

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96370

GENERAL ORDERS
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22 June 1968

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

COZZALIO, ALAN A. 05241198 (SSAN: NVAL) FIRST LIEUTENANT ARMOR
United States Army, Troop D, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry, 9th Infantry
Division, APO 96370

Awarded: Air Medal with "V" Device (1st Oak-Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 22 April 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism while participating in aerial flight in the Republic
of Vietnam:

FIRST LIEUTENANT COZZALIO

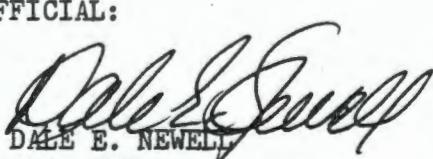
distinguished himself on 22 April 1968, while serving as a
Helicopter Pilot with Troop D, 3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry, 9th
Infantry Division, on a ground troop support mission near Ben
Luc, Vietnam. Despite extremely dangerous fire being received
from the numerically superior Viet Cong force, Lieutenant Cozzalio
executed numerous low level firing passes between the friendly
forces and the insurgent fortifications. Although his aircraft's
heavy ordnance was damaged, Lieutenant Cozzalio continued to
make firing passes using only his personal weapons for suppressive
fire. After a brief pause at Tan An to refuel, rearm and repair
damages, Lieutenant Cozzalio returned to the battle area where
he provided flank support while airstrikes were in progress.
First Lieutenant Cozzalio's heroic actions are in keeping with
the highest traditions of the military service and reflect
great credit upon himself, the 9th Infantry Division and the
United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive
Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942, and USARV message
16695, dated 1 July 1966.

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