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AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

McPHERSON, MARVIN D. [REDACTED] WO1 100B H Trp, 10th Armd Cav
(WENFAA A) APO 96485 AV

Awarded: Air Medal Second Award with "V" Device

Date of service: 7 October 1972

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 9158, 11 May 1942, as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942, AR 672-5-1 and USARV Supplement 1 to AR 672-5-1 dated 10 August 1970.

Reason: For heroism while engaged in aerial flight in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Warrant Officer McPherson distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions while serving as pilot of a cobra gunship on a visual reconnaissance mission ten miles southwest of landing zone English. As the lead aircraft began placing accurate fire on a enemy position and began taking intense fire itself, Warrant Officer McPherson located the positions and suppressed the enemy fire thus saving the lead aircraft from taking any hits. As his own aircraft came into this intense fire, Warrant Officer McPherson adjusted the rocket fire of his aircraft commander, causing several direct hits and the neutralization of enemy targets. After leaving the original area, Warrant Officer McPherson's aircraft again came under automatic weapons and large caliber anti-aircraft fire. Warrant Officer McPherson covered the turns of his aircraft with the front mounted armament of the gunship and gave information on target location and rocket adjustments. Warrant Officer McPherson's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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