

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE
APO San Francisco 96384

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 498

"NGUY HIEM"

26 January 1970

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

TC 439. The following AWARDS are announced.

Awarded: As indicated in Standard Name Line

Dates of service: 30 October 1969 to 31 October 1969

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 Reg 672-1 dated 1 July 1969.

Organization: 155th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter), APO 96297

Reason: For heroism while engaged in aerial flight in connection with military operations against a hostile force: These men distinguished themselves by exceptionally valorous actions while participating in the emergency resupply of allied Fire Base Kate near Bu Prang. Despite limited visibility and intense enemy activity, they volunteered to fly as crewmen aboard helicopters on the hazardous resupply mission. After flying through the darkness over rugged mountains and thick jungle to reach the besieged base, their aircraft came under both small arms and automatic antiaircraft fire. They immediately returned accurate suppressive fire on the positions which was instrumental in the safe and successful completion of the mission. Their actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves, their unit, and the United States Army.