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AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

KNIGHT, FELIX R JR W3157547 () CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CW2) Troop D 1st Squadron
1st Cavalry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Air Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: NA

Date action: 19 October 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism while participating in aerial flight in the Republic of Vietnam on 19 October 1968. Chief Warrant Officer Knight distinguished himself while serving as pilot of a UH-1C armed helicopter on an aircraft recovery mission near Be Loung, Republic of Vietnam. Despite marginal flying weather, he escorted a helicopter recovery team to a downed aircraft and circled the area to suppress possible enemy positions. While he was rearming and refueling, the wind increased to forty-five knots and the visibility dropped to zero. Despite the extremely hazardous flying conditions, he volunteered to return and relieve the helicopters now protecting the area. The weather conditions continued to deteriorate, making it impossible for relief helicopters to reach the area as his fuel ran low. Being out of range of supporting artillery, he realized the seriousness of the situation should the ground force be left without gunship cover. Although enemy positions were detected nearby, he landed at the recovery site rather than leave the recovery crew without support. Chief Warrant Officer Knight's outstanding flying ability and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of Executive Order 9242-A.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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