the MOH, and Bennett has received no award to date that recognizes his extraordinary gallantry above and beyond the call of duty.

Enclosed is an awards package assembled by the Friends of Ben Bennett under the leadership of Mr. Duane Frederic. I hope that you have time to peruse the package, and help resurrect Bennett, who is a forgotten hero.

Semper Fidelis,



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**TO: The Honorable Francis J. Harvey**  
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

It is my great honor to recommend posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to SSG Harold George Bennett, RA 18 542 931 for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at risk to his life against the Viet Cong in the Republic of Vietnam.

I have studied most of the Army jungle POWs in South Vietnam since about 1995 by going through hundreds of microfilm reels of material from the POW/MIA collection supplied on inter-library loan by the Library of Congress.

As a result of my research, two cases stood out of long-forgotten American prisoners of war who were hard-core POW resisters under brutal jungle conditions. They were CPT Humbert Roque "Rocky" Versace and SSG Harold George Bennett. Both men were executed by their Viet Cong captors because their strong will of resistance to interrogation and indoctrination could not be broken despite isolation, reduced rations, and being held in shackles following their escape attempts. Both men were buried in unmarked jungle graves known only to God in communist Vietnam. Even the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command has marked their files with the notation "Remains Non-Recoverable" even though they were executed while in enemy captivity.

In the process of my research on Captain Versace, I was to come into contact with a remarkable group of fellow Vietnam veterans who also had done research and/or written articles on the captivity experience of SSG Bennett and CAPT Donald G. Cook, USMC. First was COL Douglas E. Moore, USA (Ret.), who responded to a published book review that I authored in *ARMY Magazine*. He never forgot SSG Bennett's willful disregard for

his own safety when he twice refused offers by helicopter pilots to attempt a "suicide" rescue as an assault force of 20-30 Viet Cong were closing in to capture him. COL Moore wrote a moving tribute to SSG Bennett's courage facing death entitled "Bad Day at Binh Gia," which also appeared in *ARMY Magazine*. COL Moore has never faltered in pursuing a suitable valor award for SSG Bennett.

I also came into contact with CSM Michael N. Martin, USA (Ret.), who also wrote a fine article on SSG Bennett's captivity experience for *Behind The Lines Magazine*. CSM Martin was inducted into the Army Ranger Hall of Fame in 1995, and sponsored SSG Bennett's posthumous induction in the RHOF in 2004.

I also met COL Donald L. Price, USMC (Ret.) who roomed with Captain Versace in the Mekong Delta in 1963. Both of us attended Rocky Versace's Medal of Honor ceremony at the White House on 8 July 2002. COL Price did extensive research for a soon-to-be published biography on COL Donald Cook, posthumous recipient of the Medal of Honor for his heroism as a jungle POW.

Lastly, I corresponded with Charles E. Crafts, who was captured along with SSG Bennett at Binh Gia on 29 December 1964. He endured almost 25 months of brutal jungle captivity, and was released by his VC captors in a humanitarian gesture to show their "lenient and humane" treatment of American POWs. He is a brave and good American who suffered much in the service to his country. I am very proud to know him and call him my dear friend!

During the past six years, I have corresponded with and had many phone calls with this core group to pursue a valor award for SSG Bennett. You are reading the finished product of our collective research. Along the way we also added LTC James Behnke, USA (Ret.) who, as a Captain commanded both SSG Bennett and PFC Crafts as Senior Advisor to the ARVN 33<sup>rd</sup> Ranger Battalion in 1964. We feel privileged that two distinguished retired U. S. Army Major Generals Edison Scholes and Eugene L. Stillions, Jr. supported our efforts. Their letters of support speak volumes about the validity of recognizing SSG Bennett's valor with our nation's highest military award.

All of us have discussed SSG Bennett's captivity experience in depth in comparison to very similar jungle MOH recipients CAPT Donald Cook and CPT Rocky Versace. We are aware of the stringent requirements for awarding the Medal of Honor, and we are unanimous in our conclusion that it is justified in this case.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award, Staff Sergeant Harold George Bennett

I have reviewed Lieutenant Colonel James E. Behnke's recommendation for award of the Medal of Honor to Staff Sergeant Harold George Bennett, RA 18542931.

Lieutenant Colonel Behnke has cited and documented conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity by Staff Sergeant Bennett during the period 29 December 1964 until 25 June 1965. Four days after his volunteering for and completing a dangerous attempt to liberate a group of American Prisoners of War, Bennett himself faced an overwhelming force of Main Force Viet Cong. By turning away two rescue helicopters Bennett put the lives of his fellow soldiers above his own. He gallantly fought off the overwhelming enemy combat strength until he could no longer resist and was captured. As a POW he resisted the Viet Cong and tried to escape at least three times. This brave soldier was finally murdered because of his recalcitrance toward the enemy.

To this day, Staff Sergeant Bennett's remains lie somewhere in the jungle in Vietnam and his heroism was never properly recognized for the benefit of his surviving family members. It is time to fix the oversight and a group of his fellow soldiers are trying to do it. Their documented account of Bennett's actions in battle and resistance in captivity meets the criteria for award of the Medal of Honor.

I strongly support this effort to gain approval of a long overdue award and trust that our Army will do the same.

  
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Major General, USA (Ret.)