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	SCA	27/5	
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14 Oct 71.

MACAG - PD
Through MACFWMAO.

ACCEPTANCE AND WEARING OF FOREIGN AWARDS

Reference: MACAG - PD 2274 dated 16 Sep 71.

1. Enclosed are copies of the proposals for the award of the Soldier's Medal to:

29543	WO2	M.T. Jensen.
24393	WO2	R.J. Collinson.

2. We would therefore be pleased if you would locate the original proposals and have them processed.

(T.R. PHILLIPS)
Major
For Commander Australian Force
VIETNAM

Enclosure: Proposals (2).

Acceptance and Wearing of Foreign Awards

MACAG-PD

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MACAG-PD

16 SEP 1971

MAJ Trainer/bhw/2274

1. The attached correspondence, received from the Commander, Australian Force, Vietnam, requests that this office process recommendations for award of the Soldiers Medal to two Australian servicemen.

2. Records of this office do not reflect receipt of recommendations for awards to the officers mentioned in the attached letter. Accordingly, request assistance in obtaining the following information:

a. When were the recommendations submitted?

b. What organization or individual initiated the recommendations?

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G. F. TRAINER
Major, USA
Chief, Awds & Dec Br

AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM

QUOTE IN REPLY
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HEADQUARTERS
Army Component

24 Jul 71.

MACV
(Attn Awards and Decorations Branch).

ACCEPTANCE AND WEARING OF FOREIGN AWARDS

1. It is understood that your office holds proposals for the award of the Soldiers Medal to

29543 WO2 M.T. Jensen
24393 WO2 R.J. Collinson.

2. Under Foreign Office regulations the Soldiers Medal may be accepted and worn without restriction by persons in the service of the Crown.

3. The US Military Attached in Canberra Australia is fully aware of the situation concerning acceptance of life saving awards.

4. We would therefore be pleased if you would process the recommendations for the above members.

(D.B. DUNSTAN)
Major General
Commander Australian Force
VIETNAM

TELEPHONE

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CANBERRA, ACT

22 Sep 71

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ACCEPTANCE AND WEARING OF FOREIGN AWARDS

Reference: A. AHQ 445/R32/3 of 6 Jul 71
B. AFV MS13534 of 14 Sep 71
C. AFV MS13766 of 18 Sep 71

1. Attached for forwarding to HQ MACV are copies of recommendations relating to the award of the Soldiers Medal to WOs Jensen and Collinson.

2. The comment contained in para two of reference C is incorrect, this Office was supplied with totals of awards by type only and not a detailed list by name as stated.

3. If possible, it would be of value if copies of all recommendations held by MACV could be obtained and forwarded to this Office for retention pending approval to accept.

for (N.P. FARQUHAR)
Lt-Col
A/MS

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96222
Free World Military Assistance Office

MACFWMAO 20 September 1971

SUBJECT: Acceptance and Wearing of Foreign Awards

Commander
Australian Force, Vietnam
ATTN: DAAG
12 Tran Quoc Toan
Saigon, Vietnam

1. DA Form 2496 (at Inclosure 1) is forwarded per FONECON at 1510 hours, 18 September 1971, between CPT Lawson, your office, and MAJ Beckworth, Australian Plans Officer, FWMAO.

2. Your attention is invited to paragraph 2 of Inclosure 1. Request the information provided MACAG-PD be submitted through this office.

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WILLARD W HAWKE
Colonel, USA
Chief, FWMAO

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TO Ch, FWMAO FROM MACAG-PD DATE 16 SEP 1971 CMT 1

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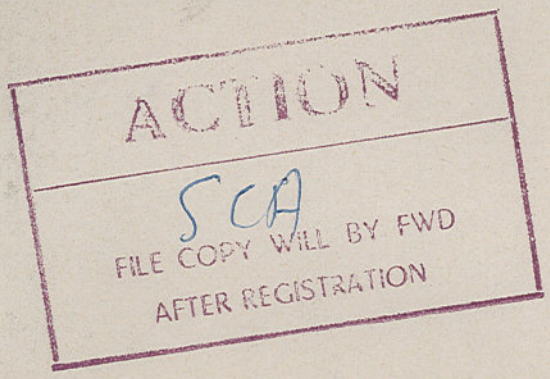
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TO AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

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UNCLAS MS52210. IN CONFIDENCE. AWARD OF US SOLDIERS MEDAL.

REF YOUR MS13534 OF 14 SEP 71. YOUR PROMPT ANSWER APPRECIATED . MANY

THANKS

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MESSAGE FORM

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Date-Time Group: 142052 (?) Sep '71

From: AUSTFORCE Vietnam

To: Army Canberra

Security classification: UNCLAS

Originators number: MS13534

In confidence. Award of US Soldiers Medal. Your MS51347 of 10 Sep '71.

One. On 24 Jul '71 HQ MACV were advised that Soldiers Medal could be accepted and worn without restriction. They were requested to process the recommendations for Jensen and Collinson.

Two. It is understood that normal method is to process through foreign office to US embassy in Canberra.

Three. Processing has commenced at MACV (?) (Awards and Decorations Branch) and advice has been received that at least two months is the normal time frame.

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FROM: AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

TO: ARMY CANBERRA

INFO:

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: UNCLAS

CODE OR CIPHER: MY S 13534

IN CONFIDENCE O REFS DA US SOLDIERS MEDAL O YOUR MS 5134 OF 6 SEP 71 O

ONE O ON 26 JULY HQ MACV WERE ADVISED THAT SOLDIERS MEDAL COULD BE ACCEPTED AND WORN WITHOUT RESTRICTION O THEY WERE REQUESTED TO PROCESS THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR JENSEN AND COLLINSON O

TWO O IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT NORMAL METHOD IS TO PROCESS THROUGH FOREIGN OFFICE TO US EMBASSY IN CANBERRA O

THREE O PROCESSING HAS COMMENCED AT THEIR HQ AND DECORATIONS BRANCH HAVE ADVISED THAT AT LEAST TWO MONTHS IS THE NORMAL TIME FRAME

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UNCLAS MS51347 IN CONFIDENCE. AWARDOF US SOLDIERS MEDAL. REF AHQ 445/R32/3 OF 6 JUL 71. PLEASE ADVISE PRESENT SITUATION AND ACTION TAKEN TO DATE

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ORIGINATOR'S NUMBER: MS 11330

HONOURS AND AWARDS O 13097 SGT K G CONWAY DECEASED CMF KIA 060245H JUL 64 IN SVN O REQUEST THAT MS3R AND CARO INSPECT RECORDS OF ABOVE MEMBER AND INFORM THIS HQ IF ANY CITATION OMM AUSTRALIAN OR FOREIGN WAS RECEIVED ON BEHALF OF MEMBER AND ANY AWARD SUBSEQUENTLY MADE O IF SO COULD THIS HQ BE FORWARDED A COPY OF ANY RELEVANT DOCUMENT

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HEADQUARTERS
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24 Jul 71.

MACV
(Attn Awards and Decorations Branch).

ACCEPTANCE AND WEARING OF FOREIGN AWARDS

1. It is understood that your office holds proposals for the award of the Soldiers Medal to

29543 WO2 M.T. Jensen
24393 WO2 R.J. Collinson.

2. Under Foreign Office regulations the Soldiers Medal may be accepted and worn without restriction by persons in the service of the Crown.

3. The US Military Attached in Canberra Australia is fully aware of the situation concerning acceptance of life saving awards.

4. We would therefore be pleased if you would process the recommendations for the above members.

(D.B. DUNSTAN)
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ARMY HEADQUARTERS
CANBERRA, ACT

6 Jul 71

AFV

ACCEPTANCE AND WEARING OF FOREIGN AWARDS

1. A recent check of recommendations held relating to proposed United States awards to Australian soldiers, revealed citations for the award of the Soldiers Medal to the following members.

29543 WO2 M.T. JENSEN

24393 WO2 R.J. COLLINSON

2. The Soldiers Medal is only awarded for heroism involving the voluntary risk of life under conditions other than those of conflict with an opposing armed force.

3. In accordance with Foreign Office regulations concerning the acceptance and wearing of foreign awards by persons in the service of the Crown, the Soldiers Medal may be accepted and worn without restriction vide the following paragraph :

> "Medals for saving or attempting to save life at sea or on land, whether conferred on behalf of the Head or Government of a Foreign State or by private Life Saving Societies or Institutions, may be accepted and worn, subject only to the restrictions imposed by the regulations for the Services concerned".

4. The US Military Attache in Canberra is fully aware of the situation concerning acceptance of life saving awards.

5. It is therefore requested that MACV be asked to process the recommendations for the abovenamed members.

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(J.F. WHITE)
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16 Jun 70

Chief
FWMAO

US RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DECORATIONS

Attached as Annexure A as requested, are the details of US Recommendations for decorations to individual members of the Australian Military Forces, received at this Headquarters since 1 Jul 69.

(E.J.E. FRASER)
Major General
Commander Australian Force
VIETNAM

Annexure A: Details of US Recommendations for Decorations.

ANNEX A TO HQ AFV
445-2-1 OF 27 JUN 70

US RECOMMENDATIONS RECEIVED SINCE 1 JUL 69

Date	No	Rank	Name	Proposed Award
31 Jul 69	221290	WO1	S.A. Aiken	Bronze Star with V Device
29 Nov 69	36371	WO2	R.D. Aylett	Bronze Star
4 Jan 70	24170	WO1	R.M. Almond	Army Commendation Medal
	17805	WO2	C.L. Black	Bronze Star
12 Aug 69	36292	WO2	J.E. Barker	Silver Star
14 Sep 69	3173096	Capt	D.G. Bent	Bronze Star
11 Sep 69	411664	WO2	M.E. Bolitho	Bronze Star
Dec 69	25627	Maj	H.L. Bell	Bronze Star
21 Dec 69	25761	WO2	L.N. Boots	Bronze Star
3 Apr 70	29598	WO2	A. Breakwell	Bronze Star with "V"
27 Jan 70	26344	Maj	W.J. Brydon	Legion of Merit
21 Nov 69	214866	WO2	R.D. Cameron	Bronze Star
3 Oct 69	335086	Maj	M.D. Currie	Army Commendation Medal
24 Nov 69	214866	WO2	R.D. Cameron	Bronze Star
23 Dec 69	33691	WO2	F. Callander	Silver Star
3 Apr 70	37393	WO2	B. Davies	Silver Star
6 Oct 69	14467	WO2	T.F. Dolan	Bronze Star with "V"
29 Jan 70	242988	WO2	W.L. Dunstan	Silver Star
8 Mar 70	214603	WO2	D.W. Eather	Silver Star
16 Sep 69	27974	WO2	J. Fitzgerald	Bronze Star
2 Sep 69	22862	WO2	K.A. Gabriel	Bronze Star
22 Sep 69	31440	WO1	E.W. Gason	Bronze Star
17 Feb 70	54700	WO2	T.J. Goddard	Bronze Star
18 Feb 70	237	Maj Gen	R.A. Hay, CB, MBE	Legion of Merit
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5 Feb 70	15628	WO2	V.L. Harris	Bronze Star
10 Dec 69	43593	WO2	M.P. Hanley	Silver Star
13 Oct 69	29543	WO2	M.T. Jensen	US Soldiers Medal
31 Oct 69	235062	Maj	F.C. Johnston, MBE	Bronze Star
16 Aug 69	57015	Lt Col	R.D.F. Lloyd, MC	Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device
30 Jan 70	216462	Capt	P.A. Langman	Bronze Star with "V"
31 Jul 69	43089	Capt	A.J. Mogridge	Bronze Star
2 May 70	31652	Capt	W.V. McMahon	Air Force Commendation Medal
12 Dec 69	21038	WO2	J.H. McCartney	Army Commendation Medal
19 Jan 70	213262	WO2	K.H. Mavin	Bronze Star with "V"
2 Jan 70	14000	WO2	F.M. Moffitt	Silver Star
21 Aug 69	21406	WO1	E.B. Ostara	Bronze Star
16 Dec 69	34922	WO2	J. O'Donnell	Bronze Star
29 Jul 69	3163	Brig	C.M.I. Pearson, DSO, OBE, MC.	Legion of Merit
5 Nov 69	1200956	2Lt	P.H.D. Rodgers	Air Medal
9 Nov 69	33887	WO1	S.D. Rosenberg	Army Commendation Medal with "V"
14 Aug 69	17684	Capt	D.G. Savage	Army Commendation Medal
18 Jul 69	42076	WO2	E.W. Spelling	Bronze Star
16 Sep 69	32129	WO1	J.B.Staunton-Latimer	Bronze Star
10 Nov 69	311013	WO2	A.J. Stuttard	Bronze Star
10 Nov 60	28878	WO2	J.R. Stewart	Bronze Star
23 Jan 70	311517	WO2	A.T. Shelton	Bronze Star with "V"
23 Jan 70	32129	WO2	J.B. Staunton-Latimer	Army Commendation Medal
23 Jan 70	16273	WO2	O. Stevenson	Silver Star
29 Aug 69	53714	WO2	B. Tolley	Silver Star.
14 Dec 69	22696	WO2	K.J. Troy	Bronze Star
11 Jul 69	214468	WO2	B. Walsh	Bronze Star with "V"
18 Aug 69	61818	WO2	B.L. Young	Army Commendation Medal
13 Apr 70	3324	Col	A.B. Stretton, CBE	Legion of Merit.
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23 Jan 70	26344	Maj	W.J. Brydon	Silver Star
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ANNEX A TO
MINUTE
DATED 31 JUL 67

US AWARDS

Number (a)	Rank (b)	Name (c)	Unit (d)	Recommendation (e)
1410219	WO2	J. STEPHENS	AATTV	Bronze Star with V device
16181	WO2	B.D. CLARK	AATTV	Silver Star
6948	WO2	K.J. WALLACE	AATTV	Bronze Star with V device
35245	WO2	G. POLKINGHORNE	AATTV	Bronze Star with V device
27105	WO2	R.W. FOSTER	AATTV	Bronze Star with V device
~~221290~~	~~WO1~~	~~S.A. AIKEN~~	~~AATTV~~	~~Bronze Star with V device~~
3193	WO2	A.G. HINSON	AATTV	Bronze Star with V device
63507	Capt	A.H. McGREGOR	3 Tp RAE.	Legion of Merit
38479	Gnr	F. GULYAS	105 Bty	Army Commendation Medal
1113	Lt Col	A.V. PREECE	1 RAR	Legion of Merit
31179	Maj	J. ESSEX-CLARK	1 RAR	Legion of Merit
235207	Capt	M. CARROL	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
1252	Capt	T.J. BUCKLEY	1 RAR	Bronze Star
54593	L Cpl	W. BRUNALLI	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
235122	Maj	J.S. ROWE	1 RAR	Legion of Merit
61107	Maj	R.T. LIPSCOMBE	161 Recce Flt.	Legion of Merit
215430	Pte	J.P. DALY	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
2412088	Cpl	C.F. WEBSTER	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
213643	Cpl	R. EVANS	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
32070	WO1	D.D. HORSLEY	1 ALSC 3rd Coy.	Army Commendation Medal
53210	Sgt	R.H. GREIG	1 APC Tp	Army Commendation Medal
215998	Pte	B.J. DELANEY	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
17036	Maj	I.S. FISHER	1 RAR	Bronze Star
29890	WO2	K.A. WHEATLEY	AATTV	Silver Star
24980	WO2	K.W. STOKER	AATTV	Bronze Star
12587	WO2	J.C. MOODY	AATTV	Bronze Star with V device
52506	WO2	L.D. OSBORN	AATTV	Bronze Star with V device

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
3975	WO2	G.E. CHINN	AATTV	Bronze Star with V device
28886	WO2	E.F. MILLER	AATTV	Bronze Star with V device
52285	WO2	T. BARRETT	AATTV	Bronze Star with V device
28416	WO2	G.G. BATISTE	AATTV	Bronze Star
53302	WO2	P.J. HOYNE	AATTV	Bronze Star
~~211090~~	~~WO2~~	~~J.M. ANDREWS~~	~~AATTV~~	~~Bronze Star~~
13927	WO2	J.R. BISHOP	AATTV	Bronze Star
213542	WO2	B.E. CHAPMAN	AATTV	Bronze Star
12086	SSgt	A.F. HARNEY	1 Comp Ord Coy	Army Commendation Medal
15048	SSgt	N.L. KRAUSE	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
213760	Sgt	B. STOKES	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
~~29214~~	~~Sgt~~	~~L.S. ANNESLEY~~	~~1 RAR~~	~~Army Commendation Medal~~
43096	LCpl	B. WEBSTER	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
14754	LCpl	L.R. TAIT	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
~~36419~~	~~Cpl~~	~~A.G. ANDERSON~~	~~1 RAR~~	~~Army Commendation Medal~~
54010	Cpl	C.W. CLIFTON	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
42755	Cfn	M.J. RUDGE	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
215089	Pte	R.M. SLOAN	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
25857	Sgt	D.M. FYLE	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
244778	Spr	T.G. MASON	3 Tp RAE	Army Commendation Medal
213673	Cpl	R.W. WRIGHT	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
22907	WO2	R.P. PINCOTT	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
335092	Maj	J.B. HEALY	1 RAR	Bronze Star
28362	Maj	J.J. TATTAM	1 RAR	Bronze Star
335062	Maj	I.D. MACFARLANE	1 RAR	Bronze Star
11411	Maj	R.B. MACDONALD	1 RAR	Legion of Merit
A1770	F/Sgt	L.E. LARNEY	161 Recce Flt	Army Commendation Medal
1410367	Cpl	F.L. MORRISON	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
235093	Maj	P.N.O. TEDDER	105 Fd Bty	Legion of Merit
335028	Maj	J.A. HOOPER	1 RAR	Legion of Merit
235032	Maj	R.R. HANNIGAN	1 RAR	Legion of Merit
235045	Maj	B.J. HARPER	1 RAR	Bronze Medal

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
~~22639~~	~~Cpl~~	~~J.A. ALCORN~~	~~1 RAR~~	~~Army Commendation Medal~~
37425	Cpl	L.J. POWELL	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
36682	Pte	J.W. KERR	1 RAR	Army Commendation Medal
28490	Sgt	L.W. FANNING	105 Fd Bty	Army Commendation Medal
~~28170~~	~~Pte~~	~~D.R. MYETT~~	~~1 RAR~~	~~Army Commendation Medal~~
~~37499~~	~~LCpl~~	~~B.J. ADAMS~~	~~1 RAR~~	~~Army Commendation Medal~~
29113	Capt	R.A. DUCIE	1 RAR	Bronze Star
51407	Capt	R.K. HILL	APC Sqn	Legion of Merit
57056	Capt	A.G. THOMPSON	1 RAR	Bronze Star
211290	WO1	S.A. AIKEN REPEATED	AATTV	Bronze Star
3193	WO2	A.G. HINSON REPEATED	AATTV	Bronze Star
25629	Maj	J.C. HARDING	AATTV	Bronze Star

ANNEX B TO
MINUTE
DATED 31 JUL 67

VIETNAMESE AWARDS

Number (a)	Rank (b)	Name (c)	Unit (d)	Recommendation (e)
335073	Maj	I.G. McNEILL	AATTV	Medal of Honour 1st Class
13841	WO2	R.J. SWANTON 13 Nov 65	AATTV)	Military Merit Medal Gallantry Cross with Palm (each)
29890	WO2	K.A. WHEATLEY 13 Nov 65	AATTV)	
57050	Maj	R.S. BUCHAN	AATTV	Medal of Honour 1st Class
213825	WO2	J.W. LAKE	AATTV	Ranger Medal
34992	WO2	D.G. ANNETTE	AATTV	Medal of Honour 1st Class
35803	Maj	I.C. TEAQUE	AATTV	Medal of Merit
26165	WO2	J.T. MALONE	AATTV	Medal of Merit
1965	WO2	M. COFFEE	AATTV	Medal of Merit
43056	L/Cpl	B GILES	17 Cdo Sqn	Gallantry Cross with Palm
36087	Spr	D McCALLUM.	1 Cdo Sqn	Gallantry Cross with Palm
57038	Maj	P.R. BURNS	AATTV	Medal of Honour 1st Class
29893	WO2	R.J. PENMAN	AATTV	Gallantry Cross with gold star Gallantry Cross with silver star

Notes 1. File with regimental details of the soldiers cannot be located. Still searching.

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96222

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8 FEB 1968

Major General A. L. MacDonald
Commander Australian Forces, Vietnam
Saigon, Vietnam

Dear General MacDonald:

This replies to letter R445/2/1, your headquarters, dated 29 January 1968 recommending Major Frank J. Wasko, Jr. for a meritorious service award.

Submission of this recommendation in recognition of Major Wasko's liaison service with your command is appreciated. It will be placed in his personnel records and used in consideration for an award in accordance with US Armed Forces directives.

Sincerely,

FRANKLIN M. DAVIS, JR.
Brigadier General, USA
Assistant Chief of Staff, J-1

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
R445/2/1

HEADQUARTERS
AUSTRALIAN FORCE
VIETNAM

24 Jan 68

MACV J1

AWARD TO 077764
MAJOR FRANK J. WASKO JR

1. Attached are two copies of a citation for Maj Wasko. If the citation was for an Australian officer, the recommendation would be that he be awarded the honour of a Member of the British Empire.

2. Major Wasko is serving as a Plans officer at FWMAO and it is considered that he has made an outstanding contribution to the operations and administration of Australian Force Vietnam during his tour of duty.

3. This citation is submitted for your consideration for an appropriate US award.

(D VINCENT) Major General
Commander
Australian Force VIETNAM

For Information:

FWMAO

ACSI-FB

5 May 1965

Colonel N.A.M. Nicholls
Australian Army Representative
Embassy of Australia
2001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Sir:

The Department of the Army takes pleasure in forwarding the inclosed recommendation for the award of a decoration for heroism for Warrant Officer Reginald J. Collinson, Royal Australian Engineers, for services performed in saving a life of a Vietnamese Strike Force soldier on 1 April 1964 while serving as an engineer advisor attached to US Army Special Forces Detachment A-732, at Kham Duc, Quang Ti Province, Republic of Vietnam.

It is realized that your government prohibits the acceptance of foreign awards during time of peace. However, the recommendation is forwarded as a matter of record and to inform you of the outstanding performance of duty by Warrant Officer Collinson while on duty with the U. S. Army.

His performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself and the Australian Army and has materially assisted in the maintenance of the fine spirit of friendly cooperation which exists between our armies.

Sincerely yours,

H. T. HUNT, JR.
Lt. Colonel, GS

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as

LEO V. HAYES
Lt. Colonel, GS
Acting Foreign Liaison Officer

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

HEROISM | MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE (AR 672-5-1)

PREPARE TO REACH APPROVING AUTHORITY IN DUPLICATE.

DATE: 27 August 1964

THRU: Commanding General, USAGGV, APO 143, US Forces

TO: Commanding General, CINCUSARPAC, APO 958, US Forces

FROM (rank): Commanding Officer, Det A-732, USASF(P)V, APO 187, US Forces

PART I – STATUS AT TIME OF RECOMMENDATION

1. LAST NAME – FIRST NAME – MIDDLE NAME	2. SERVICE NO.	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH (Or MOS if WO)
COLLINSON, Reginald James	34393	WO-2	Royal Australian Engineers

5. ORGANIZATION: Australian Army Training Team Vietnam

6. LEGAL RESIDENCE (Number, Street, City, and State): S.E. Married Quarters, Castle, New South Wales, Australia

7. RECOMMENDED AWARD: Soldier's Medal

8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ☐ YES ☒ NO

9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: Coleen Annette Collinson (Wife) Same address as item #6

PART II – STATUS AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

10. SERVICE NUMBER	11. GRADE	12. BRANCH (Or MOS if WO)	13. ORGANIZATION
34393	WO-2	Royal Australian Engineers	Australian Army Training Team VN

14. HAS ALL SERVICE BEEN HONORABLE SUBSEQUENT TO THIS ACT OR SERVICE (If not, summarize on reverse side.)
☒ YES ☐ NO

15. IF PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THIS ACT OR SERVICE, INDICATE TYPE OF AWARD RECOMMENDED, BY WHOM, WHEN, ACTION TAKEN, AND HEADQUARTERS

None EDDPAC: 15 Sep 64 Entered Service from: Melbourne, Australian

16. OTHER U. S. DECORATIONS RECEIVED (Include date and authority) (Do not list service medals; list foreign decorations only when same period as this recommendation.)

None

17. DID YOU HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACT OR SERVICE ☐ YES ☐ NO

PART III – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

18. WERE YOU AN EYE WITNESS TO THE ACT ☒ YES ☐ NO

19. IF CERTIFICATES OR AFFIDAVITS OR EYE WITNESSES OR PERSONS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS ARE NOT INCLOSED, GIVE REASONS

Recommending officer was eye witness to the act

20. PERSONS IN IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY OR WHO ASSISTED IN ACT OR SHARED IN SAME HAZARD

a. FULL NAME	b. SERVICE NO.	c. GRADE	d. UNIT
QUAMO, George	05307391	Capt	Det A-732, USASF(P)V
DEWEY, Gordon W.	RA12463126	Sgt E5	Det A-732, USASF(P)V

21. IF ANY OF ABOVE PERSONS HAVE BEEN AWARDED OR RECOMMENDED FOR AN AWARD FOR HEROISM FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACT, GIVE NAME AND TYPE OF AWARD

N/A

22. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. INCLUSIVE DATES	c. TIME OF DAY
Kham Duc, Quang Tin Province, RVN	1 April 1964	1330 Hours

d. CHARACTER AND CONDITIONS OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER

Weather: Clear, fair
Terrain: Deep pond vicinity Kham Duc, Quang Tin, Republic of Vietnam

23. DESCRIBE ENEMY CONDITIONS (Morale, Proximity, Fire, Observation, Casualties, and Action; what the enemy was doing and what it did as the result of the act.)

N/A

24. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES AND MISSION: INDICATE WHAT THE UNIT WAS DOING AT THE [illegible]

N/A

25. WHAT WERE COMRADES WHO WERE IN IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY DOING – HOW DID THEY PARTICIPATE IN THE ACT

Drying off after bath, swimming toward shore from raft.

PART IV – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

26. UNIT, HEADQUARTERS, OR SECTION IN WHICH DUTY WAS PERFORMED

N/A

27. INCLUSIVE DATES FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED

N/A

28. SERVICE COMPLETED ☐ YES

☐ TO BE COMPLETED ON OR ABOUT N/A

29. NOW IN SAME OR RELATED ASSIGNMENT N/A

☐ NO ☐ TO BE REASSIGNED ON OR ABOUT

☐ TO BE RETIRED ON OR ABOUT

☐ TO BE RELIEVED FROM AD ON OR ABOUT

PART V - TO BE USED FOR ALL RECOMMENDATIONS

30. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF ☐ DEED OR ACT ☐ ACHIEVEMENT PERFORMED OR SERVICE RENDERED

FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM: WAS ACT VOLUNTARY? DESCRIBE WHY ACT WAS OUTSTANDING AND IF IT WAS MORE THAN WAS NORMALLY EXPECTED, EXPLAIN HOW. IF IN AERIAL FLIGHT, DESCRIBE TYPE AND POSITION OF AIRPLANE, CREW POSITION OF INDIVIDUAL, AND ALL UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE: TITLE AND DUTIES OF ASSIGNMENT, INCLUDING CHARACTER OF SERVICE DURING PERIOD FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED *(Give complete description of technical or specialized positions, including dates of assignment and relief)*; WHAT DID THE INDIVIDUAL DO THAT MERITS THE AWARD? WHY WAS THIS OUTSTANDING WHEN COMPARED TO OTHERS OF LIKE RANK AND EXPERIENCE IN SIMILAR POSITIONS?

At 1330 hours of 1 April 1964 while WO-2 Collinson of the Royal Australian Army, two members of Special Forces, detachment A-732 and one Vietnamese Strike Force soldier were swimming in a deep pond near Kham Duc Airstrip, Vietnam. The Vietnamese soldier suddenly developed a cramp while attempting to swim to shore from a raft, which was anchored seventy-five yards out from shore. Since he did not cry out, he immediately lost complete control of himself and submerged, WO-2 Collinson, regardless of his safety, dove at once into the water from shore and rescued him. Collinson risked his own life in the water which was very muddy. He was nearly drowned with this guy when pulling him out of water.

If he had not noticed that he was having difficulty, it is probable that the strike force soldier would have submerged in the deep water making it difficult to locate him in time to save him. The rescue task required extraordinary bravery and skill in rescue methods and the alterist determination to save.

His performance distinguished himself by heroism, involving personal danger

31. DESCRIBE EFFECTS OR RESULTS In saving the soldier's life, Mr. Collinson materially aided in cementing relations between the Vietnamese camp personnel and the Special Forces detachment at this camp.

32. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED

Commander of the detachment to which Mr. Collinson is attached.

33. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO

Commanding Officer
U. S. Army Special Forces, Vietnam

34. INCLOSURES *(Include proposed citation, sketches, and eye witness statements when required.)*

1. Propsed Citation
2. Summary of Accomplishments

35. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH, AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION

GEORGE QUAIO
Capt, Inf., Commanding Det A-732

36. SIGNATURE

George Quaio

REVERSE SIDE MAY BE USED FOR DRAFT OF PROPOSED CITATION, AND CONTINUANCE OF ABOVE ITEMS, IF NECESSARY.

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and the voluntary risk of life under the most dangerous circumstance, not involving actual conflict with an armed enemy.

Collinson's alertness and steadfast reaction in the saving of the soldier's life has gained the complete respect and admination of Vietnamese and American of all ranks, and reflect great credit upon himself, the Royal Australian Army, has aided the Special Forces detachment in cementing Vietnamese-American relations and has greatly expanded the dignity and respect demanded of the advisor in the CIDG program.

In addition, he has demonstrated acute mental alertness, professional knowledge and attention to duty in all phases of camp activity since his attachment to Special detachment A-732 on 2 March 1964.

I have read the criteria for the Soldiers Medal, and I strongly recommend the the award for WO-2 Collinson for his heroic action.

ENCLOSED [illegible]

SOLDIER'S MEDAL

BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL IS AWARDED TO WO-2 REGINALD J. COLLINSON, [illegible], ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY. WO COLLINSON DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY HEROISM NOT INVOLVING ACTUAL CONFLICT WITH AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE ON 1 APRIL 1964 WHILE SERVING AS AN ENGINEER ADVISOR ATTACHED TO US ARMY SPECIAL FORCES DETACHMENT A-732, AT KHAM DUC, QUANG TI PROVINCE, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. HIS STRICT ATTENTION TO DUTY, MENTAL ALERTNESS, AND UNRELENTING ACCEPTANCE AND INDUSTRIOUS EXECUTION OF ALL ASSIGNED TASKS WHICH WO COLLINSON HAS DEMONSTRATED SINCE 2 MARCH 1964, WHEN HE WAS ATTACHED TO SPECIAL FORCES DETACHMENT A-732 TO AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF CIDG CAMP JACKSON, CULMINATED IN THE SAVING OF A STRIKE FORCE SOLDIER'S LIFE. AT 1330 HOURS OF 1 APRIL 1964, WHILE WO COLLINSON, TWO MEMBERS OF SPECIAL FORCES DETACHMENT A-732, AND ONE STRIKE FORCE SOLDIER WERE SWIMMING IN A DEEP POND NEAR KHAM DUC AIRSTRIP, THE STRIKE FORCE SOLDIER DEVELOPED A CRAMP WHILE ATTEMPTING TO SWIM SHORE FROM A CRAFT, WHICH WAS ANCHORED SEVENTY-FIVE YARDS OUT FROM SHORE. WO COLLINSON DOVE INTO THE WATER FROM SHORE AND RESCUED THE SOLDIER, WHO WAS COMPLETELY SUBMERGED AND DISABLED. WO COLLINSON'S ALERTNESS AND IMMEDIATE REACTION IN THE SAVING OF THE SOLDIER'S LIFE HAS GAINED THE COMPLETE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF VIETNAMESE AND AUSTRALIANS OF ALL RANKS, AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY.

WO COLLINSON ENTERED THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY FROM MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA.

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NAME: Reginald J. Collinson
GRADE: Warrant Officer-2, Royal Australian Army
SERVICE NUMBER: 3[illegible]393
AWARD RECOMMENDED: Soldier's Medal
DATE COVERED: 1 April 1964

1. WO-2 Collinson has demonstrated accute mental alertness, professional knowledge, and attention to duty in all phases of camp activity since his attachment to Special Detachment A-732 on 2 March 1964.

2. This mental alertness and attention to duty, coupled with immediate reaction resulted in his saving a Vietnamese Strike Force soldier from drowning on 1 April 1964, which act has aided the Special Forces detachment in cementing Vietnamese-American relations, and has greatly expanded the diginity and respect demanded of the advisor in the CIDG program.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM

QUOTE IN REPLY
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HEADQUARTERS
Army Component
13 Oct 69

AHQ(MS)

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

Enclosed is a recommendation for the award of the US Soldiers Medal to 29543 W02 M.T. Jensen, RA Inf, AATTV.

(R.A. HAY)
Major General
Commander Australian Force
VIETNAM

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

☒ HEROISM ☐ MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE (AR 672-5-1)

PREPARE TO REACH APPROVING AUTHORITY IN DUPLICATE.

DATE: 26 August 1969

THRU: Director, Training Directorate, MACV, APO 96222

TO: COMUSMACV, ATTN: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

FROM: (Unit) Lam Son Nat Trg Ctr Adv Det / Advisory Team #40, APO 96240

PART I – STATUS AT TIME OF RECOMMENDATION

1. LAST NAME – FIRST NAME – MIDDLE NAME	2. SERVICE NO.	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH (Or MOS If WO)
JENSEN, [illegible] THOMAS	29543	W02	Australian Army

5. ORGANIZATION: AATTV, 7 Ranger Trng Ctr Adv Det, APO 96240

6. LEGAL RESIDENCE (Number, Street, City, and State): 727 Wentworth Road, Ingleburn NSW Australia 2174

7. RECOMMENDED AWARD: Soldiers Medal

8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ☐ YES ☐ NO

9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: Mavis Anne Jensen (wife), 727 Wentworth Road, Ingleburn NSW Australian 2174

PART II – STATUS AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

10. SERVICE NUMBER	11. GRADE	12. BRANCH (Or MOS If WO)	13. ORGANIZATION
29543	W02	Australian Army	Same as above

14. HAS ALL SERVICE BEEN HONORABLE SUBSEQUENT TO THIS ACT OR SERVICE (If not, summarize on reverse side.)
☒ YES ☐ NO

15. IF PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THIS ACT OR SERVICE, INDICATE TYPE OF AWARD RECOMMENDED, BY WHOM, WHEN, ACTION TAKEN, AND HEADQUARTERS
No

16. OTHER U. S. DECORATIONS RECEIVED (Include date and authority) (Do not list service medals; list foreign decorations only when same period as this recommendation.)
None

17. DID YOU HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACT OR SERVICE ☐ YES ☐ NO

PART III – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

18. WERE YOU AN EYE WITNESS TO THE ACT ☒ YES ☐ NO

19. IF CERTIFICATES OR AFFIDAVITS OR EYE WITNESSES OR PERSONS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS ARE NOT INCLOSED, GIVE REASONS

20. PERSONS IN IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY OR WHO ASSISTED IN ACT OR SHARED IN SAME HAZARD

a. FULL NAME	b. SERVICE NO.	c. GRADE	d. UNIT
ADELL L. [illegible]	381-68-7942	COL	Lam Son NTC
OSCAR G. KNIGHT	289-32-9712	CPT	Lam Son NTC
JOHN F. ROBB	112-34-0707	CPT	Lam Son NTC
WAYNE J. [illegible]ER	431-46-9279	CPT	Lam Son NTC

21. IF ANY OF ABOVE PERSONS HAVE BEEN AWARDED OR RECOMMENDED FOR AN AWARD FOR HEROISM FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACT, GIVE NAME AND TYPE OF AWARD
N/A

22. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. INCLUSIVE DATES	c. TIME OF DAY
Duc My, Khanh Hoa Province, RVN	17 August 1969	1505

d. CHARACTER AND CONDITIONS OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER
Terrain was grassy and dry. Weather was hot and clear.

23. DESCRIBE ENEMY CONDITIONS (Morale, Proximity, Fire, Observation, Casualties, and Action; what the enemy was doing and what it did as the result of the act.)
N/A

DA FORM 1 MAY 60 638 PREVIOUS EDITION IS OBSOLETE.

24. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES AND MISSION: INDICATE WHAT THE UNIT WAS DOING AT TIME OF ACT

Morale of unit was high. Mission was to improve defenses and there were no casualties.

25. WHAT WERE COMRADES WHO WERE IN IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY DOING – HOW DID THEY PARTICIPATE IN THE ACT

They did not participate in the act. They were trying to extinguish the fire.

PART IV – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

26. UNIT, HEADQUARTERS, OR SECTION IN WHICH DUTY WAS PERFORMED

N/A

27. INCLUSIVE DATES FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED

28. SERVICE COMPLETED ☐ YES

☐ TO BE COMPLETED ON OR ABOUT

29. NOW IN SAME OR RELATED ASSIGNMENT

☐ NO ☐ TO BE REASSIGNED ON OR ABOUT

☐ TO BE RETIRED ON OR ABOUT

☐ TO BE RELIEVED FROM AD ON OR ABOUT

PART V - TO BE USED FOR ALL RECOMMENDATIONS

30. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF ☐ DEED OR ACT ☐ ACHIEVEMENT PERFORMED OR SERVICE RENDERED

AWARD FOR HEROISM: WAS ACT VOLUNTARY? DESCRIBE WHY ACT WAS OUTSTANDING AND IF IT WAS MORE THAN WAS NORMALLY EXPECTED, EXPLAIN HOW. IF IN AERIAL FLIGHT, DESCRIBE TYPE AND POSITION OF AIRPLANE, CREW POSITION OF INDIVIDUAL, AND ALL UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE: TITLE AND DUTIES OF ASSIGNMENT, INCLUDING CHARACTER OF SERVICE DURING PERIOD FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED *(Give complete description of technical or specialized positions, including dates of assignment and l)*; WHAT DID THE INDIVIDUAL DO THAT MERITS THE AWARD? WHY WAS THIS OUTSTANDING WHEN COMPARED TO OTHERS OF LIKE RANK AND EXPERIENCE IN SIMILAR POSITIONS?

On 17 August 1969 a fire broke out in the village of Duc My, Khanh Hoa Province, Republic of Vietnam. A fire truck from the Ranger Training Center responded, and CPT George C. Renner, a RTC Advisor, took charge of the fire hose and began attempting to extinguish the fire. The buildings were grass roof stucco structures, causing the fire to quickly become a raging inferno. CPT Renner was between two burning buildings trying to prevent a third from igniting by wetting the building down. Suddenly the wall of one of the buildings collapsed and CPT Renner was completely buried under the burning debris. Warrant Officer Jensen, with no regard for his own safety immediately ran in among the burning debris and began removing the burning debris from CPT Renner. There was falling debris and flames and the collapsed wall was burning rapidly but Mr Jensen persevered and succeeded in pulling CPT Renner to safety. CPT Renner, overcome by smoke and suffering severe burns, was evacuated to the Eighth Field Hospital in Nha Trang. Mr Jensen suffered burned hands and chest and a strained back.

31. DESCRIBE EFFECTS OR RESULTS

N/A

32. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED

Training Complex Senior Advisor

33. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO

[illegible] Nha Trang Gen. Dv Det,
[illegible], APO

34. INCLOSURES *(Include proposed citation, sketches, and eye witness statements when required.)*

1. Proposed Citation
2. Statement (CPT Renner)
3. Statement (CPT Robb)
4. Statement (WO Knight)

35. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH, AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION

[illegible], Colonel, Infantry, Senior Advisor

36. SIGNATURE

REVERSE SIDE MAY BE USED FOR DRAFT OF PROPOSED CITATION, AND CONTINUANCE OF ABOVE ITEMS, IF NECESSARY.

PPC Japan

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

20 September 19

On 17 August 19[illegible] while assisting in fighting a fire in the Due[illegible] Village, CFT George Benner became trapped under a burning wall which had collapsed on top of him. Upon arrival CFT Benner was unable to move and was in serious danger.

Coolly disregarding his own safety Warrant Officer Arthur T. Jensen immediately rushed to CFT Benner's aid heedless of the flames, intense heat and the imminent danger of additional structures that might collapse on him at any moment. Through his efforts Warrant Officer Jensen succeeded in extracting CFT Benner from under the burning wall and dragged him to safety.

It is my belief that had not Warrant Officer Jensen acted immediately CFT Benner would certainly have suffered extremely serious burns if not death.

[signature]
A.[illegible] J. Hall
CFT, [illegible] FF
Detachment Commander

[illegible]

20 September 19[illegible]

On 17 August 19[illegible] in the village of Duc My, [illegible] Province, Republic of Vietnam.

I was engaged in trying to control the blaze when I saw CPT Lemmon coming [illegible] fire hose in between the buildings. All of a sudden CPT Lemmon was down in a [illegible] and tripped CPT Lemmon. And ran to the aid of CPT Lemmon. Lemmon was in very [illegible] the burning debris [illegible] around the wreckage for CPT Lemmon. Due to the heavy smoke I lost sight of CPT Lemmon and [illegible] for CPT Lemmon and moved closer [illegible] emergency entry of CPT Lemmon. Lemmon received multiple burns and was evacuated from the area.

John F. [illegible]
CPT, [illegible] INF
S-3 Advisor

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

19 September 1969

On 17 August 1969 a fire broke out in the village of Duc My, Thanh Hoa Province, Republic of Vietnam.

I was at the far end of the compound when I heard the call for help. By the time I arrived the Team members were busy trying to extinguish the fire. CPT Benner was working the fire hose in close trying to get to the base of the fire. I began working on one of the other houses trying to prevent it from burning. I heard someone scream that a wall was falling and then that CPT Benner was trapped under the wall. I ran over to the area and saw Mr. Jensen run in among the burning debris and begin throwing the wreakage off of CPT Benner. I couldn't see CPT Benner because of the heavy smoke and flames, and for one moment Mr. Jensen was not visible, there was burning debris falling all around and we were placing as much water into the area as we could. After approximately two minutes Mr. Jensen came out dragging CPT Benner who was overcome by smoke and suffering from severe burns. Mr. Jensen sufferred a strained back and multiple burns.

Oscar E. Knight

OSCAR E. KNIGHT
Captain, Infantry
S-1 Advisor

SOLDIER'S MEDAL

For distinguishing himself by heroism in connection with military operations on 17 August 1969 while serving as Training Advisor, Ranger Training Center Advisory Detachment, Training Center Division, Training Directorate, MACV. WO2 [redacted], along with several members of the Advisory Team were engaged in fighting a fire in the village of Duc [redacted], Khanh Hoa Province, Republic of Vietnam. A burning wall collapsed and trapped CPT [redacted] WO [redacted], with complete disregard for his own personal safety, immediately plunged into the raging inferno and with dogmatic perseverance succeeded in extracting the trapped team member. WO [redacted]'s quick reaction and heroism was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Australian Army and the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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TO AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

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1. It is in addition
2. COMAFV is to receive but not accept.
3. So, too, well merited by Det, Aust CA Unit Vung Tau

Defe 21 Jun 68

C O N F I D E N T I A L COSAFV 210 FOR COMAFV FROM CCOSC.=

YOUR AFWCOS 1366 INTERNATIONAL AID DAY. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT EMBASSY IS BEING INSTRUCTED TO NOMINATE A CIVILIAN TO RECEIVE A SYMBOLIC AWARD. IN VIEW NATURE OF OCCASION THIS IS APPROPRIATE COURSE. IF VIETNAMESE INTEND TO OFFER AN AWARD TO YOU IN ADDITION YOU MAY ACCEPT ON BASIS YOUR PARA FOUR. VIETNAMESE SHOULD BE ADVISED OF NATURE OF ACCEPTANCE

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1 of 5.

Presentation of CHUONG MY medal (1st class) on 22 Jun 68.

1. The Embassy have had no reply to their signal 1242 of 21 May and have not followed it up as stated in para 4 (Flag D)

2. Corkery (Counsellor Aid) is responsible for this matter but Edwards (second secretary) prepares the signals and does all the legwork. Corkery is currently at VUNG TAU.

3. I have asked Edwards to clear an immediate signal to External Affairs through H Dunn asking for advice on the International Aid Day on 22 Jun.

4. Edwards' own views are:
   a. Present regulations prevent even accepting the medal on behalf of Aid programme and personnel. (Despite Flag A)

   b. He feels CO 1 Aust CA Unit should accept the medal if this is subsequently approved NOT COMAFV.

c. Unless External Affairs approve "acceptance on behalf" he feels that it would be better not to attend (like the British) than go through the embarrassment of receiving a certificate.

3. I will keep you informed of any outcome re para 3.

Mac Lowell
Maj
LO

18 Jun 68.

MINUTE

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To C O F S

Subject VIETNAMESE AWARDS.

C.D.O. 9881

1. Reference your query regarding the acceptance of a civil Vietnamese award by former COMAFV.

2. Maj Gen MACKAY accepted one in 1966. Flag A.

3. We put alternatives to Dept of External Affairs regarding the International Aid Day presentations in 1967. Flag B. (I think this may, in fact, have been an Embassy memo).

4. I can not find the reply to this ~~signal~~ memo. However Flag C indicates that COMAFV was represented by an officer (Maj Donohoe) who was given a "Certificate of Satisfaction".

5. Mention was again made to this matter in an Embassy memo. Flag D.

17 Jun 68

H H Stevens Maj
DAAG

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Vietnam Awards.

Your telegram 1065.

We can see why the introductory words of our memo 709 prompted your query, but there was no specific previous communication or reference in the Ministry's Note. The Note simply reflects the continuing desire of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam to bestow awards on deserving Australian servicemen.

2. There has, of course, been a considerable amount of correspondence on this subject in the past. In addition to Vincent and Lush, individual cases in which Foreign Ministry has sought approval for the granting of awards include those of Leslie (our telegram 993) and Vickers (our memorandum 446). Another case is Pohla (our memorandum 418). We would be grateful for replies. ~~A reply also appears to be outstanding to our memorandum 1586 of 20th October, 1967, in which the Foreign Ministry asked for information about our awards.~~

3. The Ambassador's view on the subject of acceptance of Vietnamese awards is contained in his memorandum 637 of 3rd May, 1967. The Foreign Ministry is now seeking a "blanket" approval for the bestowal of Vietnamese awards to Australian servicemen. We have on several occasions made clear to the Foreign Ministry the official Australian position on the acceptance of foreign awards. Their persistence plainly reveals their reluctance to accept our explanation.

4. The embarrassing position in which Australia is placed on the question of awards will be re-emphasized on the occasion of International Aid Day on 22nd June. While, as

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previously, most other countries (including New Zealand but excluding the U.K. and ourselves) will presumably nominate one candidate to receive an award in the form of a medal, as requested by the Foreign Ministry, we will have to consider whether we alone should be different and accept only a piece of paper in the form of a "Certificate of Merit". (Our telegram 1194 of 14th June, 1967.) We are cabling further on this.

21st May, 1968.

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To DEFENCE CANBERRA

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FOR CCOSC FROM COMAFV . FOREIGN AWARDS . YOUR COSAFV 167 OF 010600Z . ONE . IN ACCORDANCE EARLIER AUST GOVT DECISIONS CMM UNITED STATES AND VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES WERE REQUESTED 1967 NOT TO MAKE AWARDS TO MEMBERS AFV BUT TO FORWARD CITATIONS TO COMAFV WHO QUOTE WILL TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT WHEN RECOMMENDING AWARDS UNDER AUST SYSTEM UNQUOTE . TWO . DOUBT IF US OR VIETNAMESE UNDERSTAND UNDERLYING REASON OUR ~~[illegible]~~ ATTITUDE BUT BOTH NOW COMPLYING WITH REQUEST . I HOLD RECENT EXAMPLES US AND VIETNAMESE ~~[illegible]~~ CITATIONS . THREE . CONSIDER NAVY ADVICE IS CONTRARY TO THIS ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE AND ALSO PARA 4 YOUR MEMO 10 NOV 67 . FOUR . FOR YOUR INFORMATION QUOTE INFORMAL PRACTICE IN RELATION FOREIGN AWARDS OFFERED IN VIETNAM UNQUOTE APPARENTLY HAS DIED AS RESULT ~~[illegible]~~AL VIETNAMESE AND US ~~[illegible]~~ RECOGNITION OF AUST INSISTENCE ON PROCEDURE OUTLINED PARA ONE AND MATTER CURRENTLY NOT LIVE ISSUE HERE .

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FIVE . BELIEVE NAVY ACTION ~~UNWILLINGLY~~ UNWITTINGLY INVITES REOPENING OF SUBJECT AS AM WELL AWARE

CO 135 ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY HOLDS STRONG VIEWS THIS MATTER

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C O N F I D E N T I A L COSAFV. 167 FOR COMAFV FROM CCOSC.

FOREIGN AWARDS. ONE. YOUR ASYCOS.1176 . NAVY ADVICE TO CO RANHFV WAS INTENDED TO CONVEY THAT ANY US AWARD WHICH MIGHT BEO OFFERED COULD BE RECEIVED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FORMAL APPROACH FOR ACCEPTANCE. THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH PRESENT INFORMAL PRACTICE IN RELATION TO FOREIGN AWARDS OFFERED IN VIETNAM.

TWO. THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN ANY CHANGE IN POLICY ON FOREIGN AWARDS AND THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN IN MY MEMO OF 10 NOV REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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From AUSTFORCES VIETNAM

To DEFENCE CANBERRA

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FOR CHAIRMAN CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE FROM COMAFV . SUBJECT FOREIGN AWARDS .

HAS ADVISED OC RANHF

ONE . UNDERSTAND [redacted] 2IM ON AUTHORITY CNS THAT HE MAY ACCEPT OFFICIALLY FOR ONFORWARDING

ANY US AWARD WHICH MAY BE MADE TO [illegible] SERVICEMEN IN RECOGNITION ACTION BEFORE HIS DEATH

TWO . AM AWARE THAT RECOMMENDATION FOR US AWARD ORIGINATED BY CO 135 ASSAULT HELO COM ES

IN US SYSTEM .

THREE . CLAD OF INFORMATION WHETHER PARA ONE FORECASTS ANY CHANGE POLICY FOREIGN AWARDS .

STEVENSONS ADVICE TO EXF RALPH APPEARS TO CONFLICT YOUR COSAFV 116 OF 30 SEP 67 ALTHOUGH

AM AWARE INTENDING AWARD VICTORIA CROSS THAT CASE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ADDITIONAL FACTOR

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
APO San Francisco 96222

DIRECTIVE
NUMBER 672-1

14 January 1968
(MACJ1)

DECORATIONS AND AWARDS GENERAL POLICY IN VIETNAM

1. PURPOSE. To prescribe policy and procedures for the submission and processing of recommendations for decorations and awards to members of the United States Armed Forces, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces and other Free World Military Assistance Forces serving in the Republic of Vietnam.

2. APPLICABILITY. The provisions of this directive are applicable to all US Armed Forces personnel in Vietnam.

3. GENERAL. Individual decorations and awards are a most effective means of fostering high morale, incentive, and esprit de corps.

4. POLICY.

a. United States Armed Forces.

(1) Acts of valor, meritorious service and/or meritorious achievement by individuals of the United States Armed Forces serving in the Republic of Vietnam will be promptly recognized under the provisions of this directive and other pertinent service publications.

(2) Only one award will be made for the same act, achievement, or period of meritorious service during a normal tour (12 months) in the Republic of Vietnam except as indicated in (a) and (b), below. Personnel serving on a tour extension of six months or longer may be recommended for a second award for meritorious service provided the period of service for which recommended is at least six months and does not overlap the period for which a previous award has been made. Duty assignment may be the same or different from that covered by the first award.

(a) An award for meritorious service may include a period for which an award for meritorious achievement was approved.

*This directive supersedes MACV Directive 672-1, 22 July 1966 including Change 1, 1 July 1967

(b) An award for heroism within the period of time covered by a meritorious service award is not normally considered a duplication.

(3) Recommendations for awards will be expedited to permit presentation at appropriate ceremonies in Vietnam.

b. Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces and Free World Military Assistance Forces.

(1) United States Decorations which may be awarded to foreign military personnel are contained in pertinent service publications. Prior to awarding any US decoration to foreign military personnel, recommendations must be routed to COMUSMACV to obtain US Mission concurrence.

(2) United States Mission policy is to recommend foreign military personnel for US decorations only for acts of heroism or for gallantry in action against the enemy. Each recommendation for award of the Distinguished Service Cross (Air Force Cross, Navy Cross) or the Silver Star must be accompanied by an eyewitness statement of a member of the US Armed Forces. Acts for which recommendations for award of the Distinguished Flying Cross and lesser valorous awards are submitted need not have been witnessed by a member of the US Armed Forces. However, such recommendations must be submitted by a member of the US Armed Forces who has personal knowledge that the facts contained therein are essentially correct. All recommendations will be accompanied by a biographical sketch of the intended recipient.

5. PROCEDURES.

a. Any person having knowledge of an act, achievement, or service believed to merit an award may initiate a recommendation for an award. However, meritorious service awards will not be recommended in the sense of the award serving as a Vietnam service medal.

b. Individuals initiating and/or reviewing award recommendations have two basic responsibilities:

(1) Insuring that an individual's outstanding service, achievement or act of valor is given appropriate recognition commensurate with the degree of distinction of the act or service performed.

(2) Insuring that the high standards established for awards by the military departments are maintained.

c. Recommendations for awards will be referred to the commander having the delegated authority to make the award. Final approving authority for acts, achievements or service rendered in the Republic of Vietnam is specified in Annex A. Detailed requirements are contained in pertinent service publications.

d. Recommendations for decorations for officers whose efficiency/fitness/effectiveness reports are written, indorsed or reviewed by COMUSMACV and/or CINCPAC will include COMUSMACV and/or CINCPAC in the routing.

e. Awards for persons carried in a missing or detained status will be made only by the appropriate departmental headquarters. Recommendations must be prepared and forwarded in the proper Department of Army, Navy, or Air Force format.

f. Each recommendation for award of the Medal of Honor will be forwarded through this headquarters for consideration by COMUSMACV and will be handled on a "For Official Use Only" basis until the award is officially announced or is presented. Recommendations for the Medal of Honor will be forwarded so as to arrive at this headquarters in a minimum of five copies and will include an unclassified Summary of Recommendation prepared in the format shown at Annex B. This summary is in addition to all other requirements established by this directive and pertinent service publications. Rationale will be provided in indorsements when recommendations differ from those of the originator and/or intervening indorsers. If an interim or "impact" award has been made in connection with a recommendation for award of the Medal of Honor, a copy of the general order announcing the award will be included with the recommendation for the Medal of Honor.

g. Except as otherwise indicated, recommendations for awards which must be processed through this headquarters will be initiated in sufficient copies so as to arrive at this headquarters in a minimum of four copies, to include all statements, inclosures, letters of transmittal and indorsements.

h. When an individual is transferred within Vietnam and the immediate supervisor desires to recommend the transferee for a meritorious service award, the recommending official will prepare and forward the recommendation to the individual's gaining organization. When an individual departing the command desires to initiate a recommendation for an award for meritorious service for an individual who is remaining in the command,

he should leave the recommendation in written form with the individual's commanding officer or with his own successor for final action when the person recommended becomes eligible for consideration.

i. Recommendations for award of United States awards to foreign military personnel will be prepared in the appropriate service department format having final approval authority and will include a proposed citation. All such recommendations will be accompanied by a biographical sketch of the recommended individual and routed to COMUSMACV for Mission concurrence. Care will be taken to insure that all personal data pertaining to foreign personnel is accurate. In addition, if the award pertains to a Vietnamese, careful attention must be given to insuring that the name is properly listed on all documents. Errors in this respect could cause embarrassment to the United States Government if the name is listed on the citation in the wrong order. The following system of listing names will be used:

EXAMPLE

Captain Nguyen Van Sam
"Nguyen" is the family name.
"Van" is the middle name.
"Sam" is the first or given name.

When the full name is written it will be in the order shown in the above example. If reference is made to the individual such as is done in US citations, e.g., "Captain Smith distinguished himself by . .," he will be referred to as Captain Sam.

j. Recommendations for award of US decorations to foreign personnel must be physically routed through this headquarters. Telephone calls relating circumstances surrounding the recommendation and requesting verbal Mission concurrence will not be accepted. Information copies of messages to approval authorities for the various component services which recommend foreign personnel for US decorations will not be accepted nor acted upon by this headquarters.

6. REPORTS. This directive requires no report.

7. REFERENCES.

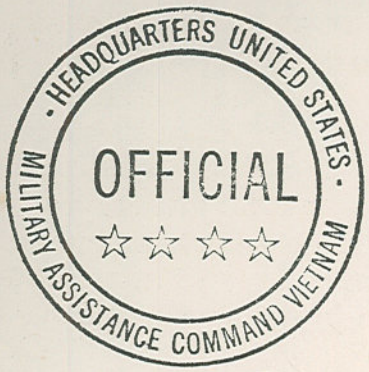
a. DOD Directive 1348.14.

b. AR 672-5-1.

c. Navy and Marine Corps Manual, SECNAVINST P1650-1C (Rev 1963).

d. AFM 900-3.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



WALTER T. KERWIN, JR.
Major General, USA
Chief of Staff

NEIL N. SNYDER, JR.
Colonel, USA
Adjutant General

Annexes
A. Military Awards
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MILITARY AWARDS

AWARD	AWARDED TO	APPROVAL AUTHORITY
MEDAL OF HONOR	Awarded in the name of Congress to each person who, while an officer or enlisted person of one of the Armed Forces, shall have distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action involving actual conflict with an enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party. The deed performed must have been one of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his comrades and must have involved risk of life.	President of the United States (1)
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS	Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the Army of the United States, shall have distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving combat with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party. The acts of heroism must have been so notable and have involved risk of life so extraordinary as to set the individual apart from his comrades.	Army - CG, USARV; Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps - Dept of the Army
NAVY CROSS	Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the United States Navy, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.	Secretary of the Navy
AIR FORCE CROSS	Awarded to any person for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party; while serving in any capacity with the United States Air Force.	Department of the Air Force

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL	Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, shall have distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service to the government in a duty of great responsibility. The performance must be such as to merit recognition for service which is exceptional.	Army - Dept of the Army; Navy and Marine Corps - Secretary of the Navy; Air Force - Dept of the Air Force
SILVER STAR	Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with any of the Armed Forces of the United States, shall have distinguished himself by gallantry in action not warranting the award of the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, or the Air Force Cross. The required gallantry, though of a lesser degree than that degree required for the aforementioned medals, must nevertheless have been performed with marked distinction.	Army - COMUSMACV & CG, USARV (2); Navy - CINCPACFLT; Air Force - PACAF; Marine Corps - FMFPAC
LEGION OF MERIT	Awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service.	Army - COMUSMACV & CG, USARV (2); Navy - CINCPACFLT; Air Force - PACAF; Marine Corps - FMFPAC
DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS	Awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or of friendly foreign nation while participating in aerial flight who shall have distinguished himself by heroism or extraordinary achievement. The performance of the act of heroism must be evidenced by voluntary action above and beyond the call of duty. For extraordinary achievement, the results accomplished must be so exceptional as to render the individual conspicuous among those of comparable rank or rating performing similar services.	Army - COMUSMACV & CG, USARV (2); Navy - CINCPACFLT; Air Force - CDR, 7th Air Force; Marine Corps - FMFPAC
SOLDIER'S MEDAL	Awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or of a friendly foreign nation who, while serving in any capacity with the United States Army, shall have distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an armed enemy. The same degree of heroism is required as for an award of the Distinguished Flying Cross. The performance must have involved personal hazard or danger and the voluntary risk of life under conditions not involving conflict with an armed enemy.	Army - COMUSMACV & CG, USARV (2); Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps - Dept of the Army
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL	Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the United States Navy, shall have distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy.	Secretary of the Navy

AIRMEN'S MEDAL	Awarded for heroism involving voluntary risk of life under conditions other than those of conflict with an armed enemy of the United States while serving in any capacity with the United States Air Force. The saving of a life or the success of the voluntary heroic act is not essential.	Air Force - CDR, 7th Air Force; Army, Navy and Marine Corps - Dept of the Air Force
BRONZE STAR MEDAL	Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the Armed Forces of the United States after 6 December 1941, shall have distinguished himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against an armed enemy; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an enemy; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party. (1) Heroism. Awards may be made for acts of heroism performed under circumstances described above which are of a lesser degree than required for the award of the Silver Star. (2) Meritorious Achievement or Meritorious Service. Awards may be made to recognize single acts of achievement or meritorious service. The required achievement or service while of a lesser degree than required for the Legion of Merit must nevertheless have been meritorious and accomplished with distinction.	Army - COMUSMACV & CG, USARV (2); Navy - CINCPACFLT; Air Force - CDR, 7th Air Force; Marine Corps - FMFPAC (5)
AIR MEDAL	Awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the Armed Forces of the United States, shall have distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. Awards may be made to recognize single acts of merit, heroism, or sustained operational activities. The required achievement, while of lesser degree than that required for the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross, must nevertheless have been accomplished with distinction beyond that normally expected.	Army - COMUSMACV & CG, USARV (2); Navy - CINCPACFLT; Air Force - CDR, 7th Air Force; Marine Corps - FMFPAC (3) (5)
JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL	Awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while assigned to a Joint Activity after 1 January 1963, shall have distinguished himself by meritorious achievement or service while performing duties of a joint nature. The required meritorious achievement or service, while of a lesser degree than that required for the award of the Legion of Merit, must nevertheless have been accomplished with distinction and be of a magnitude that clearly placed an individual's performance above that of his peers. Superior performance in itself does not constitute justification for award of the medal.	COMUSMACV

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL	Awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States below the grade of Brigadier General who, while serving in any capacity with the Army after 6 December 1941, shall have distinguished himself by heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service. Awards may be made for acts of heroism performed under circumstances which are of lesser degree than required for the Bronze Star Medal. The required meritorious achievement or meritorious service while of lesser degree than that required for the Legion of Merit must nevertheless have been accomplished with distinction and must have been of the same degree as required for the award of the Bronze Star or the Air Medal. The award may be made for acts of outstanding courage which do not meet the requirements for an award of the Soldier's Medal. Awards for meritorious service will not be made for a period of service of less than 6 months duration.	Army - COMUSMACV & CG, USARV (2); Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps - Dept of the Army
NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL	Awarded to personnel serving in any capacity in or with the United States Navy/Marine Corps for acts of heroism, achievements, or services which have been accomplished or performed in a manner superior to that normally to be expected and sufficient to distinguish the individual above those of comparable rank or rating performing similar services.	Navy - CINCPACFLT; Army and Air Force - SECNAV; Marine Corps - FMFPAC (5)
AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL	Awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States below the grade of Brigadier General who, while serving in any capacity with the United States Air Force after 24 March 1958, distinguished himself by meritorious achievement or meritorious service. The degree of merit need not be unique but it must be distinctive. Acts of courage which do not meet the voluntary risk of life requirement for the Airman's Medal may be considered for award of the Air Force Commendation Medal.	CDR, 7th Air Force
NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL	Awarded to junior officers (lieutenant commander/major and below) and to enlisted men of the Navy and Marine Corps and of other branches of the Armed Forces when attached to or serving with units of the Department of the Navy who make important contributions beneficial to the United States and to the Department of the Navy and which warrant more tangible recognition than is possible by the use of fitness reports or other methods, but which are not of such degree as to justify the award of the Navy Commendation Medal. Criteria for this award are set forth in detail in SECNAV Instruction 1650.1C.	Navy - CINCPACFLT; Marine Corps - FMFPAC (5)

PURPLE HEART	Awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States and to civilian citizens of the United States who, while serving in any capacity with one of the armed services, have been wounded or killed: (1) In any action against an enemy of the United States. (2) In any action with an opposing armed forces of a foreign country in which the Armed Forces of the United States are or have been engaged. (3) While serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.	Army - COMUSMACV & CG, USARV (2); Navy - CINCPACFLT (4); Air Force - CDR, 7th Air Force; Marine Corps - III MAF (4)
MACV CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT	Awarded to any person serving in this command in recognition of meritorious service, acts, or achievements which do not meet the standards required for a Service Commendation Medal. It is considered particularly appropriate for award to deserving personnel not otherwise recognized immediately prior to their departure from Vietnam in reward for loyal and efficient service as a member of this command. Award of the MACV Certificate of Achievement will not be a bar to subsequent recommendation for any other higher award for the same period of meritorious service, act, or achievement.	COMUSMACV

(1) All recommendations for award of the Medal of Honor will be submitted through COMUSMACV.

(2) CG, USARV, is the approval authority for award of these decorations to Army personnel assigned or attached to USARV. COMUSMACV is the approval authority for award of these decorations to all other Army personnel serving in Vietnam.

(3) CG, III MAF, is approval authority for the Air Medal for sustained activities under the Strike/Flight System for personnel assigned to the III MAF.

(4) NAVSUPPACT, Saigon, awards the Purple Heart to Navy and Marine Corps personnel assigned to MACV who are wounded in Vietnam.

(5) CG, III MAF, is approval authority for valorous awards to Navy and Marine Corps personnel who are seriously wounded during combat operations, whose valorous actions merit immediate recognition, and who are hospitalized in I Corps CTZ.

(6) Coast Guard personnel receive awards through Navy channels while serving in Vietnam.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION FORMAT FOR MEDAL OF HONOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. All recommendations for award of the Medal of Honor will have an unclassified "Summary of Recommendation" prepared prior to forwarding to this headquarters. This summary will not be a word for word repetition of the narrative description contained in the recommendation, but will be a summary of that description.

2. To comply with Department of Defense requirements, the "Summary of Recommendation" will be prepared in the format shown below:

Summary of Recommendation for Award of the Medal of Honor (Posthumous)

Name: Marvin C. SHIELDS

Status: Construction Mechanic (Automotive) Third Class, US Navy.

Organization: US Navy Seabee Team 1104, Dong Xoai, RVN.

Next of Kin: Joan E. SHIELDS (Wife)
112 Howe Street
Seattle, Washington

Person who assisted: Second Lieutenant Charles Q. WILLIAMS, USA - Recommended for Medal of Honor - (Forwarded to President 11 February 1966)

Conditions under which act performed

Location: Dong Xoai, RVN

Date: 2300, 9 June - 1000, 10 June 1965

Terrain: Flat, Special Forces Camp open to clear observation from all sides

Weather: Good

Enemy Condition: Morale high. Full scale attack inside compound using mortars, machine guns, heavy weapons, flame throwers, and small arms. (700 KIA)

(SAMPLE FORMAT)

Defenders Condition: Morale good. Advising a CIDG camp and conducting offensive operations against a secure Viet Cong War Zone. Assisting in construction of defensive positions and erection of troop facilities. (43 KIA, 32 WIA, 127 MIA)

Narrative description of gallant conduct

At 2345, 9 June 1965, an intense Viet Cong mortar barrage commenced on Camp Dong Xoai. One of the initial rounds hit the Headquarters Building of the Special Forces Camp where SHIELDS was sleeping, wounding him in the head. Disregarding this wound, SHIELDS picked up his weapon and went to his assigned defensive position on the west berm of the compound and commenced firing at the attacking Viet Cong. At about 0030, 10 June 1965, SHIELDS voluntarily proceeded through the enemy mortar barrage from his assigned position to a framing tilt dock ammunition supply trailer located about 150 feet away in order to obtain and distribute to other American servicemen in the compound additional needed ammunition. SHIELDS repeated this ammunition re-supply mission on two additional occasions between 0030 and 0245.

At 0245, 10 June 1965, an intense mortar and heavy weapons attack commenced on the camp with Viet Cong coming over the west berm, in the vicinity of SHIELDS' position, using hand grenades and flame throwers. SHIELDS dropped back and proceeded to the camp command post where Captain STOKES, USA, Camp Commander of American Units, was located. Upon learning that Captain STOKES had suffered two broken legs during the enemy attack, SHIELDS, assisted by another men, carried Captain STOKES to the District Headquarters building through enemy fire in order to seek medical assistance and better protection for the Commander. When SHIELDS arrived at the District Headquarters, it was observed that he had been shot in the mouth, was missing many teeth and had a large hole on the left side of his face. SHIELDS also had wounds in the back and neck SHIELDS again disregarded the wounds, commenced firing at the Viet Cong attackers from the headquarters building, and was continually observed going out of the doorway to throw hand grenades at the Viet Cong coming over the berm of the camp. At about 0700, 10 June 1965, Lieutenant WILLIAMS, USA, who had assumed the duties of American Camp Commander because of Captain STOKES' wounds, asked for a volunteer to go with him to try to knock out a Viet Cong machine gun mounted in a school building so as to cover the Headquarters Building with heavy fire. Without hesitation, SHIELDS volunteered and accompanied Lieutenant WILLIAMS with 3.5 inch

rocket ammunition. The two men proceeded under heavy Viet Cong attack to a position where the machine gun could be brought under fire with the 3.5 inch rocket launcher, and after firing three rounds succeeded in destroying the machine gun. About halfway back to the District Headquarters Building, SHIELDS was hit in the right leg by a Viet Cong machine gun firing from the west berm of the camp. His right leg was broken and almost torn off. He managed to pull himself into a building and started to place a tourniquet on his own leg when he passed out. Three volunteers from the Headquarters Building went out and brought SHIELDS back to the building.

During the rest of the morning of 10 June 1965, SHIELDS' morale was high and he was observed to be in a jovial mood. At 1300, SHIELDS and all other Americans were moved to a point in the camp where they could be evacuated. SHIELDS was air evacuated from Dong Xoai by helicopter at 1345. He died as a result of the many wounds received at about 1430, 10 June 1965. The facts as contained in the proposed citation and this narrative account have been substantiated by the statements of eyewitnesses.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.

CANBERRA. A.C.T.

10th November, 1967.

MEMORANDUM for:

Major-General D. Vincent, OBE,
Commander,
Headquarters Australian Force Vietnam,
AFPO No. 1,
C/- G.P.O.,
SYDNEY, N.S.W. 2001.

POLICY ON ACCEPTANCE AND WEARING OF FOREIGN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

In the Chiefs of Staff Committee directive to you, dated 6th March, 1967, it is stated in paragraph 30 that policy regarding foreign awards will be notified separately. For some time, the policy on foreign awards has been under review. However, it should not be assumed that there will be changes to this policy as the result of the current review. If a change occurs, you will be notified. In the meantime, the following paragraphs record the current policy which you are to observe on this matter.

2. Australia, by free choice, has always followed the British regulations and practice on acceptance and wearing of foreign orders and awards. A copy of the relevant United Kingdom regulations is attached. In general, our policy on the acceptance and wearing of foreign awards allows for the acceptance and wearing of foreign orders or decorations conferred -

a. for distinguished services in saving or attempting to save life; and

b. on any Australian Service officer in recognition of services while lent to a foreign government if not in receipt of any emoluments from Australian public funds during the period of such loan.

3. The reasoning behind the limited conditions for the acceptance and wearing of foreign decorations is that our Servicemen are wearing The Queen's uniform and it is Her prerogative alone to grant honours in recognition of gallantry in Her service or to decide if foreign decorations are to be accepted.

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4. When personnel of your Force are placed under operational control of United States or the Vietnamese commanders, you are to make arrangements for these commanders to forward citations for acts of bravery of Australians serving with their forces to you. Where you consider that a particular action is deserving of recognition, a recommendation for the appropriate British award should be forwarded in the normal way.

J. G. Wilton

(J.G.N. WILTON)
Lieutenant-General
Chairman,
Chiefs of Staff Committee.

REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE ACCEPTANCE AND WEARING OF FOREIGN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS BY PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE CROWN

(United Kingdom and Dependent Territories)

ORDERS

1. NO person in the service of the Crown may accept and wear the insignia of any foreign Order without Her Majesty's permission.

2. Such permission, if granted, will be either -

(a) unrestricted, conveyed by Warrant under the Royal Sign-Manual and allowing the insignia to be worn on any occasion; or

(b) restricted, conveyed by letter from Her Majesty's Private Secretary and allowing the insignia to be worn only on the particular occasions therein specified.

3. Full and unrestricted permission by Royal Warrant is contemplated in the case of Orders conferred -

(a) for distinguished services in saving or attempting to save life;

(b) on any officer in the Royal Navy, Army or Royal Air Force, or any British official, in recognition of services while lent to a foreign Government, if not in receipt of any emoluments from British public funds during the period of such loan.

4. Restricted permission is particularly contemplated in the case of Orders conferred in recognition of personal attention to a foreign Sovereign, the Head of a foreign State, or a member of a foreign Royal Family, on the occasion of State or official visits by such personages.

5. Restricted permission will also be given for the wearing of insignia of foreign Orders conferred -

(1) on members of Her Majesty's Missions abroad in connexion with a State visit by Her Majesty to the foreign capital concerned;

(2) on members of deputations of British regiments to foreign Heads of States;

(3) on members of Special Missions when The Queen is represented at a foreign Coronation, Wedding, Funeral, or similar occasion; or on any Diplomatic Representative when specially accredited to represent Her Majesty on such occasions (but not on the members of his Staff).

Permission will not be given to -

(a) the Heads or other members of Her Majesty's Diplomatic or Consular establishments abroad when leaving, whether on transfer or on final retirement;

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(b) officers of British naval, military or air squadrons or units visiting foreign countries, except as provided at (2) above.

6. Applications for The Queen's permission, whether full or restricted, will be submitted to Her Majesty by Her Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, who however shall be under no obligation to consider them unless, before the bestowal of the Order, the Government of the foreign country concerned has ascertained, either through the British Diplomatic Representative there or through its Diplomatic Representative at Her Majesty's Court, that having regard to these Regulations the award would not give rise to any objection.

In no case can applications be considered in respect of Orders conferred more than five years previously, or offered in connexion with events so long prior to the proposal to award them.

7. When Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs shall have sought and obtained Her permission for a British subject to wear the insignia of a foreign Order without restriction, he shall signify the same to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, or to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Scotland if appropriate in the circumstances of the case, in order that he may cause a Warrant, as contemplated in Rule 2, to be prepared for the Royal Sign-Manual.

When such Warrant shall have been signed by Her Majesty, a notification of the grant of permission shall be published in the London Gazette, or in the Edinburgh Gazette as the case may be.

8. The Warrant conveying Her Majesty's permission may, at the request and expense of the recipient, be registered in the College of Arms if it has been submitted to Her Majesty by Her Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, or in the Court of the Lyon King of Arms if it has been submitted to Her Majesty by Her Principal Secretary of State for Scotland.

Every such Warrant shall contain a clause providing that Her Majesty's licence and permission does not authorise the assumption of any style, appellation, rank, precedence or privilege appertaining to the degree of Knight Bachelor.

9. Permission will not be granted for the wearing of the insignia of foreign Orders conferred otherwise than by the Heads or Governments of foreign States recognised by Her Majesty as such.

MEDALS

10. Medals, with the exceptions specified below, and State decorations not indicating membership of an Order of Chivalry, are subject to the Regulations in the same manner as Orders, but permission, if granted, is given by letter or certificate, and not by Royal Warrant.

11. Medals for saving or attempting to save life at sea or on land, whether conferred on behalf of the Head or Government of a foreign State or by private Life-Saving Societies or Institutions, may be accepted and worn, subject only to the restrictions imposed by the regulations for the Services concerned.

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Applications for Her Majesty's permission to wear other medals conferred by Private Societies or Institutions cannot be entertained.

12. Applications for permission to wear foreign medals gained in warlike operations will not be entertained if the grant of such permission would be at variance with considerations of general policy or public interest.

13. The wives of persons in the service of the Crown are regarded for the purposes of these Regulations as sharing the disabilities of their husbands concerning the acceptance of foreign awards.

14. Persons employed in the commissioned or salaried service of the Crown on a temporary basis are subject to these Regulations in the same way as those employed on a permanent and pensionable basis.

15. Members of the various police and constabulary forces maintained in the United Kingdom and Dependent Territories are uniformly regarded as subject to these Regulations, with the exception however of British Transport Commission Police and Dock and Harbour Police Forces established under private Statutes.

16. Persons who have retired from the service of the Crown remain subject to these Regulations in so far as concerns the acceptance of foreign Orders, decorations or medals offered in respect of services rendered before their retirement.

17. The Regulations shall be regarded as applying, in the same way as to British subjects, to British-protected persons who are such by virtue of their connexion with a Protectorate or Trust Territory administered under the supervision of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies or Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations; they may also be regarded as applying in the same manner to British-protected persons who are such by virtue of their connexion with a Protected State administered under the supervision of either of the said Principal Secretaries of State, but Orders, decorations and medals conferred upon such British-protected persons by their Rulers are not regarded as falling within the scope of these Regulations.

Foreign Office, August 1954.

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To Col S for Record. 2 Nov 67

Subject CEREMONY - SAIGON

1. Col Swinburne advised me today that the Embassy has received information from the GVN that a inauguration of THIEN and KY on 1 Nov 67

2. As part of the ceremonies the GVN wishes to invite guests from all Free World Nations. No official advice has yet been received from the Embassy but the request is likely to be on the following lines

a. Two relatives of Allied members in RVN who have been KIA. Total of six relatives in all for this category. Relatives preferably of members who were decorated. Would prefer to include all services in force. This would restrict the actual representation to Army, for RAAF

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and RAN have had no KIA.

b. Two relatives of one member who was KIA in defence of Saigon. I don't think we have anyone that qualifies but am checking. This category is meant for members on internal security type duties within the Saigon area.

c. The visit to be three to four days. All costs including fares to be arranged by CVV

3. Understand the NZV Force is to be also invited to have some participants.

4. Suggest apart from listing likely

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members K/B that no action be taken until more accurate or definite information received from the Embassy. A Branch will list names now.

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17668 CPL GRABOWSKI 2 RAR

Reference: A. AHQ 65/C/346 dated 26 Sep 67.

1. Two copies of reference A are attached.

2. Please inform Cpl Grabowski that approval to wear the French medals has not been granted for the reasons quoted in the reference.

(E. GRIFF)
Colonel
Chief of Staff

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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Quote in Reply

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ARMY HEADQUARTERS
CANBERRA, ACT

26 Sep 67

AFV (3)

17688 CPL GRABOWSKI - 2 RAR
APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO WEAR
FOREIGN DECORATIONS

1. Whilst Cpl Grabowski was serving in N Comd with 2 RAR he applied for permission to wear four French Medals awarded for service with the French Armed Forces.

2. Advice has been received from the Department of Defence that Cpl Grabowski's application cannot be submitted to HM The Queen for approval because:

a. He was not an Australian Citizen when the awards were made.

b. The awards were made in peace time and present regulations do not permit the wearing of foreign peace time awards made to aliens before naturalization.

3. Please inform the soldier accordingly.

(C.P. West)
Col
A Coord AOD

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9 Aug 67

Brigadier M. Austin, DSO, OBE
Deputy Adjutant General

I am concerned with the position on foreign decorations and I believe it may help if I make my views known to you.

The overall position is that our posture of not accepting foreign awards makes us look ridiculous and is considered by our Allies as containing an element of rudeness perhaps bordering on contempt for their awards and despite their best efforts to understand our position it cannot be explained away with convincing logic.

For example recently there was held a presentation of awards to representative members of aid donor countries. An impressive gathering of high Government officials, Ambassadors and Military comprised the audience, whilst the Deputy Prime Minister presents a minor Vietnamese decoration to national representatives in a spirit of saying "thank you" for their civil aid help.

Our Ambassador referred the matter to External Affairs suggesting three courses:

a. Accept the decoration.
b. Accept a certificate in lieu.
c. Refuse (as UK did).

Australia opted for course (b) and our representative Major Donohoe received last a "Certificate of Satisfaction" a typed sort of thank you note made out the previous evening.

The result was that Australia drew attention to herself - nobody knew what a Certificate of Satisfaction meant - was it equal to, more than or less than the award received by all other nations. We placed ourselves in the position of being made to look like donkeys - the Ambassador has said his piece to Australia.

The constant embarrassment to which the Ambassador primarily, and myself and the Force are subjected as the result of our policy is dimming to a degree the image created by our Forces. We came here for military and political reasons and yet are prepared to not support those reasons by a sensible foreign awards policy.

I now turn to PAOC Minute 4/67 of 16 March 67 which I have obtained from the Embassy. By a process of distorted logic and false assumption this document finally comes to the conclusion to recommend acceptance of individual and unit Vietnamese awards and no other nations awards.

Firstly, the false assumption.

a. There are no Australians serving under Vietnamese command. The whole force is under the operational control of COMUSMACV (see the Directive). Those members of the AATTV alleged to be under Vietnamese Command are in fact part of MACV Advisory Teams and are under the command of the respective US military advisors; And being wholly part of the US Advisory Teams are recommended for US awards by the US Commanders.

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In due course these recommendations are considered by COMUSMACV who has been delegated the authority to make awards up to and including the Silver Star - the third highest US award for gallantry.

COMUSMACV approves the granting of the award informing COMAFV of his decision and asks COMAFV to seek permission of his superiors for the recipient to accept the award. So we do in fact have Australian servicemen who have been awarded US decorations (which they cannot accept). COMAFV then converts the US citation attached to its COMUSMACV award into a recommendation for an appropriate British award which is not necessarily approved. COMUSMACV continues to operate in this manner because the Australians concerned are an integral part of a US organisation, they are under command, their immediate (and subsequent) superior is a US officer and awards are part of his responsibility.

I am not at this tage prepared to ask COMUSMACV to cease approving US awards to Australians because he, naturally, places a high value on US awards and it would not be proper or sensible in the circumstances. He has a right to make awards and we should not ask him to restrict these rights.

Our non acceptance of US awards cannot help but create the impression in US circles that we are pursuing a policy that is unrealistic, that could be regarded as a slight to our powerful ally, and which is inconsistent with previous policies whereby Australians could accept US awards.

I and the Ambassador continue to be embarrassed by this situation. Our Allies whilst appreciating the position we take are unable to accept its logic. I am further embarrassed by the slowness of the mechanism which again bespeaks of studied insult to our Allies particularly the US.

In MACV JI letter dated 6 October 66, COMUSMACV asked for permission to award the Valorous Unit Award to D Coy 6 RAR. In HQ AFV A12393 dated 10 October, 66, COMAFV advised AHQ, and now nearly a year later no direction has been received by COMAFV. Generally it is polite to accept things of value and I am sympathetic of any US view which, because of the long delay, considers that Australia thinks very little of such an award. And then finally to reject the proposed award as the PAOC minute proposes is certainly not going to improve matters.

As you have gathered I feel quite strongly about the situation we have got ourselves into. As the overall Australian Commander much of the feeling that exists cannot, however wrongly but be attributed to me as the final military link between Vietnam and Australia.

I believe that in order to correct impressions that our policy (or lack of it) has created, the whole matter of awards should be looked at again with the aim of reaching a posture more in keeping with the realities of the situation. Failing this, then a clear positive and unequivocal explanation of our present posture should be made at a level higher than mine (diplomatic or governmental) so that the primary reasons and purpose for our involvement in Vietnam are not dulled by our unrealistic and not clearly understood attitude in relation to acceptance of foreign awards both US and Vietnamese.

And I should in conclusion draw your attention to the fact that because British awards cannot be awarded to the limited number of outstanding members of the US service who are under our operational control, or who are directly assigned to assist us, we put ourselves in a position where we are unable to acknowledge outstanding military worth and gallantry. The value of our awards in Allied eyes cannot help but be reduced by this policy.

(D.VINCENT)
Maj Gen
COMAFV

Post Script

For your information I enclose copies of correspondence regarding the grading of US awards to WOs J Stephens and BD Clark on the one hand and Maj PJ Badcoe on the other. I am still awaiting a reply to my letter of 24 May (R445-4-4) covering the presentation of the Silver Star to Badcoe's widow. (He has been awarded a second Silver Star for the action in which he was killed).

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To DAAG

Subject Foreign Awards

1. Suggest:

a. Put in some type of order ie:

(1) Alphabetically or

(2) By unit ✓

✓ 2. Put a column in for date of recommendation and, if applicable, award. Date of any specific action if awarded for one action should be shown.

3. Add to list any further information we can obtain from MFCX of recommendations held and not forwarded.

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Group Capt

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✓ Where member recommended for more than one award show these together, eg,

Aiken
Hinson
Wheatley

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Legal	Unit	Date	Name	Board Recommended	Post approval January

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Folio 30

To COMAFV

Subject Foreign Awards

1. Please see file. I understand you told DAAG to consolidate details.

2. He asked Australia to assist. HQ reply at Flag A. HQ AFV said in reply no further action. We would await visit by MS.

Brig'l Col

31 Jul 67

C/S

Apparently I was not clear in my instruction to DAAG. The material he has produced is useful but would be more so if dated. I still require the further recommendations (or awards) by HQAFV as support to a letter to AG to illustrate the embarrassing position we are in currently.

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To CHIEFMILSEC MELBOURNE

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From KENEX AUSTFORCE VIENNAM

To

ARMY CANBERRA

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~~IN CONFIDENCE . YOUR MS 25145 OF 210040Z AND OUR A(MS) 11173 OF 15 JUL 67 . FOREIGN HONOURS AND AWARDS . OUR REF M WAS PUT IN ATTEMPT TO ENSURE OUR FILES WERE COMPLETE . THERE APPEARS TO BE MANY GAPS . IN VIEW OF YOUR ADVICE AND THE WORK INVOLVED PLEASE DISREGARD OUR REQUEST~~ © WILL WAIT ON VISIT OF MIL SEC

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RESTRICTED MS25145 IN CONFIDENCE. YOUR A(MS) 11173 OF 15 JUL. FOREIGN HONOURS AND AWARDS. NO CONSOLIDATED RECORD OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOREIGN AWARDS FOR SERVICE IN SVN AVAILABLE. ORIGNNALY MANY ADVICES FROM YOUR AREA OF PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS WERE FORWARDED TO HEAD OF CORPS AND EVEN IF CONSIDERABLE RESEARCH WAS INSTITUTED TO ASCERTAIN THOSE RECEIVED BY MIL SEC THERE WOULD BE NO GUARANTEE THE LIST WOULD BE COMPLETE. AS ALL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HONOURS AND AWARDS ARE TO BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL INTEREST PARTICULARLY IN FOREIGN AWARDS IT IS SUGGESTED THE COMPILATION OF SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE UNWISE. IT IS KNOWN DEFENCE HAVE RECEIVED SOME RECOMMENDATIONS OF WHICH WE HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED AND AS FOREIGN AWARDS HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MANY QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE DEFENCE NOW KEEP A CLOSE WATCH. HOWEVER AS REASON FOR YOU REQUEST IS NOT KNOWN AND HAVE NO WISH TO ARBITARILY REJECT WOULD SUGGEST DEMI OFFICIAL AMPLICATION OR WAIT FOR VISIT FROM MIL SEC

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To Comd AFV

Subject RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOREIGN AWARDS

1. Attached as annexes are lists of recommendations for the following:

   a. Annex A - Recommendations for US Awards. The total is 71.

   b. Annex B - Recommendations for Vietnamese Awards. The total is 13.

2. I have searched the files of HQ AFV and AATTV, but expect there are more so I have signalled the Military Secretary and CARO and asked that they forward a list of the names of members for which they hold information copies of recommendations.

(C.A. GOYNE)
Maj
DAAG HQ AFV

Additional Notes.

1. I am sure there are more recommendations but there is no further information available on file

2. A signal was sent to MS, and one to CARO, asking for them to send available detail. The MS reply is at Flag A

3. In view of the MS reply they were requested to take no further action and a similar signal was sent to CARO.

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FILE No. 445-2-1

Folio 24

To CofS.

Subject Recommendations for Foreign Awards

C.D.O.9880

1. The Board wished to know the totals of members who have been recommended for US and Vietnamese awards. The details are below.

2. There are over to the more recommendations especially for the early days of MATV. No records which give the complete picture are available. Both MS and CMD on view of Flag A have been asked to take no further action.

Wayne May 31/7

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SECOND . GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD FORWARD TO HQ AFV A LIST OF THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN RECOMMENDED AND DETAILS OF AWARD RECOMMENDED . PLEASE INCL DETAILS SINCE 1966 AS A CHECK AGAINST OUR FILES

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From AUSTFORCE VIETNAM

To ARMY CANBERRA

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SECOND . GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ~~ASSIST~~ FWD A LIST OF OFFRS RECOMMENDED FOR US AND VIETNAMESE AWARDS . PLEASE INCLUDE DETAILS OF THOSE RECEIVED SINCE 1966 AS A CHECK ~~AGX~~ AGAINST OUR FILES

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YOUR 445/R32/1 DATED 4 APR 67 (.) FOREIGN AWARDS FOR SVC IN VIETNAM (.) FLOOD RELIEF 1a NOV 1964 (.)

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FILE No. 446-3-1

Folio 14

To SCA

Subject /

C.D.O.9880

1. See folios 1 + 2

3. We may not be able to get all the details but see if through the RRUN liaison officers you can get some info. Quite obviously if there are no files in RRUN we cannot answer Folio para 3c or 3d

4. This is not a priority task

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Folio 2

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To Chief Clerk.

Subject Folio 1.

C.D.O.9880

1. Check with DATTV.
2. Do they have a copy of the ref?
3. Do we have a copy of the ref
4. do we hold old DATTV files? NO.

DAAG.

DATTV have conducted a thorough search.
Records on this file date back only to 1965.
Prior recordings have either: a been destroyed
b misplaced.

Regretfully,

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Ad.

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File:

Sent: 14th June, 1967.

TO:

Department of External Affairs,
CANBERRA.

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Vietnamese Decorations.

Your urgent advice is requested on the following.

2. The Foreign Ministry advised by Note today that on International Aid Day, 22nd June, Vietnamese decorations ("Merit Medals") will be offered to soldiers or experts of countries giving aid to Vietnam. For each country one decoration will be conferred on "the soldier or the expert judged the most deserving as having given exceptional service in assistance to the Vietnamese people and not having previously received the honour envisaged".

3. We have been asked to make suggestions on this and provide our nomination, and citation, by tomorrow, 15th June.

4. In our view we should attend the ceremony. We assume there has been no change in our policy regarding Vietnamese awards. Time would preclude proper consideration of any proposal that an award be accepted. Our alternatives seem to be:-

(a) to express appreciation but decline the offer and explain our position. The British are doing this;

(b) to explain our position and suggest that a certificate of merit would be acceptable. (Some of the leaders of our medical teams have received such certificates from the Ministry of Health). Presumably a distinction can be made between accepting a Certificate and a Medal?

(c) to follow last year's practice under which, according to our files, Major-General Mackay and Miss Cornish of the Long Xuyen Surgical Team received Merit Medals "symbolically" ie. "on the understanding that the recipients were only accepting them symbolically on behalf of the respective Australian military and civilian aid groups". New Zealand Embassy follows

this practice, but makes a point of having only civilians, not military receive the award. (While courtesy would suggest that we follow course (c) the position we have taken on Vietnamese awards for our soldiers in the past 12 months would make it difficult for us to justify acceptance now even on a "symbolic" basis.)

5. We have discussed the matter with COMAFV. He agrees that, if 3 (b) is an acceptable course, we should nominate Major Donohue, who has been in charge of civic action work with the Task Force for some time. Our objective should presumably be to follow a course which gives least offence to our hosts while preserving established custom.

RÉPUBLIQUE DU VIỆTNAM

MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGÈRES

Saigon, le 12 Juin 1967

No. 2441 /EF/VT

N O T E

Le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères de la République du Viet-Nam présente ses compliments à l'Ambassade d'Australie et a l'honneur de porter à sa connaissance que le Gouvernement du Viet-Nam se propose d'offrir, à l'occasion de la "Journée de l'Aide Internationale" qui aura lieu le 22 Juin 1967, des décorations "Chuong-My Bội-Tinh" aux experts ou aux combattants des pays amis qui ont apporté leur aide au Viet-Nam.

Pour chaque pays, une seule décoration sera décernée au combattant ou à l'expert jugé le plus méritant comme ayant rendu des services exceptionnels au titre de l'assistance au peuple vietnamien et n'ayant pas encore été décoré de la distinction honorifique susvisée.

Le Ministère saurait gré à l'Ambassade de bien vouloir lui faire tenir toutes suggestions utiles et éventuellement lui communiquer au plus tard avant le 15-6-67 les nom et prénoms et qualité de l'expert ou du combattant proposé ainsi qu'un bref texte de citation pour la décoration.

Le Ministère des Affaires Etrangères saisit cette occasion pour renouveler à l'Ambassade les assurances de sa haute considération.

AMBASSADE D'AUSTRALIE
SAIGON

DAAG

Bring forward the file on the matter to date copy B

SAIGON

9th May, 1967.

With the Compliments

of the

Australian Ambassador

Major General D. Vincent, O.B.E.
Commander,
Australian Force Vietnam,
SAIGON.

Copy for your information.

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(L.H. Border)
Ambassador.

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3rd May, 1967.

The Secretary,
Department of External Affairs,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

VIETNAMESE AWARDS.

You have asked for my comments on the subject of your memorandum 347 of 21st April, file 696/8/6/6.

2. Although I believe that this is a subject which should be left largely for resolution by those immediately concerned, namely, the Services, I welcome the opportunity to offer a few comments. I stress, however, that these are essentially personal observations.

3. I am glad to see that the POAC (Personnel) has felt able to suggest some changes and I support their thinking on unit awards. I am not so sure about the AATTV recommendation for the following reasons:-

(a) if it is our intention to bring as many of the AATTV personnel as possible within the general orbit of the AFV the number of persons likely to be nominated for Vietnamese awards will be considerably smaller than even those now contemplated by the Committee. Special arrangements would be made, therefore, for a very small group, relatively;

(b) even if the numbers do not change I cannot help feeling that the other soldiers will see some discrimination in this system. Inevitably the awards will be publicised (there are pictures in the papers every day of soldiers being given awards) and inevitably it will be asked how a member of one organisation can receive a Vietnamese award while the bulk of the troops are not eligible. To the explanation given they will surely say that Vietnamese recommendations for awards for the AATTV can be explored and assessed by COMAFV just as well as recommendations regarding themselves;

(c) it would be characteristic of the Vietnamese to try to give awards to as many members of the AATTV as they can. In no time other Vietnamese Commanders, and notably those associated with our soldiers and airmen in the South, will feel free to make recommendations for awards and - whether they know the system or not - will no doubt let it be known that such recommendations have been made. This could lead to some embarrassment, and could heighten the impression that one group was being given special treatment and consideration.

4. I would prefer to see some arrangement whereby we could accept a specific number of awards per quarter covering

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all our forces e.g. two or three, in addition to unit awards. We would do so on the grounds that we are fighting in the country of the awarding government and that this is a sign of respect for the host country. Strict regulations could be established regarding approvals. I do not see that we would have to offer awards in return although I see no objection to this if a smaller proportion were used.

5. I repeat, all this is a matter essentially for the Services. It does, of course, have implications for foreign relations if our policy has the effect of making the Vietnamese feel that their awards - in our eyes - are not good enough for our servicemen, whatever the explanation we give to them about traditional policy. It is my impression that they are not convinced by our explanations, especially when their awards are accepted by the other allies. It is a question of a slight to them, perhaps a matter of face, because their awards have meaning for them, however generously divided. We ask them to respect our traditions, and they say they understand - but they do not say it very convincingly. In our immigration policy we have made concessions, largely to eliminate suggestions of racial discrimination, without making serious inroads into our policy and traditions. I feel that we can do likewise on the question of Vietnamese awards.

6. An aspect on which I have some personal queries is the position of the Australian soldier himself. Perhaps I do not interpret him correctly but I cannot help wondering whether he fully understands and accepts the reasons for our present policy, especially when his allies accept Vietnamese awards. What do our soldiers feel about this constant bestowing of decorations in this country? They would not, I am sure, consider the awards to be as valuable as our own, but I have a feeling that they would wear them quite proudly, provided they were not dealt out to all and sundry. After all, many of them are not in the Army by their own choice, and are not necessarily as close to tradition as our Regular Army soldiers are. Despite the official position they can be excused from wondering why, if they are sent to fight and die for the preservation of the independence of an Asian country, there should be such severe restrictions on receiving recognition from that country for the gallantry they show on its behalf and in its defence. The more so, because of the emphasis now placed on Australian-Asian relations and the knowledge that this is the area where Australian forces are more likely to be committed than elsewhere in the future, with the problem of awards cropping up again in other countries of the region.

(L.H. Border)
Ambassador.



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Report.

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With the Compliments

of the

Australian Embassy

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MINUTE BY PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS' COMMITTEE (PERSONNEL) - 16th MARCH, 1967.

Members Present	Air Vice Marshal C.D. Candy CB, CBE	(Chairman) Air Member for Personnel
	Rear Admiral J.S. Mesley CBE, LVO, DSC	Second Naval Member
	Major General J.S. Anderson CBE	Adjutant General
	J. J. Corrigan, Esq.	Chief Executive Officer (Manning) Department of Defence

Mr. C.R. Ashwin, Department of External Affairs, was also present.

Agendum No. 7/67 — Minute No. 4/67 : Acceptance of Foreign Awards for Service in Vietnam.

The Principal Administrative Officers' Committee (Personnel) considered a report by the Honours and Awards Sub-Committee on the above subject.

2. The Committee's views on this matter are set out in the attached paper.

(Sgd.) J. L. Thompson
Secretary
PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS' COMMITTEE (PERSONNEL)

17/3/67

(Sgd.) C. D. Candy,
Air Vice Marshal,
(Chairman)

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Attachment to
PACC(F) Minute
No. 4/67.

ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN AWARDS FOR SERVICE IN VIETNAM

INTRODUCTION

British Regulations and Practice

Australia, by free choice, has always followed the British regulations and practice on acceptance and wearing of foreign orders and awards. This may be summarised as follows :

(a) No foreign decoration may be accepted or worn without the permission of Her Majesty the Queen.

(b) Normally, unrestricted permission to accept decorations and wear them on any occasion would only be given in cases involving

(i) The saving of a life or

(ii) The recognition of services of an officer on loan to a foreign Government if not in receipt of emoluments from Australian public funds during the period of the loan.

(c) Restricted permission allowing the decoration to be worn only on specified occasions may be given in certain circumstances, but is usually granted in recognition of personal attention to foreign royalty etc. on the occasion of State or official visits by such personages, or to Missions and Deputations abroad.

2. Special arrangements can be made in other special circumstances, as for example in time of war. In this regard special dispensations were given by the Crown for the acceptance and wearing without restriction of medals conferred by Allied powers for services in the prosecution of World War I, World War II and the Korean War. Under such circumstances the rules generally adopted by Britain and Australia are :

(a) Application for permission to wear foreign medals gained in warlike operations will not be entertained if the grant of such permission would be at variance with considerations of general policy or public interest.

(b) Duplication of recognition by the award of both a foreign and British decoration for the same service or action should be avoided.

(c) Foreign awards should not be made posthumously.

(d) Decorations should be awarded for operational rather than non-operational actions.

(e) No individual should be permitted to accept more than a total of three foreign awards of any kind; and

(f) As far as possible there should be a numerical balance between the number of foreign awards accepted and the number of British awards bestowed on foreigners.

3. There is no provision under the British system for the bestowal of unit citations or awards.

United States Regulations

4. While the United States policy on the acceptance of foreign awards by their servicemen is as rigid as the British and our own, they have relaxed their conditions in regard to Vietnam. The United States position is essentially as follows :

(a) Decorations cannot normally be accepted without the consent of Congress. However, Congress grants exceptions in certain cases and has done so for Vietnam, delegating authority to the relevant Secretaries of State.

(b) United States personnel (excepting in certain circumstances Aid personnel) may receive decorations but this is not regarded as acceptance. They must immediately thereafter submit the decoration and papers relating to it to the United States Government for consideration.

(c) Persons concerned with Military Assistance Programme can receive decorations only for actual combat services and for the saving of life.

(d) Campaign decorations as distinct from decorations for personal actions, require for their acceptance the approval of the Secretary of Defense.

(e) One foreign decoration as well as one U.S. decoration may be accepted for the same act or service.

(f) Posthumous awards are exempt from controls on acceptance.

CONSIDERATION

Individual Gallantry and Distinguished Service Awards

5. With regard to individual awards to Australians for gallantry and distinguished service in Vietnam, all our servicemen in Vietnam are under the command of the Commander, Australian Force. For those not directly under his operational control, arrangements have been made with the Commanders of the United States and Vietnamese forces to forward citations for acts of gallantry and distinguished service by these personnel, to COMAFV, who takes them into consideration when processing his own recommendations. Where it is considered that a particular action is deserving of recognition, the appropriate British award is recommended and processed in the usual way. In general therefore, appropriate provision already exists under our present system for recognition of gallant and distinguished service. In view of this and having regard to the fact that the British regulations are soundly based and, by limiting the receipt of foreign awards, preserve the worth of British decorations, there would need to be strong reasons to justify a change in our present policy on the acceptance of foreign awards.

6. The Australian Ambassador in Saigon, and his predecessor, have recommended that we modify our present general policy of refusal to accept foreign awards. It was observed that problems may at times arise at the lower levels as some Vietnamese field commanders and provincial chiefs have authority to make immediate awards. However, the basis of our present system has been explained to the Vietnamese by the Australian Ambassador and is understood and accepted by them at the higher levels. It should be noted in this connection that there is a distinction between receiving and accepting an award, and that current practice is for Australian personnel to receive awards from South Vietnamese officers, without seeking to accept or wear them. There is evidence that at least 30 such awards for gallantry and distinguished service have been received in this way. In the case of the United States, although the Congress has widened the conditions for acceptance of foreign awards in respect of the action in Vietnam, their rules on the acceptance of foreign awards are, in general, as strict as our own. We have been advised that, given a clear statement of our requirements in this matter, our regulations would be appreciated and respected.

7. Special arrangements were made between the United Kingdom and United States to permit an exchange of awards between British Commonwealth Forces and United States forces involved in the United Nations operations in Korea. However, in view of the large number of units involved in Korea and the fact that Australian units were interleaved with other forces, often forming an integral part of United States formations, it is not considered that this constitutes a useful precedent for any changes proposed in present circumstances.

8. In Vietnam the great disparity in numbers between the Australian and the allied forces would make a general exchange of awards on a reciprocal basis with other allied forces there impracticable. In addition, although our forces are under overall United States control, they are, with few exceptions, under direct Australian operational command. As a result, the performance of gallant and distinguished service would not go unrecognised.

9. It is appreciated, however, that a relatively small number of Australian personnel serving under Vietnamese operational control, as is the case with the Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam, may possibly not be afforded appropriate recognition under the present system. Although 27 awards have been made to such personnel under our system since 1964, the Commander, Australian Force Vietnam has indicated that a difficulty arises where a Vietnamese Commander may have the authority to confer awards and may wish to decorate a member of the AATTV serving in a remote or isolated area. In such instances the COMAFV may have no means at all of verifying the Vietnamese citation, but he feels that by refusing such awards, Australia gives offence to the Vietnamese.

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10. It is considered that in such circumstances the difficulty could be overcome, and the possibility of injustice obviated, by a request by the Prime Minister to Her Majesty that a special dispensation be given to permit recommendations to be made for the acceptance and wearing of South Vietnamese decorations by such Australian servicemen, when circumstances preclude the normal processes for the acceptance of a British award. Whilst we would continue to accept and apply the present regulations on foreign orders and awards in all other areas, in the case of Vietnam the following additional provision in respect of Australian Forces could therefore be sought :

"For gallant or distinguished service in Vietnam where an act or service worthy of recognition has been performed, but where the circumstances of the act or service have precluded its consideration by the Commander Australian Force, Vietnam for recommendation for a British award".

11. The type of difficulties encountered in respect of these members of the AATTV should not arise in connection with those Australians serving under United States operational command. On the one hand they are less likely to be serving in isolated and remote areas, and on the other, the United States system of preparing and submitting citations is very much akin to our own. Both these factors facilitate the consideration of such personnel for recommendation for awards under our own system. In addition, Australian forces are in Vietnam at the request of the South Vietnamese Government, and with the exception of personnel serving under Vietnamese command, mentioned above, appropriate recognition of gallantry and distinguished service is provided for, so that there is no requirement to accept awards from the governments of allied forces. Moreover, if the extension of this provision to cover personnel serving under the operational control of all allied forces were to be contemplated, the number of awards that could be made to Australians serving under United States operational command could far exceed comparable awards by the Vietnamese government and this could well be a source of embarrassment with the Vietnamese.

12. The conditions and controls which are recommended for inclusion in the suggested draft proposal for submission to the Prime Minister, are set out in paragraphs 13 to 19 below.

13. The acceptance of South Vietnamese awards for both gallantry and distinguished service could be recommended under the proposed new provision. In this regard, distinguished service would quite often be verifiable, since this type of award is for action over a period of time.

14. No justification can be seen for departing from the present practice of avoiding duplication of recognition for the same service or action and accordingly, a South Vietnamese award should not be accepted for an action or for distinguished service over a period, for which an award under our system has been given.

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15. Acceptance of South Vietnamese awards should be limited to those for which there are British equivalents in order to ensure that awards are accepted only for acts or service of a type for which a comparable British award would normally be recommended. This would also maintain uniformity in the recognition of the service of the recipients of these awards with that of forces under Australian operational command.

16. In our view, however, a departure from British practice could be justified in the case of posthumous Vietnamese awards. No valid reason can be seen for differentiating between the acceptance of foreign awards made to living personnel, and posthumous awards, and it is therefore considered that the proposal to the Queen in paragraph 10 above, should include the understanding that it embraces recommendations for posthumous awards.

17. There should be no need for a scale of Vietnamese awards as the number of awards likely to be proposed by the Vietnamese under the new provision should be small and this number may further be reduced by normal vetting for standards.

18. Permission should be sought for unrestricted wearing of any South Vietnamese decorations accepted under the new provision.

19. A delegation of authority should be sought from Her Majesty to the Governor-General for granting of approval to accept and wear South Vietnamese awards under the proposed additional provision set out in paragraph 10 above. Such delegation would expedite the processing of approvals for acceptance, and would be in keeping with the special circumstances of Australian participation in South Vietnam.

Unit Citations and Awards

20. It is recognised that Unit awards have some value in establishing and maintaining unit tradition and morale. It is considered that they are quite distinct from individual awards, and, as there are no British equivalents it might be considered that they could be processed without any general relaxation of the regulations and standards to which we adhere in the case of individual awards. However, as a general principle, it is considered that the acceptance of unit awards should be confined to those offered by South Vietnam. Such a conclusion is consistant with the principle recommended for adoption in paragraph 10 above in connection with individual awards. It is based on the same fundamental principle, namely, that Australian forces are in Vietnam at the request of the Government of South Vietnam.

21. The acceptance of Unit awards from the Vietnamese government is considered to be acceptable in view of our assistance to, and relationship with, that government. Such awards would provide an opportunity for the Vietnamese government to acknowledge this, if they so desired.

22. The Australian Embassy, Saigon, has advised that the Vietnamese system of awards includes the Unit Award of the "Gallantry Cross with Palm", which may be awarded for outstanding gallantry in the face of the enemy. It is understood that only two or three such citations have been awarded to the United States forces to date.

23. It is noted that the United States has proposed the award ofthe United States Valorous Unit Award to D Company

of the Sixth Battalion, RAR for their action in the Long Tan battle on 18th August, 1966 and that this proposal has been considered by the Military Board. No comparable South Vietnamese unit award has been offered in connection with this action. The general principle outlined in paragraph 20 above, would preclude the acceptance of a United States Unit award.

CONCLUSIONS

24. While we are not bound to follow the British regulations on the general policy for the acceptance and wearing of foreign awards, these regulations are soundly based, have stood the test of time and are defensible. They preserve the worth of British decorations by limiting the receipt of foreign awards. The rationale of the present practice is that Australian servicemen overseas are wearing the Queen's uniform in Her service and in the defence of Her realm; it is Her prerogative, and not that of foreign Governments, to confer honours and decorations for gallant or distinguished service. It is concluded therefore, that no substantial departure from the currently accepted regulations and practice on the acceptance of foreign awards would be warranted in the present circumstances.

25. However, a justifiable case does exist for accepting awards from the Government of South Vietnam in the cases of AATTV and similar personnel serving under Vietnamese command in the more remote areas of Vietnam and a special dispensation from the Queen in respect of these servicemen as recommended below, would be desirable.

26. There are good grounds for acceptance of Unit Awards, if offered, from the South Vietnamese Government.

RECOMMENDATIONS

27. It is recommended :

(a) That an approach be made by the Prime Minister to Her Majesty the Queen for approval to the application of the following additional condition in respect of recommendations for foreign awards for Australian Forces in Vietnam, on the understanding that the present regulations and practice on foreign awards in all other areas, would continue to apply:

"For gallantry or distinguished service in Vietnam where an act or service worthy of recognition has been performed, but where the circumstances of the act or service have precluded its consideration by the Commander, Australian Force Vietnam for recommendation for a British award".

(b) A delegation of authority be sought from Her Majesty to the Governor-General to grant approval for acceptance and unrestricted wearing of South Vietnamese awards under the proposed additional condition recommended at (a) above.

(c) That Australia accept South Vietnamese gallantry and distinguished service awards, (but not awards from

other allied countries with forces in Vietnam) only where circumstances preclude the normal processes for consideration for an award under our own system on the basis outlined in paragraphs 13 to 19 above.

(d) As a general principle Unit Awards from the South Vietnamese government as the host country might be considered for acceptance where offered.

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R E S TR I C T E D MS13820 IN CONFIDENCE. HONOURS AND AWARDS.

SME HAVE FORWARDED COPY OF RECOMMENDATION FROM US AUTHORITIES FOR AN AWARD TO WO MC MCCARTNEY RECEIVED FROM AATTV VIDE THEIR 153 -2-1 OF 16 MAR. AS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED BY OUR MS 14899 OF 28 JUN 65 ADVICE OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO ANY INDIVIDUAL HEAD OF CORPS OR UNIT. THE DECISION FOR RECOMMENDATIONS FORHONOURS AND AWARDS IS THE PREROGATIVE OF COM AFV. IF DESIRED COPIES MAY BE SENT TO AHQ (MS) FOR INFORMATION BUT SHOULD THEN BE SENT UNDER CLASSIFIED COVER.

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Paraphrase NOT required — NO unclassified code other than one of the following:
YES. AGREED. CONFIRMED.
NO. NOT AGREED. APPROVED.
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(.) REF YOUR R445/1/2/ DATED 18 APR 67 (.) QUERY ON HONOURS AND AWARDS (.) ONE (.) THE SOLDIER CONCERNED MISUNDERSTOOD THE ADVICE GIVEN BY THE DIV COMD I US DIV (.) THE MEN WERE RECOMMENDED FOR THE VIETNAMESE GALLANTRY CROSS WITH SILVER STAR (.) THE CITATION WERE FORWARDED FROM THE US UNIT TO WHICH THEY WERE ATTACHED TO HQ I US DIV WHO HAVE PASSED THE CITATION ON TO III CORPS (ARVN) (.) TWO (.) THE USUAL TIME FRAME APPARENTLY ONCE A CITATION IS PLACED IN THE HANDS OF THE VIETNAMESE IS FROM SIX TO 12 MONTHS (.) A REQUEST HAS BEEN FORWARDED FOR COPIES OF THE CITATIONS

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HQ AKV

Frank,

1. Attached is a copy of a letter from 1DHSG

2. Would you please enquire if the soldiers named were nominated for a US decoration and if so let me have a copy of the citations

1 May 67

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

MILITARY BOARD

(ADJUTANT-GENERAL)

8 APR 1967

Quote in Reply

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ARMY HEADQUARTERS
CANBERRA, ACT

4 Apr 67.

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FOREIGN AWARDS FOR SERVICE IN VIET NAM : FLOOD RELIEF 11 NOV 64

Reference: A. AATTV 153/1/1 (17) of 29 Dec 64 (not to AFV)

1. An application has been received from 35803 T/Maj I.C. Teague for permission to wear the Medal of Merit of the Government of The Republic of South Viet Nam.

2. Maj Teague claims that he was awarded this medal for meritorious action in the flood relief program consequent to floods in Central Viet Nam in Nov 64. It is understood that these two Australian Warrant Officers also received this Award at the same time for similar reasons:

a. 26165 WO2 J.T. Malone.

b. 1965 WO2 M. Coffey.

3. The application has been considered by DLS but before a decision can be reached, the following additional information is required:

a. Was the Order of Merit awarded by or on behalf of the Head ~~of~~ or Government of South Viet Nam?

b. Is the Order of Merit a non-military Award?

c. The circumstances in which the Awards were accepted.

d. Verification of the authenticity of the citation forwarded with the reference.

for Col
A Coord

Cmd 18/2/67

Dep Cmd 18/2

C/S 18/2

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17/2/67.

→ Chief Clerk – file dn
Honours and awards

With the Compliments

of the

Australian Ambassador

Major General D. Vincent, O.B.E.,
Commander,
Australian Force Vietnam,
SAIGON.

Copy for your information.

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17th February, 1967.

The Secretary,
Department of External Affairs,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

VIETNAMESE AWARDS.

I refer to your telegram No. 205 of 10th February, 1967 and enclose a copy of a Note addressed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs informing the Ministry of the Australian position on the acceptance and wearing of Vietnamese awards.

2. The Air Attache, Group Captain Coombes, has drawn my attention to the following paragraph in a letter from Sir Valston Hancock (then C.A.S.) to General Westmoreland, dated 5th January, 1965.

> "Foreign Orders, Decorations and Medals. The acceptance of foreign orders, decorations and medals by Australian service personnel is subject in all cases to Her Majesty the Queen's prior permission, and only in special circumstances is such permission normally granted. Recommendations for these awards are not processed through normal service channels, but are handled through diplomatic channels and are required to be submitted in the first instance to the Australian Ambassador to the country in which the member is serving."

The procedures set out in your telegram No. 205 of 10th February, 1967, seem to be at variance with those in the above letter, and I assume that they take precedence. However, I would appreciate your confirmation of this.

3. When I took Major General Vincent to pay a courtesy call on Prime Minister Ky this morning the Prime Minister raised the question of Vietnamese awards and asked why Australian servicemen could not receive them. He said he thought he would write to Mr. Holt on the subject, and wondered why our servicemen could not receive awards and then "put the medals in their pockets" as a sort of keepsake.

4. I was able to explain our traditional policy in this matter on the lines of your telegram No. 205, and mentioned the possibility that our practice might be reviewed in the near future. General Vincent pointed out that we did not wish to appear to be rude in not accepting Vietnamese awards but that we were simply following a well established tradition. To Ky's question whether our servicemen could receive a certificate of merit, General Vincent said that this was permissible. When General Vien, who was also present, asked why a medal could not simply be pinned on a serviceman without reference to Canberra we explained that this could be embarrassing to both parties, and added the further difficulty about a soldier not being able to receive two awards for the one action.

5. I have the impression that both Ky and Vien understand

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our position, without of course agreeing with it, and that they are genuine in their wish to be able to show recognition to our servicemen in a practical way. They also spoke about the possibility of a "blanket" award, by which I assume they meant an award which could be granted to every serviceman. In view of the liberality with which they shower awards on their own soldiers and those of the allied forces in Vietnam it is no doubt embarrassing to them to have to with-hold their gestures of appreciation in the case of the Australian forces concerned here.

(L.H. Border)
Ambassador.



SAIGON

16/2/67.

With the Compliments

of the

Australian Ambassador

Major General D. Vincent, O.B.E.,
Commander,
Australian Force Vietnam,
SAIGON.

For your information.

Note No. 21.

The Australian Embassy presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, with reference to the Ministry's Note No. 395/PR of 31st January, 1967, has the honour to advise that existing Australian policy precludes the acceptance and wearing, by the Australian servicemen concerned, of the awards which have been offered by the Vietnamese Ministry of Defence. The Ministry will know that, under the agreed procedures, Vietnamese Commanders may submit citations for gallantry or distinguished service by Australians under their command to the Commander, Australian Force Vietnam, who will take them into account in making his own recommendations for awards under the Australian system. It is suggested, therefore, that the Vietnamese Ministry of Defence might forward the citations in question to the Commander, Australian Force Vietnam, for consideration.

The Australian Embassy takes this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
SAIGON

SAIGON.
16th February, 1967.

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INWARDS CABLEGRAM.

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Dated: 10th February, 1967.
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Rec'd: 11th February, 1967.
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FROM:

Department of External Affairs,
CANBERRA.

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Vietnamese Gallantry Awards.

Your 201.

Existing policy precludes the acceptance and wearing of the awards offered by the Vietnamese Ministry of Defence. In view of the obvious desire by the Vietnamese authorities to offer their awards to our servicemen the existing policy is being reviewed with the aim of relaxing its rigidity.

2. There are two principal reasons for not accepting foreign awards:-

(a) Our servicemen are wearing the Queen's uniform and it is her prerogative and not that of a foreign country to decorate them for gallantry or distinguished conduct in her service.

(b) Our servicemen would prefer to receive awards granted under our own system which are known and respected within and without the British Commonwealth. Under the agreed procedure Vietnamese Commanders may submit citations for gallantry or distinguished service by Australians under their command to COMAFV who takes them into account in making his own recommendations for awards under our system. For your own information a decoration is now being processed for one of the servicemen mentioned in your cablegram. Duplication of a British and a foreign award for the same action is not accepted.

3. The review of existing policy is still under initial examination in Defence and may have to go to Cabinet. This could take some time, but Defence have promised to expedite early stages. In the meantime the Vietnamese Ministry of Defence might be told that the awards offered cannot be accepted under our existing rules and that the citations should be forwarded to COMAFV for consideration.

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Free World Military Assistance Office

MACFWMAO 20 September 1971

SUBJECT: Acceptance and Wearing of Foreign Awards

Commander
Australian Force, Vietnam
ATTN: DAAG
12 Tran Quoc Toan
Saigon, Vietnam

1. DA Form 2496 (at Inclosure 1) is forwarded per FONECON at 1510 hours, 18 September 1971, between CPT Lawson, your office, and MAJ Beckworth, Australian Plans Officer, FWMAO.

2. Your attention is invited to paragraph 2 of Inclosure 1. Request the information provided MACAG-PD be submitted through this office.

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as

WILLARD W HAWKE
Colonel, USA
Chief, FWMAO

Rank

Name

Appointment

D/A — Date Depart.

Recommend award.

2 Bronze Star/Staff Service Medal

1 Bronze Star, Honour Medal

MACDFMAO

Three World Military Assistance Office

20 September 1971

SUBJECT: Acceptance and Wearing of Foreign Awards

Saigon, Vietnam

1.2 Tran Quoc Toan

ATTN: DAAG

Assistant Force, Vietnam

Commander

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WILLARD W HANCE
Colonel, USA
Chief, MACAO

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