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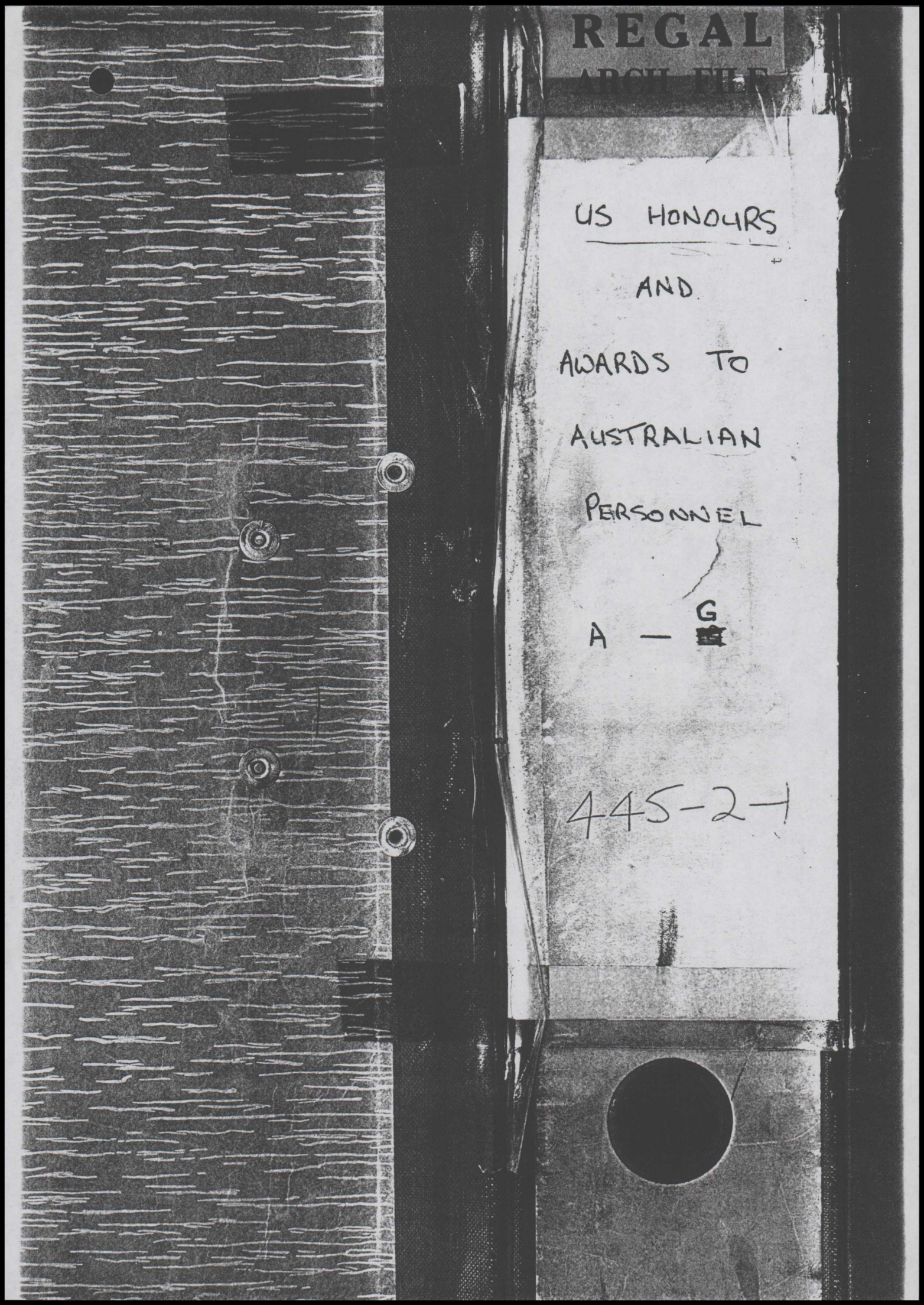
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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96222

MACFWMAO

30 January 1970

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

Commander
Australian Force Vietnam
12 Tran Quoc Toan
Saigon, Vietnam

1. The attached recommendation for award of the U.S. Bronze Star "V" Medal to WO2 Lester Noel Bootes of your command is forwarded for your consideration.

2. Request approval/disapproval/comments.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
as

WALTER E. REVIS
Colonel, USA
Chief, FWMAO

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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☒ HEROISM ☐ MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

TO: (Include ZIP Code)	FROM: (Include ZIP Code)
COMMANDER USAAG, I CTZ ADVISORY TEAM 1 APO 96349	SENIOR ADVISOR 1ST INF DIV ADV DET ADVISORY TEAM 3 APO 96258

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	2. SSAN	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH
BOOTES LESTER NOEL	25761	WO2	AATV

5. ORGANIZATION: 3 Trp, 7th Armored Cavalry Regiment ARVN

6. RECOMMENDED AWARD: BRONZE STAR "V"

7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ☐ YES ☒ NO

a. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

8. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION

b. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK

9. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? ☐ YES ☐ NO

AWARD:

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

10. INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

a. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI	b. SSAN	c. GRADE	d. UNIT

e. IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

11. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. TIME	c. DATE
South of the Demilitarized Zone	1800	2 Nov 1969

d. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT

Reconnaissance mission; wounded ARVN personnel

PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

12. INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED	13. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 5, STATE REASON FOR END DATE (Retire, REFRAD, etc.)

14. OTHER AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL DURING TIME FRAME SHOWN IN ITEM 12 (Does not include interim award)

PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION

15. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPENDICES:

See Appendix VII, AR 672-5-1 for instructions on completing and attaching necessary narrative data, such as description of the act, sketches, maps and statements of witnesses.

16. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED: Senior Adviser, Fwd CP

17. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION: HILTON D. PAYNE, LTC, Inf, Sr Adv, Fwd CP

18. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:

19. SIGNATURE: Hilton D. Payne

20. DATE: 27 Dec 69

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NARRATIVE

While serving as Assistant Operations Advisor to a South Vietnamese Armor Cavalry Troop Warrant Officer BOOTES accompanied the troop on an extremely hazardous mission near the Demilitarized Zone in Vietnam. At 1800 hours on 2 November 1969, the cavalry troop which he was advising occupied a position from which it could assist infantry elements which had come under heavy mortar fire from enemy forces in the Demilitarized Zone. At 1900 hours an armored personnel carrier struck an anti-tank mine. Unmindful of possible danger to himself, Warrant Officer BOOTES moved across heavily mined and exposed terrain to the heavily damaged vehicle in order to render assistance to wounded ARVN personnel. On the following day, Warrant Officer BOOTES consistantly exposed himself to enemy fire while riding with the Troop Executive Officer to a forward observation post in the Demilitarized Zone. From his exposed position, he was able to relay valuable information to higher Headquarters regarding damage inflicted by previous attacks against the enemy. He maintained his post until darkness made further observation impossible. Warrant Officer BOOTES remained South of the Demilitarized Zone with the cavalry until the following morning while covering the withdrawal of infantry forces. Only then did he leave his post and return to South Vietnamese controlled territory. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect the greatest possible credit upon himself, the Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam, and the Free World Military Forces.

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BRONZE STAR "V" FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

PROPOSED CITATION

For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Warrant Officer LESTER N. BOOTES distinguished himself by heroic actions while serving as Assistant Operations Advisor to a South Vietnamese Armored Cavalry Troop. Warrant Officer BOOTES accompanied the troop on an extremely hazardous mission in action against the enemy in the extreme Northern part of South Vietnam. The troop moved to contact to assist infantry elements which had come under heavy mortar and small arms fire while performing a reconnaissance mission. At 1800 hours on 2 November 1969, the troop occupied a position South of the Demilitarized Zone. At 1900 hours an armored personnel carrier struck an anti-tank mine. Unmindful of possible danger to himself, Warrant Officer BOOTES moved across heavily mined and exposed terrain to the heavily damaged vehicle in order to render assistance to wounded ARVN personnel. Through his personal action the wounded were removed from the damaged vehicle and evacuated by helicopter. On the following day, Warrant Officer BOOTES consistantly exposed himself to enemy fire while riding with the troop Executive Officer to a forward observation post in the area. From his exposed position he was able to relay valuable information to higher Headquarters regarding results of previous attacks against the enemy. He maintained his post until darkness made further observation impossible. Warrant Officer BOOTES remained in contact with the enemy along with his cavalry unit until the following morning while covering the withdrawal of infantry forces. Only upon the evacuation of the infantry did he leave his post and return to previously established positions. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect the greatest possible credit upon himself, the Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam, and the Free World Military Forces.

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MACCZ-ICPA BOOTES, Lester N. 1st Ind
WO2, 25761
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award for Valor

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, ICTZ, APO 96349 14 January 1970

THRU: CG, III MAF, ATTN: Awards Section, APO 96602

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

Recommend approval.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

JOHN E. HALE
Captain, AGC
Asst Adjutant

1L/rad
1650

SECOND ENDORSEMENT 27 JAN 1970

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
To: Commander, U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (Attn: MACAG-PD)

1. Forwarded. Records of this command do not reflect previous submission of an award recommendation for the same acts described herein.

J. W. MCCUE
By direction

MACCZ-HID-Al BOOTES, Lester N.
W02 25761
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award for Valor

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION ADVISORY DETACHMENT, ADVISORY TEAM 3,
APO 96258 10 January 1970

TO: Commanding General, US Army Advisory Group, I CTZ, Advisory Team 1
APO 96349

Recommend Approval.

J.L. WHEELER
Colonel, Armor
Senior Advisor

MACCZ-ICPA BOOTES, Lester Noel 1st Ind
WO2, 25761
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of Merit

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CTZ, APO 96349 27 December 1969

THRU: CG, III MAF, ATTN: Awards Section, APO 96602

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

Recommend approval.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Proposed Citation

JOHN E. HALL
Captain, AGC
Asst Adjutant

1F/rad
1650
7 Jan 1969

SECOND ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
To: Commander, U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
(Attn: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

1. Forwarded. There is no record of previous or pending awards for meritorious service in the files of this headquarters.

J. W. MCCUE
By direction

[illegible]CZ-ITD-Al BOOTES, Lester Noel
[illegible] 25761
SUBJECT: Recommendation for award of merit

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION ADVISORY DETACHMENT, ADVISORY TEAM 3
APO 96258 22 December 1969

TO: Commanding General, US Army Advisory Group, I CTZ, Advisory Team 1
APO 96349

Recommend Approval.

J.L. WHEELER
Colonel, Armor
Senior Advisor

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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☐ HEROISM ☒ MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

TO: (Include ZIP Code)	FROM: (Include ZIP Code)
SENIOR ADVISOR 1ST INF DIV ADV DET ADVISORY TEAM 3 APO 96258	SENIOR ADVISOR ADVISORY TEAM 3 7TH CAVALRY APO 96258

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	2. SSAN	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH
BOOTES, LESTER NOEL	25761	WO2	AUSTRALIAN

5. ORGANIZATION: 7TH CAVALRY REGIMENT, ARVN

6. RECOMMENDED AWARD: BRONZE STAR MEDAL

7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ☐ YES ☒ NO

a. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH:

8. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION:

b. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK: MRS JOY BOOTES (WIFE), FLAT 88, 247 WOODVILLE ROAD, VILLAWOO, AUSTRALIA, 2163

9. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? ☐ YES ☒ NO

AWARD:

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

10. INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

a. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI	b. SSAN	c. GRADE	d. UNIT

e. IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

11. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. TIME	c. DATE
X		

d. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT

PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

12. INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED	13. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 5, STATE REASON FOR END DATE (Retire, REFRAD, etc.)
2 MAY 1969 TO 10 MARCH 1970	2 MAY 1969 TO 10 MARCH 1970 DEROS

14. OTHER AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL DURING TIME FRAME SHOWN IN ITEM 12 (Does not include interim award)

PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION

15. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPENDICES:

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16. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED: SENIOR ADVISOR

17. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION: BILLEY J. WILLIAMS, MAJOR, ARMOR

18. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:

19. SIGNATURE: Billy J. Williams

20. DATE: 21 Dec 69

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N A R R A T I V E

WARRANT OFFICER, SECOND CLASS LESTER N. BOOTES, AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM, VIETNAM, DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF WHILE SERVING AS A TROOP OPERATIONS ADVISOR WITH THE SEVENTH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT (ARVN) MACV ADVISORY TEAM 3, HUE, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. UPON JOINING THE UNIT ON 2 MAY 1969, HE WAS IMMEDIATELY ASSIGNED TO A TROOP AND HAS SINCE SERVED AS ADVISOR TO ALL THREE LINE TROOPS. HE HAS, IN EVERY INSTANCE, DISPLAYED A MASTERFUL KNOWLEDGE OF ARMORED CAVALRY OPERATIONS, AN AGGRESSIVE DETERMINATION TO SEE EVERY MISSION CARRIED OUT IN THE MOST PROFESSIONAL MANNER, AND A FINE RAPPORT WITH HIS VIETNAMESE ALLIES. QUICK TO NOTE AREAS WHICH NEEDED IMPORVEMENT, HE HAS STRIVEN CONTINUOUSLY TO IMPROVE THE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS, MATERIAL READINESS, AND FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE UNITS HE ADVISED. WO2 BOOTES HAS PARTICIPATED IN ALL COMBAT OPERATIONS STAGED BY THE SEVENTH CAVALRY, DURING HIS TOUR AND HIS CALM RESOLVE IN THE FACE OF DANGER HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO ALL THOSE AROUND HIM. HIS ABILITY TO RAPIDLY ASSESS A COMBAT SITUATION AND TO CALL FOR AND THEN COORDINATE TACTICAL AIR STRIKES, HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS, AND MEDEVAC HELICOPTERS HAS EARNED HIM RECOGNITION THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE UNIT. IN EVERY RESPECT, HIS ACTIONS HAVE BEEN IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE ADVISORY EFFORT IN VIETNAM.

PROPOSED CITATION

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL IS AWARDED TO WARRANT OFFICER SECOND CLASS LESTER N. BOOTES, AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM, VIETNAM, IN RECOGNITION OF HIS EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE ASSIGNED TO MACV ADVISORY TEAM 3, HUE, VIETNAM. HE SERVED AS A TROOP OPERATIONS ADVISOR WITH ALL THREE LINE TROOPS OF THE SEVENTH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT (ARVN). UPON JOINING THE UNIT ON 2 MAY 1969, HE WENT IMMEDIATELY TO THE FIELD ON COMBAT OPERATIONS AND REMAINED IN THE FIELD CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS TOUR. HIS GREAT ABILITY TO FUNCTION UNDER SEVERE AND PROTRACTED STRESS CAME TO BE KNOWN BY HIS FELLOW ADVISORS AND VIETNAMESE ALLIES ALIKE AND HIS COOL AND COURAGEOUS ACTIONS UNDER FIRE HAVE SERVED AS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL THOSE AROUND HIM. THROUGHOUT HIS ASSIGNMENT, WO2 BOOTES STROVE TO INCREASE THE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UNIT, AS WELL AS ITS MATERIAL READINESS AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES. HIS GREAT DEVOTION TO THE ADVISORY EFFORT AS A WHOLE AND THE SEVENTH ARMORED CAVALRY ARE APPARENT TO ALL THOSE AROUND HIM AND HIS FRIENDLY, TACTFUL NATURE ENDEARED HIM TO THE VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS WITH WHOM HE LIVED AND WORKED. IN EVERY RESPECT, HIS ACTIONS HAVE BEEN IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES AND REFLECT THE GREATEST POSSIBLE CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE ADVISORY EFFORT IN VIETNAM.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM VIETNAM

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
445-1-10

HEADQUARTERS
AATTV

19 May 71

HQ AFV

FOREIGN AWARDS: 213656 WO2 J.I. BOUVENG

1. Attached please find a copy of a recommendation for the award of the Bronze Star Medal to the above member.

(G.J. Leary)
Col
Comd

Copy to: AATTV File
Members File

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MACMR-1AG BOUVENG, John L., (27 Mar 71) 1st Ind
WC, 213-656 AATTV
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award for Merit

HEADQUARTERS, US Army Advisory Group, IC & MR 1, APO 96349 13 Apr 71

TO: COMUSMACV, ATTN: MACAG-PD APO 96222

Recommend approval.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

2 Incl
nc

JOHN L. PRICE
Major, AGC
Adjutant General

MACMR-IL-A1 BOUVENG, JOHN L., (27 March 71)
WO, 21365 AAFTV
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award for Merit

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION (ARVN)
APO 96258 27 March 1971

TO: Commanding General, US Army Advisory Group, I Corps and Military Region 1
APO 96349

Recommend approval.

FOR THE SENIOR ADVISOR

James O. Mortrude

JAMES O. MORTRUDE
LTC, IN
Deputy Senior Advisor

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

☐ HEROISM ☒ MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

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TO: (Include ZIP Code) Commanding General
USAAG, IC & MR 1
APO 96349

FROM: (Include ZIP Code) Senior Advisor
USAAG
1st Inf Div (ARVN)
APO 96256

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	2. SSAN	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH
BOUVENG, JOHN L.	213656	WO	AATTV

5. ORGANIZATION
5th Bn, 2nd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division (ARVN) MACV ADV TM #3

6. RECOMMENDED AWARD
BRONZE STAR MEDAL

7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ☐ YES ☒ NO

8. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION
ASAP

a. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

b. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK

9. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? ☐ YES ☒ NO
AWARD:

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

10. INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

a. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI	b. SSAN	c. GRADE	d. UNIT

e. IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

11. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. TIME	c. DATE

d. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT

PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

12. INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED
June 1970 to June 1971

13. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 5, STATE REASON FOR END DATE (Retire, REFRAD, etc.)
28 June 1970 to 23 June 1971

14. OTHER AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL DURING TIME FRAME SHOWN IN ITEM 12 (Does not include interim award)
None

PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION

15. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPENDICES:
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16. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED
Deputy Staff Advisor/2nd Regt

17. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION
RICHARD D. KIPHART, MAJ, IN, Dep/Staff Adv

18. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:
COMUSMACV
ATTN: MACAG-PD
APO 96222

19. SIGNATURE
Richard D Kiphart

20. DATE
27 March 71

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N-A-R-R-A-T-I-V-E

Warrant Officer Bouveng distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period June 1970 to June 1971 while serving consecutively as Heavy Weapons Infantry Advisor, and as Assistant Battalion Senior Advisor, 5th Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period Warrant Officer Bouveng excelled in improving the effectiveness of the heavy weapons elements within the battalion. Upon assignment he immediately surveyed the conditions of all the heavy weapons and found that the maintenance operations had been unsatisfactory. Working through the Senior Advisor and with his counterparts, Warrant Officer Bouveng initiated a training program in the care and cleaning of the weapons. In a minimum time period he succeeded in instilling upon his counterparts the importance of proper cleaning and maintance of heavy infantry weapons. After his success in the area of maintenance, Warrant Officer Bouveng set forth to improve the effectiveness of the heavy weapons in combat. He spent many ardous hours influencing the Vietnamese on the importance of proper employment of heavy weapons in both the offensive and defensive roles. The results of his tireless efforts are reflected in the outstanding successes of the battalion in combat operations. In addition to his duties as Heavy Weapons Advisor, Warrant Officer Bouveng served as Assistant Senior Advisor, in the "Light Command Post" during combat operations. Warrant Officer Bouveng's sound advice and military competance has enhanced the battalion's overall efficiency and has contributed significantly to their success in combat. Warrant Officer Bouveng's performance of duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

PROPOSED CITATION

For distinguishin himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force during the period June 1970 to June 1971 while serving consecutively as Heavy Weapons Advisor, and as Assistant Battalion Senior Advisor, both of the 5th Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period Warrant Officer BOUVENG demonstrated professional zeal, determination, and enthusiasm in a demanding duty assignment. Immediately establishing a close and cordial working relationship with his Vietnamese counterparts, he succeeded in exerting a profound and beneficial influence in all facets of operations conducted by the contingents he advised. By his keen awareness of the problems inherent to a combat environment and by applying his extensive professional knowledge, he enhanced the fighting ability of the friendly forces. Exhibiting sound judgement, integrity, and stamina under conditions of stress and hardship, Warrant Officer BOUVENG earned the respect and admiration of the Vietnamese allies who recognized his outstanding contribution to their war effort against communist aggression. Warrant Officer BOUVENG's meritorious service was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Australian Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM

QUOTE IN REPLY

R/445-1-11

HEADQUARTERS

Australian Army Training Team
Vietnam

28 May 71

HQ AFV

FOREIGN AWARDS : 213656 WO2 J.L. BOUVENG

1. Enclosed please find a copy of a Recommendation for the award of an Army Commendation Medal to the above member.

2. For your action please.

(G.J. LEARY)
Col
Comd

Copy to: AATTV File
Member's File

MACMR-1PA BOUVENG, John L. (10 NOV 70) 1st Ind
WO, 213656 AATTV
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration for Merit

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CORPS AND MILITARY REGION 1,
APO 96349 10 NOV 70

THRU: CG, XXIV CORPS, ATTN: AVVII-AGPA, APO 96349

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

Recommend approval

FOR THE COMMANDER:

WAYNE J. MOE
Colonel, Infantry
Deputy Commander

2 Incl
1. Narrative
2. Ppsd Citation

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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☐ HEROISM ☒ MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

TO: (Include ZIP Code)
COMUSMACV
ATTN: MACAG-PD
APO 96222

FROM: (Include ZIP Code)
CG, USAAC, IC&MRI
ATTN: MACMR-1PA
APO 96349

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	2. SSAN	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH
BOUVENG, JOHN L.	213656	WO	AATTV

5. ORGANIZATION
Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam

6. RECOMMENDED AWARD
Army Commendation Medal

7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ☐ YES ☒ NO

8. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION
ASAP

a. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

b. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK

9. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? ☐ YES ☒ NO
AWARD:

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

10. INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

a. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI	b. SSAN	c. GRADE	d. UNIT

e. IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

11. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. TIME	c. DATE

d. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT

PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

12. INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED
7 July 1970 to 7 November 1970

13. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 5 (If not present unit, state reason for end date. (Retire, RETEA, etc.))
7 July 1970 to 7 November 1970

14. OTHER AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL DURING TIME FRAME SHOWN IN ITEM 12 (Does not include current award)
None

PART IV - OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AND CERTIFICATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPENDICES

See Appendix VII, AR 672-5-1 for instructions on preparation of appendices. Appendices will include necessary narrative data, such as statements of witnesses, maps, and statements of witnesses.

ACTION BY ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

INITIATING RECOMMENDATION

a. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:

b. C. OF DEPOT, OTT, ACC, ARCOM, AG

N A R R A T I V E

Warrant Officer Bouveng distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 7 July 1970 to 7 November 1970 while serving as Advisor, 5th Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. A competent advisor with practical experience and driving determination, Warrant Officer Bouveng demonstrated unusual professional zeal, knowledge, and enthusiasm in the face of an extremely challenging duty assignment. Immediately, he established a lasting rapport with his counterpart. The mutual exchange of advice and assistance they rendered to each other greatly enhanced the effectiveness of combat operations conducted by the 5th Battalion. Utilizing his thorough knowledge of infantry tactics to the fullest, he vastly improved the fighting ability of the friendly forces operating within his area of responsibility. Warrant Officer Bouveng's exceptional devotion to duty, untiring efforts, and absolutely peerless leadership contributed significantly to the extraordinary successes achieved by his unit. Exhibiting sound judgment, integrity, and stamina under conditions of stress and hardship, he contributed immeasurably to the operational effectiveness and mission accomplishment of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces. Warrant Officer Bouveng's performance of duty was in keeping with the high standards of excellence established by members of the Royal Australian Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

PROPOSED CITATION

For distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement during the period 7 July 1970 to 7 November 1970 while serving as Advisor, 5th Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period Warrant Officer BOUVENG demonstrated unusual professional zeal, determination, and enthusiasm in a demanding duty assignment. Immediately establishing a close and cordial working relationship with his counterpart, he succeeded in exerting a profound and beneficial influence in all facets of operations conducted by the contingents he advised. By his keen awareness of the problems inherent in a combat environment and by applying his extensive professional knowledge he enhanced the fighting ability of the friendly forces operating within his area of responsibility. Exhibiting sound judgment, integrity, and stamina under conditions of stress and hardship, Warrant Officer BOUVENG earned the respect and admiration of the Vietnamese allies, who recognized his outstanding contribution to their war effort. Warrant Officer BOUVENG'S performance of duty was in keeping with the high standards of excellence established by members of the Royal Australian Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

MACMR-1PA BOUVENG, John L. (10 NOV 70) 1st Ind
WO, 213656 AATTV
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration for Merit

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CORPS AND MILITARY REGION 1, APO 96349 10 NOV 70

THRU: CG, XXIV CORPS, ATTN: AVVII-AGPA, APO 96349

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

Recommend approval

FOR THE COMMANDER:

2 Incl
1. Narrative
2. Ppsd Citation

WAYNE J. MOE
Colonel, Infantry
Deputy Commander

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ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

PROPOSED CITATION

For distinguishing himslef by meritorious achievement during the period 7 July 1970 to 7 November 1970 while serving as Advisor, 5th Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period Warrant Officer BOUVENG demonstrated unusual professional zeal, determination, and enthusiasm in a demanding duty assignment. Immediately establishing a close and cordial working relationship with his counterpart, he succeeded in excerting a profound and benificial influence in all facets of operations conducted by the contingents he advised. By his keen awareness of the problems inherent in a combat environment and by applying his extensive professional knowledge he enhanced the fighting ability of the friendly forces operating within his area of reponsibility. Exhibiting sound judgment, intergrity, and stamina under conditions of stress and harship, Warrant Officer BOUVENG earned the respect and adminiration of the Vietnamese allies, who recongnized his outstanding contribution to their war effort. Warrant Officer BOUVENG performance of duty was in keeping with the high standards of excellence established by members of the Royal Australian Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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NARRATIVE

Warrant Officer Bouveng distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 7 July 1970 to 7 November 1970 while serving as Adviser, 5th Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. A competent adviser with practical experiences and driving determination, Warrant Officer Bouveng demonstrated unugual professional zeal, knowlwdge, and enthusiam in the face of an extramely challenging duty assignment. Immediately, he established a lasting rapport with his counterpart. The mutual exchange of advice and assistance they rendered to each other greatly enchanced the effectiveness of combat operations conducted by the 5th Battalion. Utilising his thorough knowledge of infantry tactics to the fullest, he vastly improved the fighting ability of the friendly forces operating within his area of responsibility. Warrant Officer Bouveng's exceptional devotion to duty, untiring efforts, and absolutely peerless leadership contributed significantly to the extraordinary successes achieved by his unit. Echibiting sound judgment, integrity, and staming conditions of stress and hardship, he contributed immeasurably to the operational effectiveness and mission accomplishment of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces. Warrant Officer Bouveng's performance of duty was in keeping with the high standards of excellence established by members of the Roval Australian Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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

PREPARE TO REACH APPROVING AUTHORITY IN DUPLICATE.

DATE: 5 March 1968

THRU:	TO:	FROM: *(Unit)*
Commander US Army Adv Gp, I CTZ Advisory Team 1 APO 96337	COMUSMACV ATTN: MACAC-PA APO 96222	Assistant District Advisor Advisory Team 4 APO 96269

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)*
BRANSON, Francis Leonard	5620	WO1	RA INF

5. ORGANIZATION	6. LEGAL RESIDENCE *(Number, Street, City, and State)*
AATTV	29 X Merick Rd., Glenorchy, Tasmania, Aust.

7. RECOMMENDED AWARD	8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD	9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Bronze Star w/V	☐ YES ☒ NO	Mrs Mary Anne Branson (wife) (Same as above)

PART II – STATUS AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

10. SERVICE NUMBER	11. GRADE	12. BRANCH *(Or MOS If WO)*	13. ORGANIZATION
5620	WO1	RA INF	AATTV

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

N/A

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	19. IF CERTIFICATES OR AFFIDAVITS OR EYE WITNESSES OR PERSONS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS ARE NOT INCLOSED, GIVE REASONS
☒ YES ☐ NO	

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
Raymond E. McMaken	05326282	CPT	Advisory Team 4
William J. Lapin	05341848	2LT	Advisory Team 4

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

Raymond E. McMaken - Distinguished Service Cross
William J. Lapin - Bronze Star

22. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. INCLUSIVE DATES	c. TIME OF DAY
Cam Lo District Headquarters Quang Tri Province, YD 129590	2 February 1968	0155

d. CHARACTER AND CONDITIONS OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER Cam Lo District Headquarters is located in a valley with a small to the north and hills and ridges to the north and south. A small hamlet is located on the east side of the compound. The weather was hazy, overcast and there was no moonlight.

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.)* A reinforced NVA Regiment of the 320th NVA Division made a sustained 5 hour attack on the District Headquarters. The unit had just infiltrated from the north and was well equipped with good morale. Supporting arms included 82mm mortars, 82mm recoilless rifle, B-40 rockets, B-41 rockets, and heavy machine guns. The enemy suffered 143 KIA, 34 POW's, 3 Chieu Hoi's , and over 100 individual and crew

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

See attached sheet

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

See attached sheet

PART IV – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

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

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

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 0155 hours, 2 February 1968, Cam Le District Headquarters came under a vicious attack by a reinforced NVA Regiment supported by mortars, rockets, and recoilless rifles. At the beginning of the attack, WO Branson moved to his bunker and began firing his machine gun. He then turned the machine gun over to another individual and left the relative safety of the bunker and moved out along the defensive perimeter, exposing himself to intense enemy fire, positioning the troops, directing the resupply of ammunition and aiding the wounded. At one point during the battle, a hand grenade fell into a bunker occupied by another soldier and without hesitation. WO Branson rushed forward, grabbed the grenade and threw it out of the bunker before it exploded. It was then discovered that the southern portion of the perimeter had taken heavy casualties and WO Branson immediately ran through the enemy fire with a reaction force and began evacuating the casualties to a covered area where they could receive medical attention. The defenders of the compound were for the most part, very young, new to the area and from many different units. The fact that these relatively few defenders held the compound against a vastly superior force while killing 143 of the enemy, capturing 3h prisoners and over 100 individual and crew served weapons is evidence (See attached sheet)

31. DESCRIBE EFFECTS OR RESULTS Because of the professional attitude and devotion to duty displayed by WO Branson, he helped form young, inexperienced troops into an effective fighting force. He was also instrumental in the evacuation (See attached sheet)

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

Assistant District Advisor

33. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO

Advisory Team h, APO 96269

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

See attached sheets

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

RAYMOND E. MCMAHON, CPT, INF, Assistant District Adviser

36. SIGNATURE

Raymond E McMahon

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PPC, Japan

MACTN HUQT
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration for Valor
(BRANSON, Francis L., 01, 5620)

24. At the time of the attack, the defense consisted of one squad from E Company, 2/9 Battalion, and two squads from D Company 1/4 Battalion, Combined Action Company "P" Headquarters, a subteam from 15th CIT, and a 7 man Engineer Sweep Team, all from USMC elements. There were also two quad 50's, and the Advisory Team from the Army, and approximately 50 Vietnamese Popular Forces soldiers. Mission was to defend Cam Lo District Headquarters. Morale of the Popular Forces was low because of the absence of the District Chief, they lack leadership. Casualties: US 9 KIA, 26 WIA, VN 2 KIA, 5 WIA.

25. Personnel in the compound were occupying defensive positions. Some personnel maintained radio communications with higher headquarters and adjacent units in support of its defense, several individuals assisted in rendering medical aid, other remained on position for defense.

30. of the part played by WO Branson in making this an effective fighting force.

34. 3 Incl
1. Proposed Citation
2. Biographical Sketch
3. Witness Statement (2LT Lapin)

Raymond E. McMaken
RAYMOND E. MCMAKEN
Captain, Infantry
Assistant District Advisor

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order, 11046, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device is awarded to:

Warrant Officer Francis L. Branson, 5620, Australian Regular Army, Royal Australian Infantry, who distinguished himself by his heroic actions while serving with Advisory Team #4, MACV, Republic of Vietnam, on 2 February 1968. At approximately 0155 hours, a well trained, determined, reinforced North Vietnamese Regiment attacked Cam Lo District Headquarters. The attack began with a heavy barrage of enemy mortar, recoilless rifle, rocket and automatic weapons fire. At the beginning of the attack, Warrant Officer Branson rushed to his bunker and laid down a hail of withering fire at the onrushing enemy forces. He then turned the machine gun over to another individual and left the relative safety of his bunker and moved along the defensive perimeter, exposing himself to intense enemy fire in order to position defenders, direct resupply of ammunition, and aid the wounded. At one point during the battle, a hand grenade fell into a position occupied by another soldier. Without hesitation Warrant Officer Branson raced forward, grabbed the grenade and threw it out of the bunker before it exploded. It was then learned that the Southern portion of the perimeter had taken heavy casualities and a serious threat existed at that point. Warrant Officer Branson immediately lead a reaction force through heavy enemy fire to reinforce that sector and to evacuate the wounded to a position of relative safety where they could be treated. The defenders of the compound were for the most part very young and new to the area also from many different units. By his example and leadership Warrant Officer Branson was able to mold this group

into a defensive force which successfully defended the compound against a superior force while at the same time inflicting heavy casualities on the enemy force. Warrant Officer Branson's outstanding performance of duty under enemy fire is in the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Australian Forces and the Military Assitance Command, Vietnam.

MACTN-HUQT Branson, Francis L. 1st Ind
5620 (5 March 1968)

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISOR, Advisory Team 4, APO 96269 13 Apr 68

TO: Senior Advisor, Advisory Team 3, ATTN: Admin Officer, APO 96258

Recommend approval.

FOR THE PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISOR:

MILTON S. SANDERSON
MAJ INF
Assistant Province Advisor

MACTN-HUAG HANSON, Francis L. 2nd Ind
WO1 5620 AATTV (5 Mar 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION ADVISORY DETACHMENT,
ADVISORY TEAM 3, APO 96258 17 APR 1968

TO: Commander, United States Army Advisory Group, I CTZ,
Advisory Team 1, APO 96337

Recommend approval.

FOR THE SENIOR ADVISOR:

3 Incls
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R. S. MIJARES
CPT, AGC
Admin Officer

MACTN-ICG BRANSON, Francis Leonard 3d Ind 25 APR 1968
WOl 5620 (5 Mar 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

COMMANDER, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, ICTZ, Advisory Team 1, APO 96337

TO: COMUSMACV, ATTN: MAC G-PD, APO 96222

1. Recommend approval of the Silver Star.

2. It is felt by this headquarters that the actions as stated in this recommendation are more deserving of the Silver Star.

3 Incl
nc

JOHN J. BRESON, III
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

S T A T E M E N T

4 March 1968

On 2 February 1968 at approximately 0200 hours, Cam Lo District Headquarters came under a heavy and relentless attack by an estimated 1600 enemy troops. This ground attack was accompanied by a heavy and continuous barrage of rocket, mortar, and artillery fire. Soon after the attack began, WO1 Branson took up a defensive position on the west berm, first firing an M-60 machine-gun, then changing to another position nearby with his M-16. He exposed himself to enemy fire on many occasions throughout the night long attack, returning fire, and redistributing ammunition to vital areas in the defense.

On one occasion, several of the troops located on the opposite side of the compound were severely wounded. WO Branson fully exposed himself to enemy rocket, mortar, and small arms fire to assist wounded personnel to the first aid bunker where they could be treated. He also organized personnel and helped direct a Medevac which was carried out under enemy fire.

These actions were vital to the defense of the compound which resulted in 143 enemy KIA and another 34 taken prisoner and a cache of enemy weapons totaling over 100.

William J. Lapin

WILLIAM J. LAPIN
2LT, MI
Cam Lo District

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Warrant Officer 1st Class, Francis L. Branson, 5620, was born in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia on 17 November 1929. He enlisted in the Australian Regular Army on 27 February 1948. He has served in various adminstrative and instructional tasks with the Royal Australian Infantry. He is currently serving with the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam. He was attached to MACV Advisory Team 4, he is presently assigned to Cam-Lo Subsector.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM

QUOTE IN REPLY
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HEADQUARTERS
Army Component

23 Apr 70

Chief
FWMAO

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Reference: Your MACFWMAO memorandum of 3 Apr 70.

1. Thank you for the citation for the award of the US Bronze Star "V" to 29598 WO2 A. Breakwell.

2. I would be pleased if you would process the recommendation, and advise in due course if it is approved.

(S.A.E. FRASER)
Major General
Commander Australian Force
VIETNAM

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

HQ AFV REGISTRY
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MACFWMAO

3 April 1970

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

Commander
Australian Force Vietnam
12 Tran Quoc Toan
Saigon, Vietnam

1. The attached recommendations for award of the U.S. Silver Star to WO2 Bruce Davies and the U.S. Bronze Star "V" to WO2 Tony Breakwell are forwarded for your consideration.

2. Request approval, disapproval or comments.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Walter E. Revis
WALTER E. REVIS
Colonel, USA
Chief, FWMAO

RECEIVED
6 APR 1970

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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

PREPARE TO REACH APPROVING AUTHORITY IN DUPLICATE.

DATE: Senior Advisor 21st Ranger Bn

THRU: APO 96349

TO: APO 96222

FROM: (Unit) APO 96349

BREAKWELL TONY HUNTER 29598 WO2 Infantry

PART I – STATUS AT TIME OF RECOMMENDATION

1. LAST NAME – FIRST NAME – MIDDLE NAME: 21 Ranger Bn, Adv Tm #1, APO 96349
2. SERVICE NO.: 983 Milpo Street Singleton, Australia
3. GRADE
4. BRANCH (Or MOS If WO)
5. ORGANIZATION: Bronze Star "V" xx
6. RESIDENCE (Number, Street, City, and State, including ZIP Code): Mrs. Delpdre Breakwell (wife) 983 Milpo Street Singleton, Australia
7. RECOMMENDED AWARD: 29598 WO2 Infantry
8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ☐ YES ☐ NO
9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: 21st Ranger Bn, APO 96349

PART II – STATUS AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

10. SERVICE NUMBER	11. GRADE	12. BRANCH (Or MOS If WO)	13. ORGANIZATION
x			

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

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 xx

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

x Inclosed

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
Nicholas R. Mrsich	473-30-2604	SSG	21st Ranger Bn
Ralph E. Hull	308-30-0337	MAJ	21st Ranger Bn

SSG Nicholas R. Mrsich was recommended for the Bronze Star Medal "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

22. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. INCLUSIVE DATES	c. TIME OF DAY
South of Hoi An, Quang Tin Province, Thang Binh District	9-10 January 1970	1800 hrs

d. CHARACTER AND CONDITIONS OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER

The area of operation was delta terrain, consisting of rice patties, waterways, sandy areas and numerous wooded areas along the waterways. The skies were partly cloudy with scattered clouds. The temperature was approximately 80 degrees.

The enemy morale was very high. The rice paddies provided excellent fields of fire for the enemy and provided poor cover and concealment for the friendly troops. The wooded area offered the enemy excellent cover and concealment. Enemy casualties were 15 KIA's and unknown number of wounded. The enemy consisting of two Viet Cong Companies was defending a wooded area. From this entrenched position the enemy pinned down one ranger platoon in a rice patty and three airstrikes were requested in an effort to neutralize the enemy.

23. DESCRIBE ENEMY CONDITIONS (Morale, Weapons, Tactics, Casualties, and Action, what the enemy was doing and what it did as the result of the act.)

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The 21st Vietnamese Ranger Battalion was conducting a search and destroy operation. The morale of the unit was very good and the friendly casualties were one KIA and four WIA's.

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

Conducting a search of the area where a Marine A-4 jet crashed in an attempt to locate the pilot's body and pieces. Four 500 pound bombs were found in the vicinity of the crash site. Major Hull assisted in the destruction of the bombs.

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

PART IV – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

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

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

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?

See Inclosure 1.

Four 500 pound bombs were destroyed which were booby-trapped after a Marine A-4 jet crashed. The enemy was denied access to a large amount of high explosives.

31. DESCRIBE EFFECTS OR RESULTS

Senior Advisor, 21st Ranger Battalion
1st Ranger Group, APO 96349

Senior Advisor, 1st Ranger Group
Adv Tm #1, APO 96349

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

Narrative
Proposed Citation

33. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO

RALPH E. HULL, MAJ, INF
Senior Advisor

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

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

36. SIGNATURE

Ralph E. Hull

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MACCZ-ICG BREAKWELL, Tony H. 3rd Ind
WO2, 29598 (Australian)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CTZ, APO 96349 8 MAR 1970

THRU: CG, XXIV Corps, ATTN: AVII-AGPA, APO 96308

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

Recommend approval.

2 Incl
nc

HENRY J. MULLER, JR.
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

MACCZ-ICQD-R (20 Feb 70) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

SENIOR ADVISOR, 1ST RANGER GROUP, APO 96349 21 Feb 70

TO: Senior Advisor, Quang Da Special Zone, APO 96349

Recommend approval.

2 Incls
1 - Narrative
2 - Proposed Citation

ALAN T. HORWEDEL
LTC, Infantry
Senior Advisor

MACCZ-ICQD (20 Feb 70) 2d Ind

SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE, APO 96349

TO: DSA, ICTZ, Advisory Team #1, APO 96349

Recommend approval.

2 Incls
nc

JOSEPH E. WATSON
LTC, Infantry
Deputy Senior Advisor

N A R R A T I V E

On 9-10 January 1970 Warrant Officer 2 BREAKWELL, Royal Australian Army, distinguished himself by heroic actions while serving as Deputy Senior Advisor, 21st Ranger Battalion, 1st Ranger Group. At 1430 hours, 9 January, the 21st Battalion was taken under fire by an estimated two companies of Viet Cong. During the course of the ensuing battle several airstrikes were directed against the enemy positions. A United States Marine jet participating in the airstrikes crashed in the objective area. Immediately following the crash, Warrant Officer BREAKWELL joined a search party which was formed to locate the pilot. Conducted during the hours of darkness, the initial search failed. On the morning of 10 January, at approximately 0915 hours, a second search located the wreckage. Warrant Officer BREAKWELL, covering a 1800 meter area, helped find the pilot's body and assisted in the evacuation operation. He also located four 500-pound bombs in the vicinity of the crash site. It was determined that the bombs were booby-trapped and therefore unsafe to move. After the 21st Battalion was redeployed a safe distance from the bombs, Warrant Officer BREAKWELL volunteered to assist in blowing the bombs for detonation, the demolition party received small arms fire from enemy in the area. However, the party managed to destroy the four bombs. As a result of this heroic action, the enemy was denied access to a high amount of explosive material which could have been used in construction of booby-traps.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL "V"

PROPOSED CITATION

For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Warrant Officer 2 BREAKWELL distinguished himself by heroic actions on 9 and 10 January 1970 while serving as the Deputy Senior Advisor to the 21st Vietnamese Ranger Battalion, 1st Ranger Group, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On these dates the 21st Ranger Battalion was part of a large force conducting a search and destroy mission south of the Hoi An and Quang Tin Provinces. On 9 January the lead elements of the 21st Battalion were taken under fire by a Viet Cong force of approximately two companies. During the course of the ensuing battle a United States Marine A-4 Jet providing airstrike support crashed in the objective area. Immediately following the crash, Warrant Officer BREAKWELL assisted in forming a search party to locate the wreckage of the aircraft. Conducted during the hours of darkness and in enemy-infested territory, the search failed. Not to be discouraged, he joined a second search party formed on the morning of 10 January; the downed plane was soon located. It was also discovered that four live bombs found near the wreckage had been booby-trapped. After the personnel of the 21st Battalion had been redeployed a safe distance away, Warrant Officer BREAKWELL joined a small demolition party which was formed to destroy the ordinance. While arming the bombs with demolition charges, the party began to receive enemy small arms fire. Remaining calm despite the extreme danger of the situation, Warrant Officer BREAKWELL aided greatly in destroying the bomb. As a result

of this heroic action, the enemy was denied access to a high amount of explosive material. Warrant Officer 2 BREAKWELL'S heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Armed Forces and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISOR
QUANG TRI PROVINCE
Advisory Team 4
APO 96269

MACTN-HUQT

SUBJECT: Late submission of Awards

Senior Advisor
1st Ind Div Adv Det
Advisory Team 3
ATTN: Admin Office
APO 96258

1. The inclosed recommendation for award is late due to military operational necessities taking priority.

2. This headquarters does not have a clerk typist assigned which has caused further delay.

FOR THE PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISOR:

Bruce B.G. Clarke

BRUCE B.G. CLARKE
CPT ARM
Admin Officer

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OFFICE OF THE SENIOR ADVISOR
QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE
ADVISORY TEAM #1, MACV
APO 96337

MACTN-QDSZ 7 August 1967

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

~~THRU: Commander~~ J.J.B. III
I Corps Advisory Group
Advisory Team #1, MACV
APO 96337

AUG 9 1967

TO: Commander
Australian Army Training Team
APO 96222

1. I would like to take the priviledge of recommending one of your Warrant Officers for an award equivalent to that of the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service.

2. WO-2 James Broderick, service number 35543, Royal Australian Regiment, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service while serving as Popular Forces Advisor to Hoa Vang Sub-Sector, Advisory Team #1, MACV, during the period from 23 September 1966 through 1 August 1967.

3. WO-2 Broderick's combat experience gained in Korea, Borneo, and Malaysia have proved to be an immeasurable asset in improving the quality of offensive and defensive operations in Hoa Vang. He has participated in numerous operations with Popular Forces and Combined Action Companies throughout the District. His cool, professional manner in which he has reacted to emergencies arising during these operations and his ability to accurately and intuitively evaluate necessary courses of action have won for him the respect and admiration of those with whom he was associated. His ability to function effectively while under fire and in the face of the enemy represents the personification of the ideal Infantry Leader. He has provided to the Vietnamese leaders and their subordinates a sterling example of fearless determination and self discipline which they have attempted to emulate.

4. During the tragic airplane crash on 24 December 1966 in Hoa Vang District, WO-2 Broderick's immediate reaction to the situation was exemplary. Working tirelessly, he assisted in the direction and organization of fire-fighting equipment, personally established and controlled the activities of

MACTN-QDSZ 7 August 1967
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

the medical assistance personnel of the district, and was instrumental in establishing a temporary relief center for the families affected by this tragedy. His actions in connection with this incident have been highly praised by the Vietnamese officials at Hoa Vang District, and he has been recommended for an official award in recognition of his outstanding contribution.

5. WO-2 Broderick was instrumental in effecting the formation of Combined Action Companies within the District and worked tirelessly to create the most favorable conditions possible for the establishment of this vitally effective arm of the defensive posture surrounding Da Nang City. He maintained close and constant liaison between the US Marine Corps and Popular Force units and was instrumental in resolving the myriad of initial problems inherent in the establishment of such a sensitive operation. His efforts and the results he obtained have been highly commended by both the US Marine Corps and ARVN leaders. His understanding and evaluation of critical areas contributed materially to the success of the Combined Action Program within Hoa Vang District.

6. WO-2 Broderick's selfless devotion to duty, outstanding professional attitude, and his dogged determination to accomplish his mission places him far above the average soldier and represents the proudest traditions and loftiest ideals of the military services. His dedication and devotion to duty earmark him as an outstanding professional soldier and reflect great credit on himself, the Royal Australian Regiment and the Commonwealth of Australia.

FOR THE SENIOR ADVISOR:

DALE S. RED
Major, Infantry
Acting Deputy Senior Advisor

AVHAG-PD BRYDON, William J. 2d Ind
AATTV 26344 (23 Jan 70)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam, APO 96375

TO: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam,
ATTN: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

Recommend approval of the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

2 Incl
as

C. W. STACEY
CPT, AGC
Asst AG

USARV FL 361 26 Nov 68

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
DETACHMENT B-20
COMPANY B, 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 1ST SPECIAL FORCES
APO 96318

AVGB-SFB-B20

21 January 1970

SUBJECT: Letter of Lateness

Commanding Officer
Co B, 5th SFGA, 1st SF,
ATTN: AVGB-SFB-A
APO 96318

The recommendation for award pertaining to Major William J. Brydon is submitted late due to the fact that the original recommendation was returned to this headquarters for corrections.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

CHARLES C. CHILDERS
CPT, Infantry
Adjutant

AVGB-AD BRYDON, WILLIAM J. 1st Ind
26344 (23 Jan 70)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award (SS)

DA, Headquarters, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces
APO 96240 2 February 1970

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHAG-PD, APO 96375

1. Recommend approval.

2. The information contained in this recommendation has been verified against individual's personnel records.

3. This action does not contravene AR 600-31.

2 Incl
nc

MICHAEL D. HEALY
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

1. PERSONAL DATA:

Name: William Joseph BRYDON
Rank: Major (PROV) 30 Jun 66
Serial Number: 26344
Home of Record, City and Coutry: Hamilton, NSW, Australia
Married/Single: Married
Number of Dependents, Spouse/Children: Four

2. MILITARY DATA:

Date Entered Military Service: 13 Dec 52
Date Commissioned: 13 Dec 52
Sequence of Rank and Dates of Promotion to Include Present: See below
13 Dec 52 - Commissioned ARA 2LT
14 Sep 57 - Promoted T/CPT
30 Jun 60 - Promoted CPT
15 Nov 65 - T/MAJ
30 Jun 66 - Major (PROV)
Duty Assignments, Command/Staff: Including Present: See below:
13 Dec 52 - 27 Nov 56 - 1 RAR
28 Nov 56 - 1 Sep 57 - 17 NS TNG BN: 1 SAS
2 Sep 57 - 8 Mar 59 - 32 CADET BN
9 Mar 59 - 8 Oct 61 - 1 INF BN (CDO)
9 Oct 61 - 19 Nov 61 - HILSF
20 Nov 61 - 19 Nov 62 - 1 RAR
20 Nov 62 - 20 Aug 62 - 2 RAR
21 Aug 63 - 10 Aug 66 - 3 RAR
11 Aug 66 - 30 Jan 69 - INF CENTRE
31 Jan 69 - Present - AATTV
Military Schools Attended: See Below:
1953 - 12 weeks - POST OCS
1956 - 4 weeks - BASIC ABN
1958 - 4 weeks - QM&S COURSE
1962 - 4 weeks - ARA MED MORTAR COURSE
1963 - 7 weeks - JWS COURSE
1965 - 6 weeks - CO COMD'S COURSE
1966 - 4 weeks - FD OFF TACTICS COURSE
1968 - 5 weeks - TROPICAL WARFARE COURSE
Military Decorations, Home Coutry/Foreign: See below:
Special Service - Malaya
Special Service - Malaysia/Singapore
General Service - (Clasp "Borneo")
Special Service - Sarawak
Vietnam - Medal

3. CIVILIAN EDUCATION:

Schools Attended: Marist Brother - Bondi, NSW
Level of Education: Leaving Certificate
Degree: N/A
Major Subject: N/A

PROPOSED CITATION

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED 9 JULY 1918, A SILVER STAR FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION IS AWARDED TO:

MAJOR WILLIAM J. BRYDON, 26344, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY, AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM VIETNAM, DETACHMENT B-20, COMPANY B, 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 1ST SPECIAL FORCES, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, WHO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY GALLANTRY IN ACTION ON THE EVENING OF 8 NOVEMBER 1969, WHILE SERVING AS THE COMMANDER OF A MOBILE STRIKE FORCE BATTALION DURING A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION DEEP IN HOSTILE TERRITORY. WHEN ONE OF HIS COMPANIES ENGAGED AN ENEMY FORCE OF UNKNOWN SIZE MAJOR BRYDON IMMEDIATELY FLEW TO THE AREA TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND DEPLOY THE UNIT TO MORE DEFENSABLE TERRAIN. DURING THE REDEPLOYMENT TWO (2) INDIGENOUS SOLDIERS NEAR THE END OF THE COMPANY FORMATION WERE WOUNDED. MAJOR BRYDON DIRECTED THE REDEPLOYMENT TO CONTINUE AND UNASSISTED MADE HIS WAY BACK THROUGH THE INTENSE ENEMY SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE TO AID THE WOUNDED MEN. COMPLETELY DISREGARDING HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY HE ASSISTED IN CARRYING ONE WOUNDED SOLDIER TO THE SAFETY OF THE PERIMETER AND THEN RETRACED HIS ROUTE AND ASSITED IN CARRYING THE OTHER WOUNDED SOLDIER TO SAFETY. EARLY ON THE MORNING OF 9 NOVEMBER 1969, MAJOR BRYDON ORGANIZED TWO OTHER COMPANIES TO REINFORCE THE ORIGINAL UNIT ENGAGED. ENROUTE TO THE ENGAGED UNIT BOTH COMPANIES BECAME PINNED DOWN BY INTENSE ENEMY SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. CONSOLIDATING BOTH UNITS HE ASSAULTED THE ENEMY POSITIONS. IT SOON BECAME APPARENT THAT THE ENEMY ENGAGED WAS A VASTLY NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR FORCE AND THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS COULD NOT BE CARRIED. MAJOR BRYDON, WITHOUT REGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, PROCEEDED TO AN EXPOSED VANTAGE POINT WHERE HE SIMULTANEOUSLY DIRECTED AIR STRIKES AND ARTILLERY FIRE WHILE DEPLOYING HIS TROOPS FOR ANOTHER ASSAULT. HIS AGGRESSIVE ACTION CAUSED THE ENEMY TO WITHDRAW SUFFERING HEAVY CASUALTIES. IT WAS LATER CONFIRMED THAT MAJOR BRYDON'S UNITS HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH TWO NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY BATTALIONS. MAJOR BRYDON'S ACTIONS WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM VIETNAM AND THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY.

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION FOR VALOR OR MERIT 28 JAN 70
(Submit in Four Copies)

THRU: CHANNELS	TO: CG USARV APO 96375	FROM: Commanding Officer Det B-20, Co B, 5th SFG (Abn), 1st SF APO 96318

1. NAME: (Last, First, MI)	2. SSAN:	3. GRADE:	4. BRANCH (MOS-WO & EM)
BRYDON, William J	26344	Major	AATTV

5. AGE:	6. CATEGORY 1-Y	7. MONTHS IN VN:	8. POSTHUMOUS AWD:
40	( ) Yes (XX) No	11	( ) Yes (XX) No

9. ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF ACTION:	10. ACTION OF FINAL APPROVING AUTHORITY
Det B-20, Co B, 5th SFGA, 1st SF APO 96318	( ) Approval ( ) Disapproval (•) Upgrade ( ) Downgrade

11. CODE:

				FOREIGN/OTHER AWARD
( )---DSC	( )---ACM"V"			
(XXX)--SS	( )--LM			
( )---DFC	( )---BSM	( )---SERVICE		
( )--SM	( )--AM	( )---ACHIEVEMENT		
( )---BSM"V"	( )---ACM	( )---OAK LEAF CLST		
( )--AM"V"	( )--PH			

12. DATES OF SERVICE - MERIT DATE(S) OF ACTION - VALOR	13. DEROS:	14. CURRENT ORGANIZATION:
8 and 9 Nov 69	2 Feb 70	HQS, AATTV, APO 96343

15. PREVIOUS AWARDS (PH & HIGHER)

DECORATION	DATE OF ACTION OR SERVICE	AUTHORITY
NONE		

16. OTHERS RECOMMENDED FOR AN AWARD FOR THE SAME ACTION: (Name & Award)
None

17. NAMES OF EYEWITNESSES:
LTC Franklin W. Collins, Ops Off Task Force Thuan, Commanding Officer, Det B-20

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18. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION: (For all awards desc... did to warrant decoration. For valor award describe in ... terrain, and weather, enemy conditions and friendly casualties. ... paper for continuation sheet if necessary.

On the evening of 8 November 1969, the 213th Mobile Strike Force Company, a unit of the 1st Mobile Strike Force Battalion, II Corps Mobile Strike Force Command, Detachment B-20, Company B, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, engaged an enemy force of an unknown size. The weather was cool with clear skies. The terrain of rolling hills was covered by dense jungle vegetation. Major William J. Brydon, the Commanding Officer, of the 1st Mobile Strike Force Battalion, immediately flew into the area to access the situation. Upon arrival in the operational area it became immediately apparent that 213th Company was in a highly vulnerable position. Major Brydon immediately redeployed the unit to more defensable terrain. During this redeployment, the unit became subject to intense small arms and B-40 rocket fire initially wounding two (2) CIDG soldiers near the end of the company formation. Major Brydon directed the unit to continue to its designated area and made his way back to the location of the wounded. Throughout this trip he was constantly subject to the full force of enemy small arms fire. Disregarding his own personal safety, he assisted in carrying one wounded soldier back to the perimeter and retraced his route and assisted in carrying the other wounded soldier to safety. Thereafter, he organized the new defensive perimeter and directed the resupply of the unit and the medical evacuation of the wounded. On the morning of 9 November 1969, 213 Company became subject to intense enemy pressure in the form of mortar fire and ground attacks. Realizing that reinforcements were required, he immediately flew into the operational area to organize 211th and 212th MSF companies to reinforce 213th MSF Company. During the flight, the helicopter in which Major Brydon was a passenger became subject to intense ground fire and was unable to land at the proposed LZ. Major Brydon immediately directed 211th and 212th MSF companies to an alternate LZ and guided the helicopter in. He then organized both units and committed them to the reinforcement of 213th MSF Company. Enroute to 213th MSF Company, both units became pinned down by intense enemy small arms and mortar fire, Major Brydon immediately consolidated both units and commenced assaulting the enemy positions. It became apparent that the enemy engaged was a numerically superior force and their defensive positions could not be carried. Major Brydon then proceeded to an exposed vantage point and directed artillery, air strikes, and gunships on the entrenched enemy, and simultaneously commenced deploying his units to assault the enemy. The enemy withdrew at 1600 hours on 9 November 1969 due to the intense pressure brough to bear by air, artillery, gunships, 211th and 212 MSF Companies. The coordinated actions and personal direction of his elements resulted in the enemy suffering 70 KIA on 8 and 9 November 1969. Subsequent reports revealed that Major Brydon's units had been in contact with two NVA battalions. Major Brydon's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the II Corps Mobile Strike Force Command, the AATTV, and the Royal Australian Army.

19. INCLOSURE	20. INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION	
Proposed Citation Letter of Lateness Biographical Sketch	NAME, GRADE, POSITION FRANKLIN W. COLLINS LTC, Ops Off TF Thuan Eyewitness	SIGNATURE & DATE: Franklin W. Collins 27 Jan 70

21. RECOMMENDATION OF THRU COMMAND

RECOMMEND: (X) --APPROVAL ( ) --DISAPPROVAL ( ) --OTHER

NAME, GRADE, & POSITION	SIGNATURE & DATE:
DONALD M. WOOD LTC Infantry Commanding	Donald M. Wood 23 January 1970

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AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM VIETNAM

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
445-1-1

HEADQUARTERS
AATTV
22 oct
~~Jun~~ 71

HQ AFV

FOREIGN AWARDS: 1972 WO2 R.W. CAIRNS

1. Attached please find a copy of a Recommendation for the Award of the Bronze Star Medal to the above member.

2. For your action please.

B Strachan capt
for (G.J. LEARY)
Col
Comd

Copy to: AATTV File
Members File

Major Aitken

MACMR-1PA CAIRNS, R. W. (26 SEP 70) 1st Ind
W02, 1972, AATTV
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration for Merit

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CORPS AND MILITARY REGION 1, APO 96349 28 SEP 70

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

Recommend approval

FOR THE COMMANDER:

2 Incl
1. Narrative
2. Ppsd Citation

JAMES A. LANDER
MAJ, ADA
Adjutant

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

For use of this form, see AR 672-5-1; the proponent agency is The Adjutant General's Office.

☐ HEROISM ☒ MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

TO: (Include ZIP Code)	FROM: (Include ZIP Code)
COMUSMACV ATTN: MACAG-PD APO 96222	CG, USAAG, IC&MRI ATTN: MACMR-1PA APO 96349

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	2. SSAN	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH
GAINES, R. W.	1972	WO2	AATTV

5. ORGANIZATION: Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam

6. RECOMMENDED AWARD	7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ☐ YES ☒ NO
Bronze Star Medal	a. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH
8. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION: ASAP	b. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK
9. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? ☐ YES ☒ NO AWARD:	

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

10. INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

a. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI	b. SSAN	c. GRADE	d. UNIT

e. IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

11. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. TIME	c. DATE

d. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT

PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

12. INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED	13. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 5, STATE REASON FOR END DATE (Retire, REFRAD, etc.)
October 1969 to October 1970	October 1969 to October 1970

14. OTHER AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL DURING TIME FRAME SHOWN IN ITEM 12 (Does not include interim award)
None

PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION

15. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPENDICES:	16. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED
See Appendix VII, AR 672-5-1 for instructions on completing and attaching necessary narrative data, such as description of the act, sketches, maps and statements of witnesses.	Asst Adjutant
	17. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION: J. C. VANDERPOOL, CPT, AGC, Asst Adjutant
18. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:	19. SIGNATURE / 20. DATE

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N-A-R-R-A-T-I-V-E

Warrant Officer 2 Cairns distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force during the period October 1969 to October 1970 while serving as Light Weapons Infantry Adviser, 3rd Battalion, 4th Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period Warrant Officer 2 Cairns provided sound and timely advice to his counterpart in the various methods of troop deployment and the use of infantry weapons during combat operations. Instructing the Vietnamese in basic military subjects, especially maintenance of weapons and small unit tactics, he greatly enhanced the capabilities of the indigenous units during combat operations. Through his tactful approach in dealings with his counterpart, he established a harmonious and extremely effective working relationship. In all of his endeavors during this period he displayed the highest qualities of leadership and devotion to the military service. The advisory assistance he provided the unit greatly enhanced its combat readiness and mission accomplishment. Warrant Officer 2 Cairns' performance of duty was in keeping with the high standards of excellence established by members of the Royal Australian Army serving in I Corps and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

PROPOSED CITATION

For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force during the period October 1969 to October 1970 while serving as Light Weapons Infantry Advisor, 3rd Battalion, 4th Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period Warrant Officer 2 CAIRNS performed his important duties in an efficient and highly professional manner. Making continuous use of his knowledge and experience, he advised his counterpart in methods of troop deployment and use of infantry weapons while conducting combat operations against the enemy. His professional expertise in all areas of military subjects enabled him to provide excellent instruction in methods of troop deployment and maintenance of infantry weapons and their use in combat. Exhibiting tact and diplomatic acumen, he established a close and effective working relationship with his counterpart. His outstanding contributions to the advisory effort greatly enhanced the capabilities of the indigenous units. Warrant Officer 2 CAIRNS' performance of duty was in keeping with the high standards of excellence established by members of the Royal Australian Army serving in I Corps and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

MACAG-PD CAHILL, James G. 4th Ind
212518 (1 Jun 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM, APO 96222 17 JUL 1968

TO: Chief, Free World Forces, APO 96222

Forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

3 Incl
nc

J. M. PFAFF
Captain, USA
Asst AG

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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

PREPARE TO REACH APPROVING AUTHORITY IN DUPLICATE.

DATE: 1 June 1968

THRU: Channels

TO: Commanding General, U.S. Army Vietnam, APO 96375

FROM: *(Unit)* Commanding Officer, Det E-36, 5th SFGA 1st SF, APO 96227

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)*
Cahill, James Francis	[redacted]	CW2	Inf (Australian)

5. ORGANIZATION	6. LEGAL RESIDENCE *(Number, Street, City, and State)*
[redacted]	[redacted]

7. RECOMMENDED AWARD	8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD	9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Bronze Star "V"	☐ YES ☒ NO	Loma Cahill, [redacted]

PART II – STATUS AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

10. SERVICE NUMBER	11. GRADE	12. BRANCH *(Or MOS If WO)*	13. ORGANIZATION
[redacted]	CW2	Inf (Australian)	Det E-36, 5th SFGA 1st SF, APO 96227

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

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	19. IF CERTIFICATES OR AFFIDAVITS OR EYE WITNESSES OR PERSONS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS ARE NOT INCLOSED, GIVE REASONS
☐ YES ☒ NO	N/A

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
Bernard V. Hannan	RA2160431	CPT	Det E-36, 5th SFGA 1st SF

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
None

22. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. INCLUSIVE DATES	c. TIME OF DAY
Northwestern Tay Ninh "C"	30 Dec 1967	1105

d. CHARACTER AND CONDITIONS OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER
The terrain the patrol navigated was flat to gentle rolling, double canopy jungle with thick underbrush. The weather was clear and sunny with the temperature in the high 80's.

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.)*
Five Viet Cong approaching the ambush down a trail from the west. They were heavily armed and anticipated contact.

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

One wounded VC captured. The enemy squad apparently was searching for the friendly ambush patrol when they stumbled into the right security.

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

The other men in the ambush were maneuvering to the aid of WO Cahill because he was on right security with two Cambodians.

PART IV – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

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

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

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?

For heroism, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Warrant Officer Two James C. Cahill, [illegible], Royal Australian Army, attached to Detachment B-36 (Special Task Force), Company A, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action on 30 December 1967. WO Cahill was the Right Flank Security leader of a twelve man (7 Americans and 5 Cambodians) patrol with the mission of capturing enemy prisoners and documents deep in War Zone "C", Republic of Vietnam. The area was located in western Tay Ninh Province where Allied units have never operated due to the high concentration of enemy forces. The patrol infiltrated at first light in 2 UH-1D helicopters. The terrain the patrol navigated was flat to gently rolling, double canopy jungle with thick undergrowth. The weather was clear and sunny with the temperature in the high 80's. The patrol moved in a northerly direction for 125 meters where they established the ambush on a well worn trail. At approximately 1035 hours the patrol board signal shots which indicated that the enemy was aware of their presence in the area. At 1045 five Viet Cong were sighted on the trail approaching the right flank of the ambush element.

(See reverse)

31. DESCRIBE EFFECTS OR RESULTS

1 Viet Cong captured

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

Commanding Officer

33. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO

5th SFGA Recruit School
Nha Trang, RVN, APO 96240

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

1. Proposed Citation
2. Witness Statement
3. Biographical sketch

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

[illegible], LTC, INF
Commanding

36. SIGNATURE

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

PPC, Japan

[illegible]

WO Cahill informed the patrol leader using an FT-1 radio. When the enemy was only a few feet from WO Cahill's position they were warned by a loud transmission from WO Cahill's radio which compromised his element. The enemy opened fire at point blank range. WO Cahill detonated his claymore mines and placed a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire on the enemy. Keeping his mission in mind WO Cahill completely exposed himself with complete disregard for his personal safety to manoeuver on the road and attempt to wound a prisoner. When this was accomplished WO Cahill again exposed himself to move down the trail for twenty metres to secure the wounded enemy soldier. The prisoner was guarded and administered first aid by the patrol medic. WO Cahill and his security element had rear security during movement to the extraction landing zone. With the mission accomplished the patrol was extricated at 1130 hours. WO Cahill's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the Royal Australian Army.

EYE-WITNESS STATEMENT

On 30 December 1967 I was an eyewitness to numerous acts of heroism displayed by WO-2 James [illegible]. Cahill. Mr Cahill was right flank security leader on a patrol mission we were conducting in war zone "C", Republic of Vietnam. Our mission was to capture a prisoner and documents. The enemy (5 Viet Cong) were approaching the ambush from the right. Mr Cahill notified me of the situation by radio and was going to allow them to pass his element so that the main body could spring the ambush. We had a radio relay aircraft in the air and he called Mr Cahill to find out what the details were. The transmission from Mr. Cahill's M-1 gave his position away and the enemy opened fire on his element. Mr Cahill fired his Claymore mines and placed a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire on the enemy and then exposed himself to go to the trail and attempt to wound a prisoner. After wounding the VC he went down the trail to secure him. Mr Cahill has demonstrated on numerous occasions that he is a true credit to the Royal Australian Army and an asset to this unit.

Bernard W. Norman

BERNARD W. [illegible]
SPC RA 21 009 431
Patrol Leader

AVGB-SFA CAHILL, JAMES G. 1st Ind
212518 (1 Jun 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award (BSM "V")

Company A, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces
APO 96227 6 June 1968

TO: Commanding Officer, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, ATTN: AVGB-AD, APO 96240

1. Recommend approval.

2. Reason of late submission is due to administrative oversight.

3. This action does not contravene AR 600-31.

3 Incl
nc

JOHN G. HAYES
LTC, Armor
Commanding

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

WO2 James C. Cahill

Enlisted	Aug 1958
1st Assignment	2bn RAR
1958 - 1961	Served Australia and Malaya Awarded British General Service Medal.
2nd Assignment 1961 - 1963	1 SAS Coy Served Peace Time Condition Australia New Guinea Phillipines
3rd Assignment 1963 - 1966	1 SAS Regt. Served Aust.
4th Assignment 1966 - 1967	3rd Recruit Training Bn Singleton Aust.
5th Assignment 1967	AATTV RVN (B-36)
6th Assignment	Recondo School Nha Trang

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION FOR VALOR OR HEROISM
(Submit in Three Copies)

THRU:	TO:	FROM:
CHANNELS	Commanding Officer Co A, 5th SFGA, 1st SF ATTN: AVGB-AD APO 96240	Commanding Officer Det B-36, 5th SFGA, 1st SF APO 96227

1. NAME: (Last, First, MI)	2. SN:	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH: (MOS-WO & EM)
CAHILL, JAMES G.	SSN: AUSTRALIAN 212518	WO-2	N/A

5. AGE: (Nearest Year)	6. CATEGORY 1-Y PERSONNEL	7. MONTHS IN VN (Nearest Month)	8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD:
[redacted]	☐ YES ☐ NO	4	☐ YES ☒ NO

9. ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF ACTION	10. ACTION OF FINAL APPROVING AUTHORITY:
Det A-361, Co A, 5th SFGA, 1st SF APO 96227 CODE:	☐ APPROVAL ☐ DISAPPROVAL ☐ UPGRADE ☐ DOWNGRADE

11. AWARD INDIVIDUAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR

				FOREIGN/OTHER AWARD
☐ DSC	☐ ACM "V"	☐ SERVICE		
☐ SS	☐ LM			
☐ DFC	☐ BS	☐ ACHIEVEMENT		
☐ SM	☐ AM			
☒ BS "V"	☐ ACM	☐ OAK LEAF CLUSTER		
☐ AM "V"	☐ PH			

(For Air Medal Only Attach USARV Form 131)

12. DATES OF SERVICE - MERIT DATE(S) OF ACTION - VALOR:	13. DEROS:	14. CURRENT ORGANIZATION:
[redacted] December 1967	26 August 1968	Det A-361, Co A, 5th SFGA, 1st SF APO 96227

15. PREVIOUS AWARDS (PH & Higher)

DECORATION	DATE OF ACTION OR SERVICE	AUTHORITY

16. OTHERS RECOMMENDED FOR AN AWARD FOR THE SAME ACTION: (State Name and Award)

NONE

17. NAMES OF EYEWITNESSES

SFC BERNARD W. NEWMAN

USARV 154-R (Revised 22 Dec 66) PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM ARE OBSOLETE

18. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION: (For all awards describe in detail what individual did to warrant decoration. For valor award describe in detail the mission, terrain, weather, enemy conditions and friendly casualties. Use plain bond paper for continuation sheet if necessary).

For heroism, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam: Warrant Officer Two James G. Cahill, 212518, Royal Australian Army, attached to Detachment B-36 (Special Task Force), Company A, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, distinguished himself by exceptional valorous action on 30 December 1967. Mr Cahill was the Right Flank Security Leader of a twelve man (7 Americans and 5 Cambodians) patrol with the mission of capturing enemy prisoners and documents deep in War Zone "C", Republic of Vietnam. The area was located in western Tay Ninh Province where Allied units have never operated due to the high concentration of enemy forces. The patrol infiltrated at first light in 2 UH-1H helicopters. The terrain the patrol navigated was flat to gentle rolling, double canopy jungle with thick underbush. The weather was clear and sunny with the temperature in the high 80's. The patrol moved in a northerly direction for 125 meters where they established the ambush on a well used east-west trail. At approximately 1015 hours the patrol heard signal shots which indicated that the enemy was aware of their presence in the area. At 1025 five Viet Cong were sited on the trail approaching the right flank of the ambush element. Mr Cahill informed the patrol leader using an HT-1 radio. When the enemy was only a few feet from Mr Cahill's position they were warned by a loud transmission from Mr Cahill's radio which compromised his element. The enemy opened fire at point blank range. Mr Cahill detonated his claymore mines and placed a heavy volume of automatic weapons fire on the enemy. Keeping his mission in mind Mr Cahill completely exposed himself with complete disregard for his personal safety to maneuver on the road and attempt to wound a prisoner. When this was accomplished Mr Cahill again exposed himself to move down the trail for twenty meters to secure the wounded enemy soldier. The prisoner was guarded and administered first aid by the patrol medic. Mr Cahill and his security element had rear security during movement to the extraction landing zone. With the mission accomplished the patrol was exfiltrated at 1120 hours. Mr Cahill's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the Royal Australian Army.

19. INCLOSURES:	20. INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION	
PROPOSED CITATION EYEWITNESS STATEMENT	NAME, GRADE & POSITION DONALD, G. WALKER, MAJ, IN Commanding	SIGNATURE & DATE

21. RECOMMENDATION OF THRU COMMAND

RECOMMEND: [XX] APPROVAL [ ] DISAPPROVAL [ ] OTHER

NAME, GRADE & POSITION	SIGNATURE & DATE
JOHN G. HAYES, LTC, ARM Commanding	

PROPOSED CITATION

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11046, 24 AUGUST 1962, THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE IS AWARDED TO:

WARRANT OFFICER TWO JAMES G. CAHILL, 212518, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY, ATTACHED TO DETACHMENT B-36 (SPECIAL TASK FORCE), COMPANY A, 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 1ST SPECIAL FORCES, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE.

MR CAHILL DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONAL HEROISM ON 30 DECEMBER 1967 WHILE SERVING AS RIGHT FLANK SECURITY LEADER OF A TWELVE MAN AMBUSH PATROL WITH THE MISSION CAPTURING AN ENEMY PRISONER AND DOCUMENTS. THE AMBUSH WAS ESTABLISHED ON A WELL USED ENEMY TRAIL DEEP IN WAR ZONE "C", REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. FIVE VIET CONG WERE APPROACHING THE RIGHT FLANK OF THE AMBUSH WHEN MR CAHILL'S POSITION WAS COMPROMISED BY A LOUD RADIO TRANSMISSION. THE ENEMY OPENED FIRE AT POINT BLANK RANGE. MR CAHILL DETONATED HIS CLAYMORE MINES AND PLACED A HEAVY VOLUME OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE ON THE ENEMY. KEEPING HIS MISSION IN MIND MR CAHILL, WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, FULLY EXPOSED HIMSELF WHEN HE MOVED ON THE ROAD AND CAPTURED A PRISONER HE WOUNDED. MR CAHILL'S PERSONAL BRAVERY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT AND THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY.

SECRET

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM

QUOTE IN REPLY
R/445/1/2/

HEADQUARTERS
Australian Army Training Team
Vietnam

17 Apr 70

HQ AFV

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARDS - US

Reference A. AFV SOP's Part 2, Chapter 3, Para 3009.

1. Enclosed are documents recommending the award of the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device to WO2 RW Cairns.

2. Regimental particulars are:

1972 WO2 R W Cairns, RA Inf

3. Forwarded in accordance with Reference A.

(J.A. CLARK)
Lt Col
Comd

Enclosures: Recommendation for Award.

SECRET

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MACCZ-I2DA (31 May 70) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award (CAIRNS, Robert W.)

HEADQUARTERS, Advisory Team 2, MACV, APO 96260 10 April 1970

TO: Commanding General, USAAG, I CTZ, APO 96349

Recommend approval.

FRANCISCO J. RAMOS
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

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Commanding General
USMAC, I CTZ
APO 96349

Commanding Officer
Advisory Team 2, MACV
APO 96260

CAIRNS, Robert W. 1922 WM2 BSA

4th Bn, 6th Regiment, 2d Inf Div, ARVN, Advisory Team 2, MACV

Bronze Star "V"

24 May 1970

x

Haynes, Stanley E. 089620 03 Advisory Team 2, MACV

N/A

Southwest of Outpost 1, Quang Ngai Province, RVN 1300 15 Feb 70

Unit morale was high
Unit was on a search and clear mission.
Unit suffered11 KIA, 7 WIA

Supervisor

STANLEY E. HAYNES
CPT, USMC, Bn Adv, 4th Bn, 6th Reg't

Stanley E. Haynes

Commanding Officer
Advisory Team 2, MACV
APO 96260

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BRONZE STAR "V"

NARRATIVE

WO2 Cairns distinguished himself by heroic action on 15 February 1970 while serving as Assistant Battalion Advisor, 4th Battalion, 6th Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On that date the battalion was engaged in a sweep against enemy troops located southwest of Outpost 1 in Quang Ngai Province. The surrounding area was covered with rice paddies which were broken by numerous hedgerows. As the battalion's lead elements approached a small hamlet, they were taken under fire by an estimated reinforced platoon of North Vietnamese soldiers armed with B-40 rockets and automatic weapons. The enemy placed a heavy volume of fire on the lead and flank elements, halting the sweep. WO2 Cairns called for gunships and upon their arrival he moved through the intense fire to join the lead company. Completely disregarding his own safety, he exposed himself on numerous occasions as he directed the gunship fire on the enemy force. Accompanying the lead elements as they resumed their sweep, he continued to direct the gunship fire onto new positions which the enemy occupied during their retreat from the ARVN forces. His presence with the lead elements inspired the Vietnamese soldiers, who drove on relentlessly. The combination of his professional use of the supporting gunships and the determination of the Vietnamese soldiers lead to a rout of the enemy force. Seven enemy bodies were found on the battlefield. His cool competence under fire helped destroy the enemy force and saved the lives of many friendly troops.

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PROPOSED CITATION

For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: WO2 ROBERT W. CAIRNS distinguished himself by heroic action on 15 February 1970 while serving as Assistant Battalion Advisor, the 4th Battalion, 6th Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On this date the 4th Battalion became heavily engaged with a reinforced platoon of the North Vietnamese Army which was putting a heavy volume of B-40 rocket and automatic weapons fire on the front and flank elements of the 4th Battalion. WO2 CAIRNS coordinated gunships into the area and moved to an exposed position to better direct gunship support for the battalion. In complete disregard for his own personal safety, WO2 CAIRNS continued to move with the lead elements of the battalion in order to effectively call gunship fire on new enemy positions. His personal example of bravery encouraged the Vietnamese soldiers around him and his effective and professional use of gunships greatly reduced the battalion's losses. As a result of his action the enemy force was routed, leaving 7 dead on the battlefield. WO2 CAIRNS's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM

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Australian Army Training Team
Vietnam

14 Oct 70

HQ AFV

FOREIGN AWARDS (US)

Reference: A. AFV SOP Part 2 Chapter 3 para 3009.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the recommendation for the award of the Bronze Star for WO Cairns.

2. Regimental details of the member are:

1972 WO2 R.W. CAIRNS RA INF AATTV (Now 51 RQR)

(J.A. CLARK)
Col
Comd

Enclosure: 1. Covering letter
2. Form DA 638
3. Narrative
4. Proposed citation

RECEIVED
16 OCT 1970

(10)

Major Watson

MACMR-I-A (CAIRNS, R. W. (28 SEP 70) 1st Ind
WO2, 4272, AATTV
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration for Merit

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CORPS AND MILITARY REGION 1,
APO 96349 28 SEP 70

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

Recommend approval

FOR THE COMMANDER:

JAMES A. LANDER
MAJ, AGA
Adjutant

2 Incl
1. Narrative
2. Ppsd Citation

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

(For use of this form, see AR 672-5-1; the proponent agency is The Adjutant General's Office)

1. NAME OF UNIT
MACV ADVISORY
ARMY ADVISORY-TEAM
APO San Francisco

2. UNIT (Include ZIP Code)
CO, USARAG, 1CMD
ATTN: AVCM-1-A
APO 96383

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

3. NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME

4. SSAN
[redacted]

5. GRADE
AO2

6. BRANCH
ARMY

7. ORGANIZATION
Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam

8. RECOMMENDED AWARD
Bronze Star Medal

9. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION
ASAP

10. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? ☐ YES ☒ NO
AWARD:

11. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ☐ YES ☐ NO

12. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

13. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

a. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI	b. SSAN	c. GRADE	d. UNIT

e. IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

f. LOCATION

g. TIME

h. DATE

i. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT

PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

14. INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED
October 1969 to October 1970

15. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 4. STATE REASON FOR END DATE (Rotate, ETSRAD, etc.)
October 1969 to October 1970

16. DATE AWARD TO INDIVIDUAL DURING TIME FRAME SHOWN IN ITEM 14 (Does not include interim award)
None

PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION

17. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPENDICES:
See Appendix VII, AR 672-5-1 for instructions on completing and collecting necessary narrative data, such as description of the act, sketches, maps and statements of witnesses.

18. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:

19. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED
Adjutant

20. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION
J. C. VANDERPOOL, CPT, AGC, Asst Adjutant

21. SIGNATURE

22. DATE

DA FORM 638 PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM ARE OBSOLETE

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N-A-M-E-A-T-I-V-E

Warrant Officer 2 Cairns distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force during the period October 1969 to October 1970 while serving as Light Weapons Infantry Advisor, 3rd Battalion, 4th Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period Warrant Officer 2 Cairns provided sound and timely advice to his counterpart in the various methods of troop employment and the use of infantry weapons during combat operations. Instructing the Vietnamese in basic military subjects, especially maintenance of weapons and small unit tactics, he greatly enhanced the capabilities of the indigenous units during combat operations. Through his tactful approach in dealings with his counterpart, he established a harmonious and extremely effective working relationship. In all of his endeavors during this period he displayed the highest qualities of leadership and devotion to the military service. The advisory assistance he provided the unit greatly enhanced its combat readiness and mission accomplishment. Warrant Officer 2 Cairns' performance of duty was in keeping with the high standards of excellence established by members of the Royal Australian Army serving in I Corps and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

PROPOSED CITATION

For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force during the period October 1969 to October 1970 while serving as Light Weapons Infantry Advisor, 3rd Battalion, 4th Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period Warrant Officer 2 CAIRNS performed his important duties in an efficient and highly professional manner. Making continuous use of his knowledge and experience, he advised his counterpart in methods of troop deployment and use of infantry weapons while conducting combat operations against the enemy. His professional expertise in all areas of military subjects enabled him to provide excellent instruction in methods of troop deployment and maintenance of infantry weapons and their use in combat. Exhibiting tact and diplomatic acumen, he established a close and effective working relationship with his counterpart. His outstanding contributions to the advisory effort greatly enhanced the capabilities of the indigenous units. Warrant Officer 2 CAIRNS' performance of duty was in keeping with the high standards of excellence established by members of the Royal Australian Army serving in I Corps and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

AGPB-A (21 Jan 70) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Recommendations for Awards

DA, TAGO, Washington, D. C. 20314 6 February 1970

TO: Commander, Hq MACV, ATTN: MACAG-PD, APO San Francisco 96222

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

Adjutant General

3 Incl (Relisted)
1. Stmt of CPT W. M. Perkins
2. DA Form 638, Silver Star
   WO2 Frederick Callander
   Australian Army
3. DA Form 638, Silver Star
   WO2 Max P. Hanley
   Australian Army

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY SERVICE CENTER FOR THE ARMED FORCES, PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

ANRDA

21 January 1970

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Awards

THRU: The Adjutant General
United States Army
ATTN: Personnel Actions Division
Washington, D.C. 20315

TO: Australian Embassy
Washington, D.C.

1. From January, 1967 to July 1967 I was the Executive Officer, Detachment A-113, Company C, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). During this period the Detachment was composed largely of Australian soldiers. The unit participated in a number of engagements with the VC/NVA in the I CORPS area of RVN. In February of 1967 I submitted eyewitness statements to the Australian Commander, Captain Karl Baudistel, on WO's Fred Callander and Max Hanley(deceased) and recommended them for the Silver Star. Captain Baudistel agreed to the recommendation and stated that he would submit them for the award.

2. In May, 1967 the unit had a very sharp engagement with NVA forces at Con Thien, on the DMZ. I debriefed many of the indigenous soldiers, Americans and Australians of Det. A-113 who fought in the engagement. From information gleaned from the individuals I again submitted recommendation for award of the Silver Star to WO's Fred Callander and Clarrie Upton.

3. Upon leaving Co. C in July, 1967 I was told by the Adjutant, Co. C., 5th Special Forces, that no recommendations for awards for the above-mentioned soldiers had been submitted. A few weeks later Cpt. Baudistel was killed in action and I was unable to ascertain whether, he in fact, did submit the recommendations. In September, 1969, I located WO's Callander and Upton and discovered that they had not received any award.

22 JAN 1970

ANRDA 21 January 1970
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Awards

4. I submit as inclosure #1 statements concerning the action of WO's Callander and Upton on 11 May, 1967. Callander's actions were witnessed by several hundred U. S. Marines and soldiers. An eyewitness to much of this action was a Major Camp, USMC, and Major (then Captain) Craig Chamberlain, USA. WO Upton's actions were witnessed by WO Callander and his indigenous troops. Inclosure #2 is a recommendation for award for WO Callander, for his valorous actions on 19 February, 1967. I submitted a recommendation for award for WO Hanley in December, 1969.

5. It is my firm belief that a great injustice has been done these fine men, whose leadership and courage inspired not only the indigenous troops under their command, but also the American Special Forces soldiers with whom they served. I should like to make special mention also of the efforts and service of WO William Bryson and Capt.(then WO) Raymond Stevenson. The leadership and organizational ability of these two Australians contributed immensely to the mission of Det. A-113, Co. C, 5th Special Forces Group(Abn).

William M. Perkins

2 Incl
a/s

WILLIAM M. PERKINS
Captain, Infantry
450-62-3968

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

For use of this form, see AR 672-5-1; the proponent agency is The Adjutant General's Office.

[X] HEROISM [ ] MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

TO: (Include ZIP Code)	FROM: (Include ZIP Code)
Adjutant General, United States Army ATTN: Pers Svcs Support Directorate Washington, D.C. 20315	CPT William M. Perkins Hq, USASCAF, Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20310

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	2. SSAN	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH
CALLANDER, FREDERICK	33691	WO2	RAA

5. ORGANIZATION
AATTV attached to Det A-113, Co C, 5th SFG (Abn)

6. RECOMMENDED AWARD
Silver Star

7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: [ ] YES [X] NO

a. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

8. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION
As soon as possible

b. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK

9. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? [ ] YES [X] NO
AWARD:

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

10. INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

a. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI	b. SSAN	c. GRADE	d. UNIT
Perkins, William M.	45-62-3968	CPT	Det A-113, Co C, 5th SFG (Abn)

e. IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

11. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. TIME	c. DATE
Ha Thanh, Quang Ngai Province, RVN	0400	19 Feb 67

d. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT

Good morale, heavy casualties, reconnaissance mi-sion

PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

12. INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED	13. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 5, STATE REASON FOR END DATE (Retire, REFRAD, etc.)

14. OTHER AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL DURING TIME FRAME SHOWN IN ITEM 12 (Does not include interim award)

PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION

15. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPENDICES:

See Appendix VII, AR 672-5-1 for instructions on completing and attaching necessary narrative data, such as description of the act, sketches, maps and statements of witnesses.

16. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED
Executive Officer

17. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION
William M. Perkins, CPT, Inf, Adj

18. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:
Australian Embassy
Washington, D. C.

19. SIGNATURE
William M Perkins

20. DATE
23 Dec 69

DA FORM 1 JUN 69 638 Incl 2 PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM ARE OBSOLETE

NARRATIVE:

In the early morning hours of 19 February 1967, WO2 Fred Callander, 33691, Royal Australian Army, Det A-113, Co C, 5th SFG (Abn) displayed great courage and masterful leadership in effecting a counterattack upon an enemy force that had beseiged an isolated platoon of his company. On the evening of 18 February 1967, one of his platoons was dispatched to occupy an outpost approximately 1000 meters northeast of the company's position. Early in the morning of 19 February, he was aroused by the sound of heavy gunfire and loud explosions from the vicinity of the outpost. Receiving a brief radio that the outpost was under attack he organized his company for a counterattack. Sending one platoon to counterattack from the South, he took the other and made a wide flanking movement to counterattack from the East. As he neared the outpost, his point squad detected enemy troops to their front. Moving to the front of the column, he quickly realized that he had come upon the rear of an ambush force that had been designated to ambush any relief force moving down the road leading to the outpost. Quickly maneuvering his platoon, he led a hasty charge upon the enemy. The charge routed the Viet Cong who fled North, leaving behind several dead, 2 AK-47's, and a large quantity of grenades and mines. Continuing to lead his men, he moved on to the outpost where he reestablished control, established security and began treating the wounded.

PROPOSED CITATION

THE SILVER STAR

is awarded to

WO1 FREDERICK CALLANDER

for

exceptional heroism while serving as Company Commander, Det. A-113, CoC, 5th SFG (Abn) on 19 February, 1967 near Ha Thanh, RVN. In the early morning hours on this date WO CALLANDER led a counter-attack against a superior enemy force that had inflicted heavy casualties upon a platoon of his company that had garrisoned an isolated outpost. Sending one platoon to counterattack from the South, he led his remaining platoon in a counterattack from the East. As he neared the outpost he realized he had come upon the rear of an enemy force waiting in ambush on the road leading to the outpost. Leading a hasty change, he personally killed two Viet Cong at very close range and his platoon routed the remaining enemy, who left behind several dead, 2 AK-47's and many explosives. Moving on to the outpost he reestablished security, and treated the wounded. WO1 CALLANDERS valorous actions and aggressive leadership reflect great credit upon himself, the United States Army Special Forces and upon the Military Forces of Australia.

STATEMENT

On 11 May, 1967, 11 Company of the I CORPS, MIKE FORCE (Det. A-113), commanded by WO2 Fred Callander, 33691, Royal Australian Army, was conducting a reconnaissance in force mission northeast of the Special Forces camp at Con Thien, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam. At approximately 0900 hours the company encountered a dug-in NVA Bn. approximately 1000 meters northeast of the camp. The company became heavily engaged and one platoon became cutoff. WO Callander, seeing that the company had engaged a superior enemy force began action to reach the beseiged platoon and then to withdraw it along with the remainder of the company. By skillful use of supporting artillery and bold maneuvering he effected a linkup and withdrawal of the platoon to a more advantageous position. He then organized a withdrawal to the Special Forces camp. As the company began the withdrawal it came under a company-sized attack by the NVA forces. WO Callander moved among his troops, encouraging them and directing their fire, and by his courage and leadership maintained order and discipline in his harried command. The attack was beaten back and the company continued its organized withdrawal.

At approximately 1300 hours, as the company reached the Special Forces camp it came under enemy mortar and machinegun fire. He quickly moved the company into prepared bunkers within the camp. As he sought shelter himself, he saw two of his troops that had been wounded and were lying in the open 200 meters beyond the camps perimeter. He ran through the mortar and machinegun fire, to reach the two stranded personnel. Picking them both up under his arms he carried and dragged them to cover, the mortar and automatic weapons fire continuing all the while. WO Callander's actions on 11 May, 1967, turned a possible tragedy into a successful mission. The Marine Corps credited the MIKE FORCE operation with killing 50 NVA during the engagement.

William M. Perkins

WILLIAM M. PERKINS
Captain, Infantry
450-62-3968

STATEMENT

On 11 May, 1967, Company 11, I CORPS MIKE FORCE (Det. A-113), 5th Special Forces Gp. conducted a reconnaissance in force mission 1500 meters northeast of Con Thien Special Forces Camp. One platoon, under the command of WO2 Clarrie Upton, 213207, Royal Australian Army, was tasked with securing a hill overlooking a crossroads, that was to be secured by another platoon of the company.

At approximately 1100 hours his platoon, as it moved up the southwest side of the hill, came under heavy small arms and automatic weapons firing. WO2 Upton, seeing that his indigenous troops had been temporarily stunned by the heavy fire, moved among his troops, shouting encouragement and making them fire their weapons. Despite his vigorous efforts to effect a defense, the NVA soldiers succeeded in flanking his position on the east and west and were threatening the rear of his position. Tying one of his wounded men to his back, he led his men in an organized withdrawal. That he maintained discipline and organization among his frightened indigenous troops during the withdrawal, was in my belief, a display of extraordinary leadership and courage.

William M. Perkins

WILLIAM M. PERKINS
Captain, Infantry
450-62-3968

AVHAG-PD CAMERON, Robert D. 3d Ind
214866 (25 May 69)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO 96375

TO: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, ATTN: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

Recommend approval of the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device to Warrant Officer Robert D. Cameron, 214866, Royal Australian Army.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

SIGNED
SANDOR I. KETZIS
CPT, AGC
Asst AG

3 Incl
nc

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

[X] HEROISM [ ] MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE
(AR 672-5-1)

PREPARE TO REACH APPROVING AUTHORITY IN DUPLICATE.

DATE: 24 May 1969

THRU: CHANNELS

TO: Commanding General
USARV

FROM: (Unit) Commanding Officer
Det B-20, Co B, 5th SFGA,
1st SF, APO 96318

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)
CAMERON, Robert Desmond	214866	WO II	Infantry

5. ORGANIZATION: Det B-20, Co B, 5th SFG (Abn), 1st SF, APO San Francisco 96318

6. RESIDENCE (Number, Street, City, and State, including ZIP Code): 22 Reynold St. Cremorne, New South Wales Australia

7. RECOMMENDED AWARD: BSM "V"

8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: [ ] YES [X] NO

9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: Marilyn Sue Cameron (Wife), 22 Reynold St. Cremorne, New South Wales, Australia

PART II – STATUS AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

10. SERVICE NUMBER	11. GRADE	12. BRANCH (Or MOS If WO)	13. ORGANIZATION
214866	WO II	Infantry	Australian Army Training Team, RVN

HAS ALL SERVICE BEEN HONORABLE SUBSEQUENT TO THIS ACT OR SERVICE (If not, summarize on reverse side.)
[X] 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

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.)

17. DID YOU HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACT OR SERVICE [X] YES [ ] NO

PART III – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

18. WERE YOU AN EYE WITNESS TO THE ACT [ ] YES [X] 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

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

22. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. INCLUSIVE DATES	c. TIME OF DAY
Vicinity of Ban Me Thuot City, RVN	6 May 1969	0900 - 1400

d. CHARACTER AND CONDITIONS OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER
Terrain was flat with dense undergrowth and close standing trees. There was a triple canopy jungle. Weather was hot and humid with clear skies.

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.) Enemmy appreared to have good morale. They were well-equipped and well-disciplined. They were in well-camouflaged and dug-in positions. Enemy was armed with mortars, rocket, and automatic weapons. Enemy estimated to be a reinforced company. Enemy initiated contact from concealed positions and made assaults. Contact distances were as close as ten (10) meters.

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

Mobile Strike Force Company had good morale. It was on a reconnaissance in force mission. Sixteen (16) indigenous soldiers were wounded in action and four were killed in action.

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

Indigenous soldiers were attempting to break contact with the superior enemy force.

PART IV – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

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

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

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?

31. DESCRIBE EFFECTS OR RESULTS

Friendly unit suffered sixteen (16) indigenous soldiers wounded in action and four (4) indigenous soldiers killed in action. Enemy causalties were unknown.

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

Commander

33. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO

AATTV, FWMAF, Saigon

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

Narrative Description, Proposed Citation, Eyewitness Statement, Biographical Sketch.

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

DONALD M. WOOD, LTC, Infantry, Commanding

36. SIGNATURE

Donald M. Wood

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

PPC-Japan

Narrative Description:

On 6 May 1969 the 223rd Mobile Strike Force Company, II Corps Mobile Strike Force Command, Detachment B-20, Company B, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) 1st Special Forces was conducting a reconnaissance in force mission in the vicinity of Ban Me Thout City in the rugged Central Highlands of the Republic of Vietnam. The terrain was triple canopy jungle. The weather was hot and humid and the skies were clear. Visibility on the ground was hampered by lack of sunlight being able to filter through the jungle canopy. At approximately 0930 hours two (2) platoons of the 223rd Mobile Strike Force Company, under the command of Warrant Officer Robert D. Cameron, had just moved through an enemy base camp when they were attacked from the south by an estimated reinforced North Vietnamese Army Company armed with mortars, rockets, machine guns, and automatic weapons. Completely disregarding his personal safety and ignoring the intense fire of the enemy Warrant Officer Cameron rushed to the front of his two (2) platoons and led them towards the enemy positions. During three (3) assaults on the enemy positions the indigenous soldiers under Warrant Officer Cameron were forced to withdraw. During each of these withdrawals Warrant Officer Cameron continued to assault the enemy positions firing his automatic weapon and throwing hand grenades, providing cover for his indigenous soldiers who were attempting to break contact. During this period of time contact distances were as close as ten (10) feet. After the third withdrawal Warrant Officer Cameron's platoons were reduced to fifteen (15) indigenous soldiers who remained with him. His element continued to receive enemy automatic weapons fire and mortar fire from three (3) directions. Warrant Officer Cameron, disregarding his personal safety, directed a withdrawal of his unit to the west. Warrant Officer Cameron remained behind his soldiers to break contact with the enemy. At approximately 1030 hours Warrant Officer Cameron's unit was awaiting the arrival of a reaction force when it became encircled by an enemy force who again placed fire on their position with mortars and automatic weapons. During this attack Warrant Officer Cameron was wounded by schrapnel in the right thigh. Warrant Officer Cameron, realizing that his unit was in grave danger of being annihilated, placed himself at the front of his unit, and completely disregarding his personal safety, ignoring the heavy volume of fire of the enemy, and paying no attention to his schrapnel wound, led an assault on the enemy positions. Warrant Officer Cameron, while carrying a wounded indigenous soldier succeeded in moving his unit through the enemy cordon and breaking contact. At approximately 1110 hours his element was ambushed by an estimated two (2) enemy squads. While still carrying the wounded indigenous soldier he led his unit out of the killing zone of the enemy ambush. When he received word that a medical evacuation helicopter was available, he expertly directed it to his location. The helicopter lowered extraction devices down through the jungle canopy. Warrant Officer Cameron then, moving in full view of the enemy, moved his wounded to the extraction device and got them safely medevaced. Then for the next hour Warrant Officer Cameron led his unit in fighting the enemy, while expertly directing artillery and gunships fire on their positions. After approximately three(3) hours of continuous contact Warrant Officer Cameron succeeded in joining his small unit with the main force of his battalion. Warrant Officer Cameron's company suffered sixteen (16) indigenous soldiers wounded in action and four (4) killed in action. Enemy casualties were unknown. Warrant Officer Cameron's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Australian Army

Narrative Description: (Cont'd)

Training Team Vietnam, and the Australian Military Forces.

DONALD M. WOOD
LTC, IN
Commanding

3 - JUN 1969

AVGB-SFB CAMERON, Robert D., 214866, 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

Commanding Officer, Company B, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, APO 96318 29 May 1969

TO: Commanding Officer, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, APO 96240

Recommend approval (X), disapproval ( ).

Donald M. Wood

DONALD M. WOOD
LTC, Infantry
Commanding

AVGB CAMERON, ROBERT DESMOND 2nd Ind
214866 (25 May 69)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award (BSM"V")

Headquarters, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces
APO 96240 16 June 1969

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHAG-PD,
APO 96375

1. Recommend approval.

2. The information contained in this recommendation has not been verified against individual's personnel records.

3. WO Cameron is a member of the Australian Army Training Team in Vietnam.

ROBERT B. RHEAULT
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

3 Incl
nc

PROPOSED CITATION

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11046, 24 AUGUST 1962, THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE IS AWARDED TO: WARRANT OFFICER II ROBERT D. CAMERON, 21466, AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM VIETNAM, DETACHMENT B-20, COMPANY B, 5TH SPECIAL FORCES (AIRBORNE), 1ST SPECIAL FORCES REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, WHO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY HEROISM IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS INVOLVING CONFLICT WITH A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON 6 MAY 1969 WHILE SERVING AS A PLATOON LEADER WITH A MOBILE STRIKE FORCE COMPANY ON A SEARCH AND CLEAR MISSION DEEP IN HOSTILE TERRITORY. WHEN HIS UNIT WAS ATTACKED BY A REINFORCED ENEMY COMPANY HE LED THREE (3) ASSAULTS ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS. EACH TIME HIS UNIT WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW. HE STAYED IN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY COVERING THEIR WITHDRAWAL. LATER HIS UNIT BECAME ENCIRCLED. ALTHOUGH WOUNDED BY SCHRAPNEL AND CARRYING A WOUNDED SOLDIER HE LED AN ASSAULT INTO THE ENEMY POSITIONS AND SUCCEEDED IN BREAKING THROUGH THE ENEMY CORDON. STILL LATER HIS UNIT WAS AMBUSHED BY AN ENEMY FORCE. COMPLETELY DISREGARDING HIS PERSONAL SAFETY, HE CONTINUED TO CARRY THE WOUNDED SOLDIER AND MANEUVERED HIS UNIT OUT OF THE KILLING ZONE. HE ADVANCED TO WHERE A MED-EVAC HELICOPTER HAD LOWERED AN EXTRACTION DEVICE AND STILL EXPOSED TO ENEMY FIRE GOT THE WOUNDED SOLDIER TO SAFETY. HE THEN CONTINUED TO HOLD HIS UNIT INTACT WHILE CALLING IN GUNSHIP AND ARTILLERY FIRE ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS. WARRANT OFFICER CAMERON'S PERSONAL BRAVERY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM VIETNAM, AND THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Encl 1

EYEWITNESS STATEMENT

On 6 May 1969 the 223rd Mobile Strike Force Company was on a search and clear mission. The two Platoons commanded by Warrant Officer Cameron had cleared through a previously located North Vietnamese Army base camp location. The Camp was located in triple canopy jungle. At approximately 0930 hours the two (2) platoons were attacked from the south by a reinforced enemy company. Warrant Officer Cameron moved forward to lead his troops. Three (3) times he led his unit in assaulting the enemy positions. Each time his soldiers were forced to withdraw. Each time Warrant Officer Cameron covered the withdrawal of his company by continuing to assault the enemy positions and by throwing hand grenades. At times he approached to within ten (10) meters of the enemy positions. After the third withdrawal only fifteen (15) indigenous soldiers remained with Warrant Officer Cameron. He continued to receive mortar and automatic weapons fire from three(3) directions. Warrant Officer Cameron directed a withdrawal to the west. He personally stayed behind to cover his unit's withdrawal. At approximately 1030 hours his unit was waiting for a reaction force when it was encircled by an enemy force who placed mortar and automatic weapons fire on their position. Warrant Officer Cameron was wounded by schrapnel in the thigh. In danger of being wiped out by the superior enemy force he led an assault that succeeded in breaking out of the encirclement. All the while he paid no attention to his own wounds and he personally carried a wounded indigenous soldier through the enemy encirclement. Shortly after this, he contacted the dust-off helicopter and expertly directed him to his position where an extraction device was lowered down through the jungle canopy. Although the enemy continued to fire at his unit, he did not hesitate to move forward in full view of the enemy in order to get his wounded soldiers safely med-evaced. For an hour after this he managed to keep his unit intact while he expertly called in gunships and artillery fire on the enemy positions. Warrant Officer Cameron's personal bravery and aggressive leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam, and the Australian Army.

PETER J. S. HARRIS
CPT, 242851
Royal Australian Army Infantry
Commanding Officer 223 Company.

Encl 2

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Warrant Officer II Robert D. Cameron, 211866, Australian Army Training Team Vietnam, was born on 5 July 1944 in May, New South Wales, Australia. He enlisted into the Australian Army on 19 May 1962 in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. He was assigned to the 1st Recruit Training Battalion from 23 May 1962 to 27 June 1962. From 28 June 1962 to 3 November 1962 he was assigned to the Australian Infantry Training Center. From 4 November 1962 to 5 December 1965 he served with the 1st Battalion Royal Australian Regiment. On 6 December 1965 he was assigned to the 3rd Recruit Training Battalion. He served with this unit until 6 May 1968. From 7 May 1968 to 6 November 1968 he served with the 5th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment. On 25 February 1969, Warrant Officer Cameron was assigned to the II Corps Mobile Strike Force Command. He is presently serving with that unit in the capacity of platoon leader with the 223rd Mobile Strike Force Company.

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AVGB CAMERON, ROBERT DESMOND 2nd Ind
214866 (25 May 69)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award (BSM"V")

Headquarters, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces
APO 96240 16 June 1969

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTN: AVHAG-PD,
APO 96375

1. Recommend approval.

2. The information contained in this recommendation has not been verified against individual's personnel records.

3. WO Cameron is a member of the Australian Army Training Team in Vietnam.

SIGNED

3 Incl
nc

ROBERT B. RHEAULT
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

MACCZ-ICPA CAMERON, Robert D. 2nd Ind
WO2, 21 48 66
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, ICTZ, APO 96349 28 December 1969

THRU: CG, III MAF, ATTN: Awards Section, APO 96602

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

Recommend approval.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
nc

JOHN E. HALL
Captain, AGC
Asst Adjutant

1F/rad
1650
7 Jan 1969

THIRD ENDORSEMENT

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
To: Commander, U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
(Attn: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

1. Forwarded. There is no record of previous or pending awards for meritorious service in the files of this headquarters.

J. W. MCCUE
By direction

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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

PREPARE TO REACH APPROVING AUTHORITY IN DUPLICATE.

DATE: 24 November 1969

THRU:	TO:	FROM: *(Unit)*
Channels	COMUSMACV ATTN: MACAG-PD APO 96222	Advisory Team 2, MACV APO 96260

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)*
CAMERON, Robert D.	214866	WO2	Royal Aust Army

5. ORGANIZATION	6. RESIDENCE *(Number, Street, City, and State, including ZIP Code)*
Advisory Team 2, MACV, APO 96260	Reynolds St., Sydney, Australia

7. RECOMMENDED AWARD	8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD	9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Bronze Star Medal	☐ YES ☒ NO	Mrs Marilyn Sue Cameron (Wife) Reynolds St., Sydney, Australia

PART II – STATUS AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

10. SERVICE NUMBER	11. GRADE	12. BRANCH *(Or MOS If WO)*	13. ORGANIZATION
214866	WO2	Royal Australian Army	Advisory Team 2, MACV, APO 96260

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

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	19. IF CERTIFICATES OR AFFIDAVITS OR EYE WITNESSES OR PERSONS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS ARE NOT INCLOSED, GIVE REASONS
☐ YES ☐ NO	

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

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

22. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. INCLUSIVE DATES	c. TIME OF DAY

d. CHARACTER AND CONDITIONS OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER

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.)*

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

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

PART IV – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

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

Advisory Team 2, MACV, APO 96260

27. INCLUSIVE DATES FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED

Jun 69 – Feb 70 DEROS: Feb 70

28. SERVICE COMPLETED ☐ YES ☒ TO BE COMPLETED ON OR ABOUT Feb 70

29. NOW IN SAME OR RELATED ASSIGNMENT

☐ NO ☒ TO BE REASSIGNED ON OR ABOUT Feb 70

☐ 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?

Warrant Officer Robert D. Cameron, 214866, Royal Australian Army, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service and outstanding performance of duty in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam during the period June 1969 to February 1970 while performing duties as Assistant Battalion Advisor to the 3d Battalion, 4th Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. While serving in this capacity, Warrant Officer Cameron participated in more than 30 combat operations and numerous combat assaults and combined US/ARVN joint operations. On many occasions he was called upon to direct gunship, Patrol Boat, US artillery fire, tactical air support and medical evacuation helicopters while under intense enemy fire. Warrant Officer Cameron's courage, professional competence and unexcelled ability to function while under fire contributed significantly to the morale of the unit and directly affected its excellent combat record. During this period he was also particularly effective in helping the Vietnamese to improve their operational procedures and offered timely advice on employment of their organic weapons. Warrant Officer Cameron's personal courage, devotion to duty and professional competence reflect great credit upon himself the Royal Australian Army and the military service.

31. DESCRIBE EFFECTS OR RESULTS

Warrant Officer Cameron made significant contributions both to the combat effectiveness of his unit and to its morale and confidence.

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

4th Regt Sr Adv

33. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO

Advisory Team 2, MACV
APO 96260

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

1-Proposed Citation

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

GREGORY W. MITCHELL, O-4, AD
4th Regt Sr Adv

36. SIGNATURE

Gregory Mitchell

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

PPC-Japan

BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)

PROPOSED CITATION

The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to Warrant Officer ROBERT D. CAMERON, 214866, Royal Australian Army, for distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with ground operations against hostile forces during the period June 1969 to February 1970 while serving as Assistant Battalion Advisor 3d Battalion, 4th Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. While serving in this capacity, Warrant Officer CAMERON participated in numerous combat operations including several combat assaults and joint US/ARVN operations and was frequently called upon to direct US artillery, tactical air support and gunship fire. His resolute courage, demonstrated professional competence and ability to function well while under fire contributed immeasurably to the excellent combat record maintained by his unit. In addition, he was effective in assisting the Vietnamese in improving their operational procedures, and offered timely advice on employment of their organic weapons. Warrant Officer CAMERON's personal courage, devotion to duty and professional competence were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the Royal Australian Army.

MACCZ-I2DA (24 Nov 69) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

HEADQUARTERS, ADVISORY TEAM 2, MACV, APO SAN FRANCISCO 96260 2 Dec 69

TO: Commanding General, USAAG, I CTZ, Advisory Team 1, MACV, APO 96349

Recommend approval.

1 Incl
nc

R. W. KOSEKI
Colonel, Infantry
Acting Commander

AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM

QUOTE IN REPLY
R/445-1-11

HEADQUARTERS

Australian Army Training Team
Vietnam

28 May 71

HQ AFV

FOREIGN AWARDS : 311492 WO2 A.B. CLUTTERBUCK

1. Enclosed please find a copy of a Recommendation for the award of an Army Commendation Medal to the above member.

2. For your action please.

(G.J. LEARY)
Col
Comd

Copy to: AATTV File
Member's File

MACMR-1PA CLUTTERBUCK, Allen B. (10 NOV 70) 1st Ind
WO, 311492 AATTV
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration for Merit

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CORPS AND MILITARY REGION 1, APO 96349 10 NOV 70

THRU: CG, XXIV CORPS, ATTN: AVII-AGPA, APO 96349

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

Recommend approval

FOR THE COMMANDER:

WAYNE J. MOE
Colonel, Infantry
Deputy Commander

2 Incl
1. Narrative
2. Ppsd Citation

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

For use of this form, see AR 672-5-1; the proponent agency is The Adjutant General's Office.

☐ HEROISM ☒ MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

TO: (Include ZIP Code)	FROM: (Include ZIP Code)
COMUSMACV ATTN: MACAG-PD APO 96222	CG, USAAG, IC&MRI ATTN: MACMR-1PA APO 96349

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	2. SSAN	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH
CLUTTERBUCK, ALLEN B.	311492	WO	AATTV

5. ORGANIZATION
Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam

6. RECOMMENDED AWARD
Army Commendation Medal

7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ☐ YES ☒ NO

8. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION
ASAP

a. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

9. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? ☐ YES ☒ NO
AWARD:

b. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

a. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI	b. SSAN	c. GRADE	d. UNIT

e. IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

10. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. TIME	c. DATE

d. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT

PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

12. INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED	13. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 6 STATE REASON FOR END DATE (Retire, REFRAD, etc.)
7 July 1970 to 7 November 1970	7 July 1970 to 7 November 1970

14. OTHER AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL DURING TIME FRAME SHOWN IN ITEM 12 (Does not include interim award)
None

PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION

15. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPENDICES:
See Appendix VII, AR 672-5-1 for instructions on completing and attaching necessary narrative data, such as description of the act, sketches, maps and statements of witnesses.

16. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED
Acting Adjutant

17. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION
J. C. VANDERPOOL, CPT, AGC, Acting Adjute

18. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:

19. SIGNATURE
J. C. Vanderpool

20. DATE
10 18 70

NARRATIVE

Warrant Officer Clutterbuck distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the period 7 July 1970 to 7 November 1970 while serving as Advisor, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. A competent advisor with practical experience and driving determinatio Warrant Officer Clutterbuck demonstrated unusual professional zeal, knowledge, and enthusiasm in the face of an extremely challenging duty assignment. Immediately, he established a lasting rapport with his counterpart. The mutual exchange of advice and assistance they rendered to each other greatly enhanced the effectiveness of combat operations conducted by the 2nd Battalion. Utilizing his thorough knowledge of infantry tactics to the fullest, he vastly improved the fighting ability of the friendly forces operating within his area of responsibility. Warrant Officer Clutterbuck's exceptional devotion to duty, untiring efforts, and absolutely peerless leadership contributed significantly to the extraordinary successes achieved by his unit. Exhibiting sound judgment, integrity, and stamina under conditions of stress and hardship, he contributed immeasurably to the operational effectiveness and mission accomplishment of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces. Warrant Officer Clutterbuck's performance of duty was in keeping with the high standards of excellence established by members of the Royal Australian Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

PROPOSED CITATION

For distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement during the period 7 July 1970 to 7 November 1970 while serving as Advisor, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period Warrant Officer CLUTTERBUCK demonstrated unusual professional zeal, determinatio and enthusiasm in a demanding duty assignment. Immediately establishing a close and cordial working relationship with his counterpart, he succeeded in exerting a profound and beneficial influence in all facets of operations conducted by the contingents he advised. By his keen awareness of the problems inherent in a combat environment and by applying his extensive professional knowledge he enhanced the fighting ability of the friendly forces operating within his area o responsibility. Exhibiting sound judgment, integrity, and stamina under conditions of stress and hardship, Warrant Officer CLUTTERBUCK earned the respect and admiration of the Vietnamese allies, who recognized his outstanding contribution to their war effort. Warrant Officer CLUTTERBUCK'S performance of duty was in keeping with the high standards of excellence established by members of the Royal Australian Army and reflects great credit upon himslef and the military service.

MACCZ-IIIAG CURRIE, Michael D. 1st Ind
Unkn (3 Oct 69)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration for Meritorious service - Bronze Star

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, III CTZ, US MILITARY ASSISTANCE, COMMAND, VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96227, 10 Jan 70

THRU: ~~Commanding General, II Field Force Vietnam, ATTN: DEPCORDS,~~ (AVFBG-MSA), APO 96227 12 Jan

TO: Province Senior Advisor, Phuoc Tuy Province, III CTZ, Adv Tm 89, APO 96291

Recommendation is returned for resubmission as an ARCOM or withdrawal. The Royal Australian Government has indicated that members of their armed forces, major and below, will not be considered for awards above the ARCOM.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

WAYNE E. STANLEY
CPT, AGC
Deputy AG

2 Incl
nc

AVFBG-PT (3 Oct 69) 2nd Ind

HEADQUARTERS, CORDS, PHUOC TUY PROVINCE, III CTZ, ADVISORY TEAM 89, APO 96291, 19 Jan 70

THRU: CG, II FFV/III CTZ, ATTN: DEPCORDS (AVFBG-MSA), APO 96227)

TO: CG, USAAG, III CTZ, USMAC Vietnam, APO 96227

Attached award resubmitted as ARCOM's in compliance with preceding indorsement.

FOR THE PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISOR:

2 Incl

QUINTON C. BALL
CPT, AGC
Admin Officer

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION FOR MERIT
(MACV Directive 672-4)

DATE: 3 October 1969

THRU: CG, II FFV/III CTZ
ATTN: DEPCORDS
(AVFBG-MSA)
APO 96227

TO: COMUSMACV
ATTN: MACAG-PD
APO 96222

FROM: PSA
Phuoc Tuy Province
III CTZ, Adv Tm 89
APO 96291

1. RECOMMEND INDIVIDUAL INDICATED BE AWARDED

	LEGION OF MERIT		BRONZE STAR
X	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL		AIR MEDAL
	JOINT SERVICE COMMENDATION MEDAL		
	OAK LEAF CLUSTER (Indicate cluster this will be, if applicable)		

FOR

X	MERITORIOUS SERVICE		MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT
	SUSTAINED OPERATIONS (Air Medal only, with MACV Form 201 attached)		

2. INCLUSIVE DATES OF PERIOD COVERED BY THIS RECOMMENDATION

FROM 19 November 1968 TO 3 December 1969

PERSONNEL DATA ON INDIVIDUAL BEING RECOMMENDED

3. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MI	4. SERVICE NO	5. SOCIAL SCTY NO	6. GRADE
CURRIE, MICHAEL D.	335086	N/A	Maj or

7. BRANCH (PMOS if WO or EM grade E7, E8 or E9)	8. DEROS (Day - Month - Year)	9. POSTHUMOUS	10. SERVICE HONORABLE SINCE ACT OR SERVICE
N/A	N/A	[ ] YES [X] NO	[X] YES [ ] NO (If no, attach explanation)

11. CURRENT ORGANIZATION	12. ORGN AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE (If same, so state)
Headquarters Australian Forces, Vietnam	Attached to Advisory Team 89, APO 96291

13. RESERVED FOR MACAG-PD USE

14. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (Use reverse side)

15. INCLOSURES	16. INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION	
	TYPED NAME, GRADE AND POSITION	SIGNATURE
Proposed Citation Biographical Sketch	JOHN J. BACCI, ITC, FA Deputy Province Senior Advisor	John Bacci

17. RECOMMENDATION OF THRU COMMAND

RECOMMEND: [✓] APPROVAL [ ] DISAPPROVAL (Explain) [ ] OTHER (Explain)

DATE	TYPED NAME, GRADE AND POSITION	SIGNATURE
10 Nov 69	JOHN T. MONAGHAN Colonel, Infantry Deputy Military Senior Advisor	John T. Monaghan

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22 May 68 Previous editions of this form are obsolete and will not be used

14. (Cont) NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (Describe achievement or service, including specific dates, places and facts. State what the individual did that was outstanding in comparison to others of like rank and experience in similar positions and why his actions merit the special recognition afforded by a decoration.)

Major Michael D. Currie, 335086, Australian Forces Vietnam, distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period November 1968 to December 1969 while serving as Assistant Province Advisor for PsyOperations, Phuoc Tuy Province. Major Currie assisted and encouraged the Vietnamese Information Service Chief to recruit, organize and train a reliable information service down to hamlet level and to coordinate Provincial Psychological agencies and operations through the use of a Province Psyops Coordinating Committee. Through Major Currie's encouragement the Vietnamese Information Chief has been considered as being one of the best VIS Chiefs in Vietnam. Major Currie assisted the VIS Chief in controlling the distribution of all precinct psyops media which includes the printing of the Provincial newspapers and district newssheets without recourse to the AIK fund. Major Currie encouraged Vietnamese S-5 Officers to plan and request preplanned leaflet drops and air voice missions over VC territory utilizing Vietnamese channels and resources. Major Currie's devotion to duty helped in the development of the Chieu Hoi Program in Phuoc Tuy from a neglegeable figure to a rate in excess of expectations. He assumed control of all Psyops assets during IATF/Joint Vietnamese operations, insuring their use during major operations and counter attacks in populated areas. Example was 15-17 May when VC attacked Dat Do, IATF and VIS voice aircraft were employed. Major Currie's performance of duty was a great credit to the Australian Forces, Vietnam and of great benefit to the South Vietnamese Armed Forces.

AVFBG-MSA CURRIE, MICHAEL D. 3rd Ind
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

DA, MILITARY SENIOR ADVISOR, CIVIL OPERATIONS AND REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT, II FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, III CORPS TACTICAL ZONE, APO 96227, 21 Jan 1970.

TO: Commander, USAAG, III CTZ, ATTN: AG, APO 96227.

Recommend approval.

FOR THE MILITARY SENIOR ADVISOR:

John T. Monaghan

JOHN T. MONAGHAN
Colonel, Infantry
Deputy Military Senior Advisor

PROPOSED CITATION

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MACCZ-IIIAG CURRIE, Michael D. 4th Ind
UNKN (3 Oct 69)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration for Meritorious Service - Army Commendation Medal

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, III CTZ, US MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM, APO San Francisco 96227, 24 Jan 70

TO: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, ATTN: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

Recommend approval.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

2 Incl
nc

JESSE J. FORTNER
Major, AGC
Adjutant General

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

A. **PERSONAL DATA:**

Name: MICHAEL D. CURRIE

Rank: Major

Serial Number: 335086

Home of Record, City and Country: Melbourne Australia

Married/Single: Married

Number of Dependents, Spouse/Children: Wife, 3 children

B. **MILITARY DATA:**

Date Entered Military Service: 1952

Date Commissioned: 1955

Sequence of Rank and Dates of Promotion to Include Present:
Lt 1955, Captain 1960, Major 1964.

Duty Assignments, Command/Staff: Including Present:
Present: Assistant Province Advisor Psyoperations Advisory Team 89,
Phuoc Tuy Province.

Military Schools Attended:
CO Comds Course Aust Infantry Center.
Field Officers Course Aust Jungle Training Center.
Air Support Course Aust School of Land Air Warfare.

Military Decorations, Home Country/Foreign:
Republic of South Vietnam Psyops Medal.

C. **CIVILIAN EDUCATION:**

Schools Attended: Aust Matriculation

Level of Education: Graduate Royal Military College Duntroon.

Degree: Arts.

Major Subject: Arts English Literature.

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
Office of the Commander
APO San Francisco 96243 ~~96222~~

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18 FEB 1967

Major General Douglas Vincent, OBE
Commander Australian Force, Vietnam
Free World Military Assistance Office
12 Tran Quoc Toan
Saigon, Vietnam

Dear General Vincent:

It is my pleasure to inform you that as a measure of our esteem and in appreciation of outstanding individual achievement by still another member of your Force, I have approved the award of the US Army Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device to Warrant Officer Brian D. Clark, 16181, Royal Australian Army for heroism in action at Ky Phu Outpost in Quang Tin Province, Vietnam on 14 December 1966.

Request that you inform me if your superiors will grant permission to award the US decoration to Warrant Officer Clark for his valorous acts in Vietnam.

Sincerely,

Signed
W. C. WESTMORELAND
General, United States Army
Commanding

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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

PREPARE TO REACH APPROVING AUTHORITY IN DUPLICATE.

DATE: 21 February 1968

THRU: Senior Advisor
18th Div Adv Det
Adv Tm 87, MACV
APO US Forces 96376

TO: Senior Advisor
COMUSMACV
ATTN: MACAG
APO US Forces 96222

FROM: *(Unit)*
Province Senior Advisor
Advisory Team 89, MACV
APO US Forces 96291

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)*
COGGAN, J. L.	235246	CPT	Royal Australian Army

5. ORGANIZATION	6. RESIDENCE *(Number, Street, City, and State)*
Rotary Wing, 161 Independent Recce Flight	Sproud, New South Wales, Australia

7. RECOMMENDED AWARD	8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD	9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Distinguished Flying Cross	☐ YES ☒ NO	A. Coggan (Father) Sproud, New South Wales, Australia

PART II – STATUS AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

10. SERVICE NUMBER	11. GRADE	12. BRANCH *(Or MOS If WO)*	13. ORGANIZATION
235246	CPT	Royal Australian Army	Rotary Wing, 161 Independent Recce Flight

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

N/A

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	19. IF CERTIFICATES OR AFFIDAVITS OR EYE WITNESSES OR PERSONS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS ARE NOT INCLOSED, GIVE REASONS
☐ YES ☒ NO	

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
R. L. Tingley	54702	2LT	3rd Troop, A Squad, 3rd Cav Regt, Royal Australian Army
J. W. Voss	RA 14447153	SPC	S-2, Adv Tm 89, APO 96291

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

Both recommended for Vietnamese award for heroism.

22. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. INCLUSIVE DATES	c. TIME OF DAY
Baria Sector, Phuoc Le, Phuoc Tuy Province	1 February 1968	entire

d. CHARACTER AND CONDITIONS OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER

Populated area in and around Phuoc Le.
Weather was clear, hot, and dry – Missions were accomplished during both daylight and darkness.

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.)*

Reinforced VC Battalion launched offensive in Phuoc Le area, and were throughout the city of Baria; morale was high – units were VC D/445, C41, C25, C610, and local guerrillas. Estimated 60 enemy KIA; city was returned to GVN control after enemy was forced to withdraw; Cpt Coggan evacuated one VC POW WIA.

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

Cpt Coggan was alone in an H-13 helicopter during the entire day, flying visual reconnaissance and medevac missions.

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

Australian ground unit was in Baria attempting to repell VC from the city and restore GVN control; they assisted by loading wounded personnel into Cpt Coggan's helicopter.

PART IV – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

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

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

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?

(See attached)

31. DESCRIBE EFFECTS OR RESULTS

Approximately 10 WIA, who might otherwise have died awaiting safe evacuation, were evacuated to Van Kiep to regular medevac helicopters.

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

Province Senior Advisor

33. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO

Task Force Cmdr, 1ATF, Nui Dat ~~Province Senior Advisor, Phuoc Tuy Province~~

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

1. Proposed Citation
2. Eyewitness Statement

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

THOMAS A. AUSTIN III
LTC, INF
Province Senior Advisor

36. SIGNATURE

Thomas A. Austin III

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

* U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE : 1961 O—584283

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PART V - TO BE USED FOR ALL RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 30. Narrative description of deed or act.

On 1 February 1968, when a reinforced Viet Cong Battalion launched an offensive against Phuoc Le (Baria), Cpt Coggan was serving as Section Commander Rotary Wing, 161 Independent Recce Flight, Royal Australian Army, and was piloting an H-13 helicopter on reconnaissance and medevac missions during the entire day. At approximately 2200 hours that evening, when a dust-off couldn't get into the Baria market place due to heavy hostile fire and high-power lines, Cpt Coggan undertook this mission at the risk of his life, and evacuated some 10 WIA Vietnamese and Australian personnel in three successive medevacs from the market place. During this time, Cpt Coggan continually exposed himself to enemy sniper and machine-gun fire, but succeeded in evacuating the wounded from Baria to a secure LZ at Van Kiep National Training Center where a regular medevac helicopter completed the evacuation to 36th Medical Hospital at Vung Tau Air Base. During the entire evacuation, Cpt Coggan flew his helicopter alone and subjected himself to intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he voluntarily undertook and succeeded in the mission of evacuating persons who possibly would have died had they been forced to remain in the market place until their evacuation was feasible from a safety standpoint. After completing the medevac mission, Cpt Coggan volunteered to fly cover for a convoy from Van Kiep to Dat Do Sub-sector, again exposing himself to hostile enemy fire. At the altitude which Cpt Coggan was flying, he was exposed to enemy ground fire throughout the day and night, but nevertheless volunteered for these missions without regard for the danger involved. Two enemy 12.7 anti-aircraft guns were captured during the attack, and at the time of Cpt Coggan's medevac missions, two individuals flying with a light-fire team were wounded by ground fire.

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16TH DIV-AG COGGAN, J.L. 1st Ind
235246 (21 Feb 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award- Distinguished Flying Cross

HEADQUARTERS, 16TH DIVISION ADVISORY DETACHMENT, ADVISORY TEAM 87, APO 96376 23 March 1968

TO: Province Senior Advisor, Advisory Team 89, MACV, APO 96291

1. Returned.

2. MACV Dir 672-1, para 4b (2) states recommendation for foreign military personnel for US decorations must be accompanied by a biographical sketch of the intended recipient.

FOR THE SENIOR ADVISOR:

2 Incl
nc

W.M. CONLON
CPT, AGC
Admin Officer

AVFEG-PT COGGAN, J.L. 2nd Ind
235246 (21 Feb 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award-Distinguished Flying Cross

PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISOR, ADVISORY TEAM 89, MACV, APO US FORCES 96291
10 April 1968

TO: Headquarters, 16th Division Advisory Detachment, Advisory Team 87, APO US Forces 96376

Preceding first indorsement complied with.

FOR THE PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISOR:

JOHNNY M. JOHNSON
MAJ, QMC
APA/Management

18TH DIV-AG COGGAN, J.L. 3d Ind
235246 (21 Feb 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award-Distinguished Flying Cross

HEADQUARTERS, 18TH DIVISION ADVISORY DETACHMENT, ADVISORY TEAM 87, MACV,
APO 96376 16 April 1968

TO: Deputy Senior Advisor, USAAG,III CTZ, ATTN: Admin Officer, APO 96227

FOR THE SENIOR ADVISOR:

W.M.C.

IIIC-AG COGGAN, J. L. 4th Ind
235246 (21 Feb 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award - Distinguished Flying Cross

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, III CTZ, US MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM, APO 96227 28 APP 1968

TO: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, ATTN: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

Recommend approval.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

2 Incl
nc

CARLYLE P. WOELFER
Colonel, Infantry
Deputy Commander

PROPOSED CITATION

For heroism while participating in aerial flight: Captain J. L. Coggan distinguished himself by repeated heroic action on 1 February 1968 while serving as Section Commander Rotary Wing, 161 Independent Recce Flight and piloting an H-13 helicopter on visual reconnaissance and medical evacuation missions in the Phuoc Le area, Phuoc Tuy Province, Republic of Vietnam. On this date, a reinforced Viet Cong Battalion launched an attack on Phuoc Le. During the day, Captain Coggan continually exposed himself to hostile ground fire while flying visual reconnaissance missions; at approximately 2200 hours, when a dust-off could not safely get into the area of the Baria market place to evacuate wounded, Captain Coggan voluntarily undertook this mission, despite the highly dangerous situation, which was compounded by the presence of high-power lines in the area. At the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, and without regard for his own personal safety, Captain Coggan came into the market place on three separate occassions to evacuate wounded Australians and Vietnamese. As a result of Captain Coggan's courageous actions and exceptional professional skill, some ten wounded persons were evacuated to safety, which persons would possibly have died had they remained in the market place until reduced hostile fire allowed their evacuation. Captain Coggan's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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STATEMENT

On 1 February 1968, Cpt J. L. Coggan flew visual reconnaissance and medevac missions during the entire day in his H-13 helicopter. At approximately 2200 hours that day, when a dust-off could not get into the area to evacuate wounded Australians and Vietnamese, Cpt Coggan voluntarily undertook the mission despite the danger involved. He constantly exposed himself to enemy sniper fire and machine gun fire from the ground, with complete disregard for his own safety. Aside from the intense enemy ground fire in the Baria market place, a great danger also existed due to high power lines in that area. However, Cpt Coggan came into that area on three separate occassions and succeeded in evacuating at least 10 WIA to Van Kiep National Training Center, where they could be further evacuated on a regular medevac helicopter to 36th Evacuation in Vung Tau.

After completion of the medevac, Cpt Coggan volunteered to fly cover for a convoy leaving Van Kiep going to Dat Do Sub-sector, again exposing himself to hostile ground fire. At the altitude Cpt Coggan was flying, he was exposed to enemy ground fire throughout the day and night; but he volunteered for these missions regardless, and succeeded in carrying them out in a courageous manner. Had it not been for Cpt Coggan's heroic action, some 10 WIA would possibly have died awaiting evacuation.

James W. Voss

JAMES W. VOSS
SFC, US Army
RA 14 447 153
Eyewitness

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Captain Coggan's date of birth is 10 January 1941. He is not married and his next of kin are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Coggan of Cootamundra, New South Wales. His secondary education was completed at Albury High School and Newington College Stanmore.

His military service began when he entered the Royal Military College Duntroon in January 1960 which he graduated in December 1963, and was assigned to 1 Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery. He served in this assignment until March 1965 when he began his flight training with the RAAF at Point Cook, Victoria. He graduated as a Rotary Wing pilot in February 1966 and served as a staff pilot with 1 Aviation Regiment at Amberly. In February 1967 he completed a Fixed Wing course and September of the same year he was assigned to 161 (Indep) Recce Flt as OC of the Rotary Wing section. He served in this appointment until March 1968 when he was appointed second in command, an appointment he is expected to hold until the end of his Vietnam tour in September 1968. He has no awards or decorations and his current Vietnam tour is the first time he has traveled outside Australia.

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OFFICE OF THE SENIOR ADVISOR
QUANG NAM SECTOR
Advisory Team #1, MACV
APO 96337

MACTN-QDSZ 27 February 1968

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

THRU: Commander
I Corps Advisory Group
Advisory Team #1, MACV
APO 96337

TO: Commander
Australian Army Training Team
APO 96243

1. I would like to take the privilege of recommending one of your Warrant Officers for an award equivalent to that of the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

2. Warrant Officer II William F. Collins, 13456, served as a light weapons advisor for the 1st Battalion, 51st Infantry Regiment (ARVN), from 10 May 1967 to 11 February 1968. During this period he pursued every duty and task with enthusiasm and a never tiring energy. Never once was direct supervision necessary. Each and every task assigned or undertaken was accomplished in an outstanding manner.

3. The rapport and working relationship established by Mr Collins with his Vietnamese counterparts was one sought after but seldom achieved by an advisor. The Vietnamese not only respected and admired him but sought his advise. In every case his advice and recommendations were well thought out and were accepted and implemented almost without exception.

4. In combat, particularly under heavy fire, Mr Collins acted with calmness and sound judgement. He proved to be an inspiration to both the Vietnamese and the other members of the Advisory Team.

5. On most operations the Advisory Team was split to be more effective. Mr Collins was always in charge of the second element. This placed Mr Collins in the position of being senior member of his element and ultimately responsible for the advisors with him as well as advising the Vietnamese elements. In every instance this proved to be successful. The unit commanders would

MACTN-QDSZ 27 February 1968
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

accept his recommendations and maneuver their elements on his word alone without waiting for instructions from Battalion Headquarters. His elements were never caught in an ambush and were always deployed according to sound tactical doctrine.

6. Mr Collins' wealth of knowledge on military subjects and his vast experience proved to be an invaluable asset to the advisory team and the ARVN battalion. His every action was that of a well trained, well disciplined troop leader. He has been an asset to the ARVN battalion and the advisory team and has been a credit to the advisory effort and the Australian Armed Forces.

Philip C. Reybold

PHILIP C. REYBOLD
Major, Infantry
Acting Senior Advisor

MACTN-ICAG CRAPPER, Clarence W. 2nd Ind
WO2, 33609 (28 Jan 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration of Valor

HEADQUARTERS, I CORPS ADVISORY GROUP, Advisory Team 1, APO 96337 26 FEB 1968

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

Recommend approval.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

STANLEY P. HIDALGO
Colonel, Armor
Deputy Commander

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RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION OF VALOR

(Submit in four copies)

THRU: Senior Advisor 1st Inf Div Adv Det APO 96258	TO: COMUSMACV ATIN: MACAG-PA APO 96243	FROM: Sr. Regt. Adv. 1st ARVN Regt APO 96269

1. Recommand individual indicated be awarded:

☐ SILVER STAR ☐ DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS ☐ SOLDIER'S MEDAL

☒ BRONZE STAR "V" ☐ AIR MEDAL "V" ☐ ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL "V"

☐ OAK LEAF CLUSTER (indicated which cluster this award will be, if applicable)

2. Date of Action	3. Time	4. Location
26 Dec 67	1400-1700	My Thuy, Hai Lang, Quang Tri Province

Personnel Data on Individual Being Recommended

5. Last Name - First Name - MI	6. Service Number	7. Grade
CRAPPER, CLARENCE W.	33609	WO2

8. Branch (PMOS if WO or EM grade E7, E8, or E9)	9. DEROS (day - month - year	10. Posthumous	11. Service Honorable Since Act
Infantry	9 Mar 68	☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Yes ☐ No (If no attach explanation)

12. Current Organization	13. Orgn At Time of Act or Service (if same, so state)
1st Inf Div Adv Det, MACV	Same as item 12.

14. Previous U. S. Decorations (Army Commendation Medal or higher) (Do not include combat badges, service ribbions, or foreign decorations)

DECORATION	DATES OF SERVICE RECOGNIZED	AUTHORITY
Records maintained in Saigon.		

Basis for Award

15. General Situation: The 1st Bn, 1st Regt moved from its blocking position south west of My Thuy to assault a well armed and entrenched enemy battalion.

16. Terrain, Weather : Terrain was sandy with thick bamboo hedges, 2½ to 3 feet deep ditches and 2 to 5 foot high dunes, scattered houses with open ground around them. Weather - Clear and cool.

17. Enemy Conditions (Morale, proximity, fire, observation, casualties, action) Morale-Unknown; proximity-75-20 meters, enemy employed hvy & Lt MG's 82mm & 60mm mortars and individual weapons; Casualties-KIA 217, captured 6 VCC. 57 wepons captured. Enemy action was defense

18. Others Recommended For An Award For Participation In The Same Action (Name and type award) 1LT Wayne M. Cooper-Silver Star; SFC David J. Rummel-BSM"V"; CPT Dennis A. Peterson-BSM"V"; SP4 Neal A. Lord-ARCOM"V" SSG Alphonso M. Willis-BSM"V"

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19. Friendly Casualties and Mission:

Casualties: 15 KIA, 39 WIA. Mission was to search and destroy.

20. Participation of Others (Also list witnesses to the act - attach witness statement)

CPT William N. Johnson- Statement
SP4 Neal A. Lord-Statement

21. Narrative Description (Describe in detail what the individual did that warrants the special recognition afforded by a decoration. Actions described must be heroic and voluntary. Use plain bond paper for continuation sheet if necessary.)

Between 1600 hours and 1800 hours on 26 December 1967, the 1st Battalion was ordered to attack the entrenched K16 Viet Cong Battalion from the southwest while the 2nd Battalion engaged them from the northwest. After being urged by the advisors to move forward and lead his troops the Battalion Commander still remained ineffectively to the rear. WO2 Crapper voluntarily exposed himself to intense enemy fire while he and other team members charged to the front and led the battalion in three seperate fifty meter advance. During their third courageous rush into the face of the deadly enemy fire the senior advisor was wounded and WO2 Crapper took command of the advisory team. He completely disregarded his own safety to treat, recover, evacuate and comfort the wounded advisor. When at first the helicopter could not land because of the insecurity of the landing zone WO2 Crapper ran into the center of the small open landing zone and fired suppressive fire for the MEDEVAC. He remained exposed and daringly erect attracting the mass of the enemy's fire upon himself. With deadly fire raking the ground around him WO2 Crapper sacrificially held his position until his companion was extracted. WO2 Crapper's heroic actions are a great credit to himself and the Australian fighting men.

22. Inclosures
1. Proposed Citation
2. Statement by SP4 Neal A. Lord
3. Statement by CPT William N Johnson
4. Biographical Sketch

23. Name, Grade, Title of Recommending Official
GEORGE M. FONT, MAJ, Senior Regimental Advisor, 1st ARVN Regt, 1st ARVN Div.

24. Date
28 Jan 68

25. Signature
George M. Font

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MACTN-HUAG CRAPPER, Clarence W. 1st Ind
WO2, 33609 (28 Jan 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration of Valor

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION ADVISORY DETACHMENT,
ADVISORY TEAM 3, APO 96258 29 JAN 1968

TO: Commander, US Army Advisory Group, I CTZ, Advisory Team 1,
APO 96337

Recommend approval.

FOR THE SENIOR ADVISOR:

4 Incl
nc

R. S. MIJARES
CPT, AGC
Admin Officer

BRONZED STAR MEDAL "V"

PROPOSED CITATION

For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Warrant Officer 2 Crapper distinguished himself by heroic action on 26 December 1967 while serving as Heavy Weapons Infantry Advisor to the 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On this date WO2 Crapper voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire to recover a fellow advisor who lay in the open, forward of the friendly lines. He courageously recovered, and prepared the advisor for evacuation and when the MEDEVAC helicopter could not land due to the intense enemy fire, WO2 Crapper ran into the center of the landing zone and daringly attracted the enemy's fie to himself. With deadly fire raking the ground around him WO2 Crapper provided suppressive fire and sacrificially held his position until his companion was extracted. Warrant Officer Crapper's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Inclosure 1

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

At approximately 1600 hours on 26 December 1967, the 1st Battalion was assaulting the fortified positions of a Viet Cong Main Force Battalion when the attack suddenly stalled. WO2 Clarence W. Crapper voluntarily subjected himself to the enemy's intense small arms fire in an effort to regain the offensive. Three times he charged headlong into the full fury of enemy fire then fended for his very life until the reluctant attackers joined them. During the third such rush the senior advisor was wounded, WO2 Crapper took command of the advisory team, rushed forward to treat and recover the wounded advisor, arranged for the MEDEVAC, and supervised the security of the landing zone. At one point when the helicopter could not land because of heavy ground fire WO2 Crapper ran into the landing zone and began spraying the surrounding tree lines with his M16 rifle. During this time he was alone and under heavy fire, but he daringly held his position and provided suppressive fire until the wounded advisor was extracted. To attest to the nearness of the fire during this feat, WO2 Crapper received a round through the top of his hat which took a lock of hair as well.

Wo2 Crapper's unerring judgement and bravery under intense enemy fire was an act of rarely equaled valor and probably saved the life of at least one of his companions and provided stability to the faltering ARVN command.

s/Neal A. Lord
t/NEAL A. LORD
SP4, RA16881271

"A TRUE COPY"

R. S. MIJARES
CPT, AGC
Admin Officer

Inclosure 2

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

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s/William N. Johnson
t/WILLIAM N. JOHNSON
CPT, Infantry

"A TRUE COPY"

R. S. MIJARES
CPT, AGC
Admin Officer

Inclosure 3

B-I-O-G-R-A-P-H-I-C-A-L S-K-E-T-C-H

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NAME: Crapper, Clarence W.

RANK: WO2

SN: 33609

BRANCH: Infantry

MARITAL STATUS: Married

HOME ADDRESS: 58 Broadhurst Avenue, Reservoir 3073, Victoria, Australia

CIVILIAN EDUCATION: Class II

DATE ENLISTED: 8 October 1951

MILITARY SCHOOLS: Long Potential Warrant Officers Course
Jungle Warfare School
Parachute Training

CURRENT MILITARY ADDRESS: Advisory Team 4, APO 96269

PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS: 1st Independent Rifle Company, Mildura, Victoria, Australia

PREVIOUS AWARDS: None

Inclosure 4

AVII-AGPA DAVIES, Bruce (8 Feb 70) 3rd Ind
3793 (Australian)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

DA, Headquarters, XXIV Corps, APO 96349 26 March 1970

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

Recommend approval.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
nc

ALBERT L. JAMES III
CPT, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

For use of this form, see AR 672-5-1; the proponent agency is The Adjutant General's Office.

[X] HEROISM [ ] MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

TO: (Include ZIP Code) Commanding General
USAAG, ICTZ
APO 96349

FROM: (Include ZIP Code) Commander
Advisory Team 2
APO 96260

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	2. SSAN	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH
DAVIES BRUCE NMI	37393	WO2	Australian Army

5. ORGANIZATION
Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam w/d Advisory Team 2

6. RECOMMENDED AWARD
Silver Star

7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: [ ] YES [X] NO

a. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

8. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION
9 May 1970

b. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK

9. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? [ ] YES [X] NO
AWARD:

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

10. INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI	b. SSAN	c. GRADE	d. UNIT
TRUYEN, THAI VAN	65/204.163	SFC	2d Bn, 4th Regt, 2d Inf Div

e. IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

N/A

11. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. TIME	c. DATE
Mo Duc District, Quang Ngai Province, RVN	1500	23 Dec 69

d. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT

Unit morale was good. 5 casualties were suffered during crossing, including two KIA. At the time of action, the battalion was returning to LZ Dragon.

PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

12. INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED

13. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 5, STATE REASON FOR END DATE (*Retire, REFRAD, etc.*)

14. OTHER AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL DURING TIME FRAME SHOWN IN ITEM 12 (*Does not include interim award*)

PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION

15. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPENDICES:

See Appendix VII, AR 672-5-1 for instructions on completing and attaching necessary narrative data, such as description of the act, sketches, maps and statements of witnesses.

16. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED
Supervisor

17. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION
Lloyd R. Gunn, MAJ, IN
DSA, 4th Regiment

18. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:
Commanding Officer
Advisory Team 2
APO 96260

19. SIGNATURE
Lloyd R. Gunn Jr.

20. DATE
8 Feb 70

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PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS FORM ARE OBSOLETE

MACCZ-I2SA (8 Feb 70) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award (DAVIES, Bruce NMI)

HEADQUARTERS, ADVISORY TEAM 2, MACV, APO SAN FRANCISCO 96260 9 Feb 70

TO: Commanding General, USAAG, I CTZ, Advisory Team 1, MACV, APO 96349

Recommend approval.

Henry S. Sachers

1 Incl
nc

HENRY S. SACHERS
Colonel, Infantry
Commander

MACCZ-ICPA DAVIES, Bruce 2nd Ind
WO2, 37393 (Australian)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CTZ, APO 96349 2 MAR 1970

THRU: CG, XXIV Corps, ATTN: AVII-AGPA, APO 96308

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

Recommend approval.

1 Incl
nc

HENRY J. MULLER, JR.
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

SILVER STAR MEDAL

NARRATIVE

WO2 Bruce Davies distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 23 December 1969 while serving as Light Weapons Infantry Advisor, 2d Battalion, 4th Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On that date WO2 Davies was on an operation with the battalion in the vicinity of the Song Ngoi River, approximately 12 kilometers east of the town of Nghia Hanh. The surrounding terrain was flat and covered primarily with flooded paddy fields broken by numerous small hamlets and tree lines. The Song Ngoi River was swollen due to the steady rains of the preceding month, and was 2-3 meters in depth and approximately 8-10 meters wide. At 1500 hours the battalion left its night defense position and began to move towards LZ Dragon. While crossing the bridge over the Song Ngoi River, the rear company was taken under extremely heavy automatic weapons fire by an enemy force of undetermined size. Personnel on the bridge were caught in the open and were forced to jump into the river to avoid being annihilated. Others were caught on the east side of the river with no way of crossing without receiving enemy machinegun fire. WO2 Davies swam across the river to the west bank and moved to the battalion command post area which was 300 yards from the river. Upon reaching the command group, WO2 Davies reported the situation and then immediately returned to the crossing to assist in directing the battalion's suppressive fires. When he reached the crossing site, it was obvious that the strong current and the deep water were posing a serious threat to the lives of the light Vietnamese who were trying to ford the river under intense hostile fire. Several were swept downstream and two were in danger of being drowned when WO2 Davies dove into the stream and pulled them to safety. After this, he returned to the crossing site to carry the remaining soldiers across the river on his shoulders. Although two soldiers were killed as the enemy machinegun continued to rake the area with heavy fire, WO2 Davies returned numerous times to assist the soldiers in crossing the river. On several occasions he was completely submerged under the weight of the soldiers and their equipment. Although he was fatigued and under constant fire, he continued to assist and encourage the ARVN personnel until all had reached the far bank. In all, he helped 30 soldiers across the river. His gallantry undoubtedly saved the lives of many of these men and served as an inspiration for those around him.

SILVER STAR MEDAL

PROPOSED CITATION

For distinguishing himself by heroic action in connection with military ground operations against a hostile force while serving as Light Weapons Infantry Advisor, 2nd Battalion, 4th Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On that date, the 2nd Battalion was crossing the bridge over the Song Ngoi River when the rear company was taken under extremely heavy automatic weapons fire. Personnel on the bridge were caught in the open and forced to jump into the swollen river. Warrant Officer 2 DAVIES swam to the far side and gave the Battalion Command Post a report of the situation. He returned to the river to assist the rear company. When he reached the crossing site, it was obvious that the strong current and deep water were posing a serious threat to the lives of the Vietnamese attempting to ford the river. With complete disregard for his own safety and inspite of intense hostile fire, Warrant Officer 2 DAVIES plunged into the swirling water and began helping Vietnamese to safety. Several times he was completely submerged under the weight of the soldiers and their equipment. During this entire period enemy fire continued to rake the area, wounding two Vietnamese. Despite the critical nature of the situation Warrant Officer 2 DAVIES remained calm and continued to assist the Vietnamese personnel until all had reached safety. His rare courage and superb physical condition were an inspiration to the 2nd Battalion. His heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Forces and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

S T A T E M E N T

24 December 1969

I'm SFC THAI VAN TRUYEN, SN 65/204.163, Platoon Leader, Reconnaissance Platoon, Headquarters Co, 2/4 Bn Certify that the following statement about Warrant Officer DAVIES is true:

Upon the termination of operation Quyet Thang 453/LK 414 conducted by the 4th Infantry Regiment North East of Mo-Duc District (23 Dec 69), 2/4 Bn received an order to go back to the Regt C.P. at 1500 hrs, 23 Dec 69.

On the way back, the 1st Co, 2nd Bn and Recon Platoon were ordered to tail the Bn Command Post. While crossing the river at BS 743645 the troops received enemy heavy weapons fire. Some of the troops were drowned and carried away by the strong current with their weapons.

With an exemplary espirit-de-corps, Warrant Officer DAVIES, one of our Bn Advisor jumped into the river, fought against the current under the enemy fire and helped pull soldiers and their weapons across the river.

I Certify that the above statement
of SFC THAI VAN TRUYEN is true:

APO 4.818 on 31 December 1969
Major HUYNH CONG HOA
2/4 Bn Commander

AVII-AGPA DAVIES, Bruce (8 Feb 70) 3rd Ind
3793 (Australian)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

DA, Headquarters, XXIV Corps, APO 96349 26 March 1970

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

Recommend approval.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
nc

ALBERT L. JAMES III
CPT, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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

PREPARE TO REACH APPROVING AUTHORITY IN DUPLICATE.

DATE: 23 February 1968

THRU: Senior Advisor
18th Div Adv Det
Advisory Team 87, MACV
APO US Forces 96376

TO: COMUSMACV
ATTN: MACAG
APO US Forces 96222

FROM: *(Unit)*
Province Senior Advisor
Advisory Team 89, MACV
APO US Forces 96291

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)*
DAVIS, J. J.	5411313	Cpl	Royal Australian Army

5. ORGANIZATION	6. RESIDENCE *(Number, Street, City, and State)*
Attached A Company, 3rd RAR, 1 ATF	Glendilaugh, Winston, Australia

7. RECOMMENDED AWARD	8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD	9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Silver Star	☐ YES ☒ NO	NOK - UNK Glendilaugh, Winston, Australia

PART II – STATUS AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

10. SERVICE NUMBER	11. GRADE	12. BRANCH *(Or MOS If WO)*	13. ORGANIZATION
5411313	Cpl	Royal Australian Army	Attached A Company, 3rd RAR, 1 ATF

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

N/A

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	19. IF CERTIFICATES OR AFFIDAVITS OR EYE WITNESSES OR PERSONS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS ARE NOT INCLOSED, GIVE REASONS
☐ YES ☒ NO	

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
Demal C. Smith Jr. (WIA)	01935813	MAJ	APA/PSYOPS, Phuoc Tuy
William H. Ephgrave (WIA)	RA 16853928	SP5	Asst APA/PSYOPS, Phuoc Tuy

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

Both have been recommended for Vietnamese awards for heroism.

22. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. INCLUSIVE DATES	c. TIME OF DAY
JUSPAO House, Baria, Phuoc Tuy Province	1 February 1968	Morning

d. CHARACTER AND CONDITIONS OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER

Populated area in city of Baria
Weather was clear, dry, and hot.

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.)* JUSPAO house was attacked by estimated reinforced VC platoon and surrounded; heavy fire was directed upon the house, all three US Advisors inside were wounded by grenade fragments. The enemy activity in the area was aggressive and continuous. The JUSPAO house was not overrun due to effective fire by M-79 from an adjacent US Advisor's house.

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

No unit involved; three US Advisors were wounded in the attack - and several Australians in APCs were also wounded when they arrived to render assistance. Other Australians in APCs were in the area attempting to evacuate isolated and wounded US Advisors; casualties as a result of the action: 2 KIA, 3 WIA & many Australian WIA

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

Australian APC relief force was directing heavy fire on VC in the area and attempting to cover Cpl Davis's entrance into the JUSPAO house. Australian APCs were receiving rocket fire and suffering many casualties - two APCs were destroyed by rocket fire, with 1 US Advisor and 1 Australian WO killed by a direct rocket hit.

PART IV - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

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

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

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.

(See attached)

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?

31. DESCRIBE EFFECTS OR RESULTS

Three US Advisors (PSYOPS) received treatment which possibly saved their lives, and many wounded Australians with the relief force were also treated in the face of heavy enemy fire throughout the area.

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

Province Senior Advisor

33. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO

Task Force Cmdr, 1ATF, Nui Dat

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

1. Proposed Citation
2. Eyewitness Statement
3. Biographical Sketch

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

THOMAS A. AUSTIN III
LTC, INF
Province Senior Advisor

36. SIGNATURE

Thomas A. Austin III

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

* U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE : 1961 O—584283

PART V - TO BE USED FOR ALL RECOMMENDATIONS

Item 30. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF DEED OR ACT

An Australian Relief Force was sent to assist isolated U.S. Advisors, whose homes were under heavy attack by several VC platoons; Corporal Davis, a medic attached to A Company, 3d Royal Australian Regiment, accompanied this force, and arrived in the area of the JUSPAO house, which was surrounded by an estimated VC platoon and receiving heavy fire. Cpl Davis entered the house with assaulting Australian infantrymen, completely disregarding his safety and the heavy enemy fire; he quickly and efficiently administered to the three wounded advisors in the house. Responding instantly to a cry from a comrade seriously wounded during the initial assault, Cpl Davis moved out of the house through the heavy fire and aided this man although in an open position which was under continuous fire. Four of his countrymen were wounded in the yard outside of the house during their assault. Cpl Davis then returned to the house to complete his work inside; at this time, enemy fire into the house from positions in the rear was intense, but Cpl Davis continually exposed himself to this fire in order to complete his work. The relief platoon in APCs was forced to withdraw to the front gate upon receiving additional casualties, and Cpl Davis remained with the wounded to finish his work. When the relief force returned, Cpl Davis assisted the wounded out of their house to positions of cover at the RD house nearby. Cpl Davis immediately returned to the exposed positions of his comrades to administer to others injured in the heavy fire fight with the VC force. Cpl Davis's efficiency in this entire situation, and his courageous actions without regard for his own personal safety, allowed all wounded to be safely evacuated without any loss of life. His courage in the performance of his duties while exposed to heavy enemy fire was highly outstanding.

IIIC-AG DAVIS, J. J. 2d Ind
5411313 (23 Feb 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Silver Star

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, III CTZ, US MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM, APO 96227 30APR1968

TO: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam,
ATTN: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

1. Recommend approval.

2. Delay was caused by administrative difficulties encountered in assembling the necessary personal information for proper submission of award.

2 Incl
nc

GUS S. PETERS
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

18TH DIV-AG DAVIS, J.J. 1st Ind
5411313 (23 Feb 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award-Silver Star

HEADQUARTERS, 18TH DIVISION ADVISORY DETACHMENT, ADVISORY TEAM 87, MACV
APO 96376

TO: Deputy Senior Advisor, USAAG, III CTZ, Admin Officer, APO 96227

Recommend approval.

GEORGE K. MAERTENS
Colonel, Infantry
Senior Advisor

PROPOSED CITATION

For gallantry in action: Corporal J. J. Davis, Royal Australian Army, distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 1 February 1968 while serving as a medic attached to A Company, 3d Royal Australian Regiment, in Phuoc Le, Phuoc Tuy Province, Republic of Vietnam. On this date, Cpl Davis accompanied an element of an Australian Relief Force sent to assist isolated American Advisors whose homes were under heavy attack by several Viet Cong platoons. Completely disregarding his own safety and the intense enemy fire, Cpt Davis entered a house, which was completely surrounded by a Viet Cong platoon, while assaulting Australian infantrymen engaged the enemy in the area. He efficiently began administering to the three wounded American Advisors inside. Responding instantly to a cry for help from a comrade seriously wounded during the initial assault, Cpl Davis again moved through heavy fire to the yard outside and worked in an open position under continuous fire. He then returned inside to complete his work and exposed himself continually to heavy fire from the rear of the house while aiding the wounded. Cpl Davis remained inside to complete his work when the relief force was forced to withdraw upon receiving additional casualties; and he accompanied the wounded to safety when the relief force returned. He then returned to the exposed positions of his injured comrades to render further aid. As a result of Cpl Davis's singularly impressive courage and efficiency throughout the morning, all wounded were moved to safety without any loss of life. Cpl Davis's conspicuos gallantry in action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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STATEMENT

On 1 February 1968 Corporal J. J. Davis, Medical Aid Man, attached to A Company, 3rd Royal Australian Regiment, 1st Australian Task Force distinguished himself as a member of the relief force sent to Phuoc Le, Phuoc Tuy Province, Republic of Vietnam that was under heavy attack by Viet Cong forces. The JUSPAO house area in Phuoc Le was completely surrounded by approximately one reinforced platoon of Viet Cong. All three Americans inside the house were wounded. Cpl Davis entered the house with complete disregard of heavy enemy fire as part of assaulting infantrymen. Cpl Davis quickly and efficiently began administering first aid to the wounded inside the house. Four of his countrymen were wounded in the yard outside the JUSPAO house in the initial assault. Cpl Davis instantly responded to a call for help from a seriously wounded comrade by moving through heavy fire to administer aid to the man whose open position was under continuous fire. Then Cpl Davis, without hesitation, returned to the injured Americans inside the house to complete his work there. VC fire was heavy from their positions in the immediate rear of the house and Cpl Davis again exposed himself without regard for his own safety to complete his first aid to the injured inside the house. The relief platoon was forced to withdraw to the front gate of the JUSPAO house on receiving additional casualties but Cpl Davis remained with the wounded inside the house to complete his work. Upon the return of the relief force, Cpl Davis assisted the wounded out of the house to positions of cover at the RD house. Cpl Davis then immediately returned to the exposed positions of his comrades to administer aid to the others injured in the heavy fire fight with the Viet Cong forces.

Corporal Davis's efficiency in his duties materially contributed to the fact that all wounded were safely evacuated without loss of any life.

Corporal Davis's courage in the performance of his duties while exposed to heavy enemy fire is deserving of honor to himself, his unit, and the 1st Australian Task Force.

Donald C. Smith Jr.

D. C. SMITH
MAJ, INF
United States Army
Eyewitness

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Cpl John J. Davis was born 1 April 1945 in Dalwallinn, Western Australia. He is not married and his next of kin is Mrs. E. J. Crane of Glendalough, Western Australia. Cpl Davis has obtained an Australian Army Certificate of Education Class I and his military service started when he enlisted in the Australian Regular Army on 30 January 1963. He served as a medical assistant with the 2nd Recruit Training Battalion until 13 March 1966 when he transferred to the Royal Australian Regiment. He arrived in South Vietnam on 27 December 1967 and it is his first trip outside of Australia.

HEADQUARTERS
ADVISORY TEAM 2, MACV
APO 96260

MACCZ-I2DA

10 May 1969

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

THRU: Commander
Advisory Team 2, MACV
APO San Francisco 96260

TO: Commander
Australian Advisory Team
Training Directorate
COMUSMACV, APO 96243

1. It is recommended that an Australian award equivalent to the American Bronze Star Medal or Army Commendation Medal be awarded to Captain Glen W. Dennis, 31967, Advisory Team 2, MACV.

2. Justification as follows:

a. Captain Glen W. Dennis, Australian, distinguished himself during the period 12 November 1968 to 12 April 1969 as the Senior Advisor to First Battalion, Fifth Regiment, Second Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. Captain Dennis remarkable comprehensive military knowledge and vast background created quick, positive, and long lasting results.

b. Several examples of these results were: One, a sharp decline in sickness among the soldiers due to increased sanitation vigilence and two, increased discipline and a resulting decline in the AWOL and desertion rates. These results that he achieved and the confidence and enthusiasm he instilled brought respect and confidence from the Vietnamese as his fellow advisors with whom he worked. His discipline and tactical ability were well displayed during the period where his battalion was responsible for security of I Corps Headquarters and again during the Post - Tet offensive. During this latter action his battalion accounted for 69 enemy killed and played an integral part in keeping the enemy out of Quang Ngai City.

c. Captain Dennis counsel and assistance became an integral part of the battalion's method of operation. The benefits of his efforts; moreover, will far outlast his tour with the battalion. His energy and enthusiasm showed a genuine concern in the battalion and his duty.

The outstanding results achieved by this exceptional officer testify to the effectiveness of his efforts. Captain Dennis is a credit to the advisory effort and the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.

NORMAN J. ANSARA
LTC, INF
Senior Advisor, 5th Regt

AUSTRALIAN ARMY TRAINING TEAM VIETNAM

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
445-1-10

HEADQUARTERS
AATTV

19 May 71

HQ AFV

FOREIGN AWARDS: 20643 WO2 W.S. DICKEY

1. Attached please find a copy of a recommendation for the award of the Army Commendation Medal to the above member.

(G.J. Leary)
Col
Comd

Copy to: AATTV File
Members File

AUSTRALIAN FILE

MACMR-1AG DICKEY, William S. (15 Apr 71) 1st Ind
WO2, 28643 AATTV
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

HEADQUARTERS: US Army Advisory Group IC & MP 1, APO 96349 15 Apr 71

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

Recommend approval.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

JOHN L. PRICE
Major, AGC
Adjutant General

2 Incl
1. Narrative
2. Ppsd Citation

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P/A
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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

For use of this form, see AR 672-5-1; the proponent agency is The Adjutant General's Office.

☐ HEROISM ☒ MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

TO: (Include ZIP Code)
COMUSMACV
ATTN: MACAG-AD
APO 96222

FROM: (Include ZIP Code)
CG, USAAG, IC&HR1
ATTN: MACMR-1AG
APO 96349

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	2. SSAN	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH
DICKEY WILLIAM S.		WO2	AATTV

5. ORGANIZATION
Australian Army Training Team Vietnam

6. RECOMMENDED AWARD
Army Commendation Medal

7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ☐ YES ☒ NO

a. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

8. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION
ASAP

b. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK

9. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? ☐ YES ☒ NO

AWARD:

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

10.

a. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI	b. SSAN	c. GRADE	d. UNIT

e. IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

11.

a. LOCATION	b. TIME	c. DATE

d. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT.

PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

12. INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED
July 1970 to July 1971

13. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 5. STATE REASON FOR END DATE (Retire, REFRAD, etc.)
July 1970 to July 1971

14. OTHER AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL DURING TIME FRAME SHOWN IN ITEM 12 (Does not include interim award)

PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION

15. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPENDICES:

See Appendix VII, AR 672-5-1 for instructions on completing and attaching necessary narrative data, such as description of the act, sketches, maps and statements of witnesses.

16. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED
Assistant Adjutant General

17. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION
J. C. VANDERPOOL Captain, AGC Asst AG

18. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:

19. SIGNATURE

20. DATE

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N-A-R-R-A-T-I-V-E

Warrant Officer Dickey distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period July 1970 to July 1971 while serving as Light Weapons Infantry Advisor, 2nd Battalion, 51st Infantry Regiment, United States Army Advisory Group, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period Warrant Officer Dickey was responsible for advising his counterpart in methods of troop deployment and use of light infantry weapons while conducting combat operations against the enemy. Utilizing his experience and knowledge of military subjects, he provided excellent instruction in methods of troop deployment and maintenance of infantry weapons and their use in combat. Exhibiting tact and diplomatic acumen, he established a close and effective working relationship with his counterpart. This coupled with his high dedication to duty enabled him to make an outstanding contribution to the advisory effort while greatly enhancing the capabilities of the indigenous units. Warrant Officer Dickey's performance of duty was in keeping with the highest traditions established by Royal Australian Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

MY COMMENDATION AWARD

PROPOSED CITATION

For distinguishing himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force during the period July 1970 to July 1971 while serving as Light Weapons Infantry Advisor, 2nd Battalion, 51st Infantry Regiment, United States Army Advisory Group, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period Warrant Officer DICKEY provided sound and timely advice to his counterpart in the various methods of troop deployment and the use of infantry weapons during combat operations. Instructing the Vietnamese in basic military subjects, especially maintenance of weapons and small unit tactics, he greatly enhanced the capabilities of the indigenous units during combat operations. Through his tactful approach in dealings with his counterpart, he established a harmonious and extremely effective working relationship. In all of his endeavors during this period he displayed the highest qualities of leadership and devotion to the military service, thereby greatly enhancing the unit's combat readiness and overall mission accomplishment. Warrant Officer DICKEY's performance of duty was in keeping with the high standards of excellence established by members of the Royal Australian Army serving in I Corps and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

MACAG-PD DICKEY, William S. 2d Ind
28643 (31 Dec 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration for Valor

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM, APO 96222 24 JAN 1969

TO: Chief, Free World Forces, APO 96222

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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R. W. VINTON
Major, USA
Asst AG

MACCZ-ICPO-AO DICKEY, William S. 1st Ind
WO2, 28643 (31 Dec 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration for the Bronze Star with "V"

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CTZ, ADVISORY TEAM 1, APO 96337
10 Jan 69)

TO: Commanding General, XXIV Corps, ATTN: AVII-AGP, APO 96308

G. N. M.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION FOR VALOR

(MACV Directive 672-4)

THRU:	TO:	FROM:
Commander USAAG, I CTZ Advisory Team 1 APO 96337	COMUSMACV ATTN: MACAG-PD APO 96222	Senior Advisor Advisory Team 2 APO 96260

1. RECOMMEND INDIVIDUAL INDICATED BE AWARDED

	SILVER STAR		DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
XX	BRONZE STAR		SOLDIER'S MEDAL
	AIR MEDAL "V"		ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL "V"
	OAK LEAF CLUSTER (indicate which cluster this award will be, if applicable)		

2. DATE OF ACTION	3. TIME	4. LOCATION
6 December 1968	1600 hrs	Hill 79 (Nui Ngang) Quang Ngai Province, RVN

PERSONNEL DATA ON INDIVIDUAL BEING RECOMMENDED

5. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MI	6. SERVICE NO	7. SOCIAL SCTY NO	8. GRADE
DICKEY WILLIAM S.	28643	N/A	WO2

9. BRANCH (PMOS if WO or EM grade E7, E8 or E9)	10. DEROS (Day - Month - Year)	11. POSTHUMOUS	12. SERVICE HONORABLE SINCE ACT
Royal Australian Army	23 Jul 69	[ ] YES [XX] NO	[XX] YES [ ] NO (If no, atch explanation)

13. CURRENT ORGANIZATION	14. ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF ACT (If same, so state)
4th Bn, 5th Regt, 2d Inf Div (ARVN) Advisory Team 2, MACV, APO 96260	SAME

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15. OTHERS RECOMMENDED FOR AWARDS FOR SAME ACTION.

NONE

INCLOSURES	DATE	NAME, GRADE, POSITION	SIGNATURE
1-Proposed Citation	31 Dec 68	DEAN A. DOYAL LTC, INF Deputy Senior Advisor	

RECOMMEND		DATE	NAME, GRADE, POSITION	SIGNATURE
XX	APPROVAL	31 Dec 68	DEAN E. HUTTER Colonel, Infantry Senior Advisor	
	DISAPPROVAL Atch explanation			
	OTHER Atch explanation			
X	APPROVAL	10 Jan 69	FOR THE COMMANDER: GERALD N. MAUK 1LT, AGC Asst Admin Officer	
	DISAPPROVAL Atch explanation			
	OTHER Atch explanation			

MACV FORM 127
22 May 68

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16. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Warrant Officer William S. Dickey, Royal Australian Army, was serving as Heavy weapons Infantry Advisor to the 4th Battalion, 5th Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, on 6 December 1968 when the Battalion was engaged in a combat sweep operation in Quang Ngai Province near Hill 79 (Nui Ngang). The 4/5 Battalion was attacked by a Viet Cong battalion employing mortar and automatic weapons fire. The ARVN Battalion Commander quickly mounted a counterattack to drive off the Viet Cong. At this time, the Battalion Advisory Team members found themselves greatly hampered in their efforts to provide U. S. fire support because of the intense and accurate enemy fire. Warrant Officer Dickey instantly summed up the situation and with complete disregard for his personal safety, moved to an exposed position in order to locate the position of the Viet Cong mortars. He was successful in locating the enemy position but did not seek cover until he had obtained an accurate compass bearing to the weapons and pinpointed them on his map. With this information, the Battalion Senior Advisor was able to call in a heavy volume of U. S. artillery on the mortars and to destroy them. Warrant Officer Dickey's courageous actions and professionalism reflect a determination and devotion to duty that were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL "V"

PROPOSED CITATION

Warrant Officer William S. Dickey, Royal Australian Army, distinguished himself by heroic action on 6 December 1968 while serving as Heavy Weapons Infantry Advisor to the 4th Battalion, 5th Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On this date the Battalion was engaged in a combat sweep operation in Quang Ngai Province near Hill 79 (Nui Ngang) when it was attacked by a Viet Cong Battalion employing mortar and automatic weapons fire. The ARVN Battalion Commander quickly mounted a counterattack to drive off the the Viet Cong. At this time, the Battalion Advisory Team members found themselves greatly hampered in their efforts to provide U. S. fire support because of the intense and accurate enemy fire. Warrant Officer Dickey instantly summed up the situation and with complete disregard for his personal safety, moved to an exposed position in order to locate the position of the Viet Cong mortars. He was successful in locating the enemy position but did not seek cover until he had obtained an accurate compass bearing to the weapons and pinpointed them on his map. With this information, the Battalion Senior Advisor was able to call in a heavy volume of U. S. artillery on the mortars and to destroy them. Warrant Officer Dickey's courageous actions and professionalism were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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16 May 1969

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APO San Francisco 96260

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COMUSMACV, APO 96243

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3. Request favorable consideration be given.

Francis E. Howard

FRANCIS E. HOWARD JR.
LTC, INF
Senior Advisor, 6th Regt, 2d ARVN Inf Div

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UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96222

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MACFWMAO

13 November 1969

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

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14 NOV 1969

Commander
Australian Forces, Vietnam
12 Tran Quoc Toan
Saigon, Vietnam

1. The attached recommendation for award of the US Bronze Star Medal to WO2 Thomas F. Dolan of your command is forwarded for your consideration.

2. Request approval/disapproval/comments.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

K. J. Hammer Lt. Col., USAF
FOR: WALTER E. REVIS
Colonel, USA
Chief, MACFWMAO

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MACCZ-ICG DOLAN, Thomas F. 1st Ind
WO2, 14467 (6 Oct 69)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration for Valor

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CTZ, APO 96349

TO: COMUSMACV ATTN: AVII-AGP, APO 96308

Recommend approval.

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ALVIN D. UNGERLEIDER
Colonel, Armor
Acting Commander

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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

PREPARE TO REACH APPROVING AUTHORITY IN DUPLICATE.

DATE: 6 October 1969

THRU:	TO:	FROM: (Unit)
Channels	COMUSMACV ATTN: MACAG-PD APO 96222	Commander Advisory Team 2, MACV APO 96260

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)
DOLAN Thomas F.	14467	WO2	Royal Aust Army

5. ORGANIZATION	6. RESIDENCE (Number, Street, City, and State, including ZIP Code)
Advisory Team 2, MACV, APO 96260	89 Harris St. Fairfield Sydney, Aust

7. RECOMMENDED AWARD	8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD	9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
BSM w/"V"	☐ YES ☒ NO	Mrs. Thomas F. Dolan (Wife) 89 Harris St. Fairfield, Sydney Aust

PART II – STATUS AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

10. SERVICE NUMBER	11. GRADE	12. BRANCH (Or MOS If WO)	13. ORGANIZATION
14467	WO2	Royal Aust Army	Advisory Team 2, MACV, APO 96260

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

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	19. IF CERTIFICATES OR AFFIDAVITS OR EYE WITNESSES OR PERSONS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS ARE NOT INCLOSED, GIVE REASONS
☐ YES ☒ NO	

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
Neuman Leverett Jr.	140-26-0625	CPT	Advisory Team 2, MACV

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

CPT Leverett rec for BSM w/"V"

22. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. INCLUSIVE DATES	c. TIME OF DAY
Quang Ngai Province, RVN	1-2 Oct 1969	1730-0530

d. CHARACTER AND CONDITIONS OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER

Action took place west of the Village of Ky Tra. Weather was clear and terrain relatively open.

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.)*

A determined enemy force repeatedly directed mortar, B-40 rocket, automatic weapons and small arms fire at the unit.

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

The 3/4 Battalion was occupying a blocking position and had sustained several casualties from enemy fire while there. After the Senior Advisor and Assistant Senior Advisor (WO2 Dolan) were wounded the unit withdrew for better placement.

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

WO2 Dolan and CPT Leverett, the Senior Advisor to 3/4 Bn, assisted their counterparts in deploying troops and securing the defenses.

PART IV – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

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

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

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?

Warrant Officer Thomas F. Dolan was serving as Assistant Senior Advisor to the 3d Battalion, 6th Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam on 1 and 2 October 1969 when the battalion was occupying a blocking position west of the village of Ky Tra in Quang Ngai Province. During this action the battalion repeatedly came under mortar, B-40 rocket, small arms and automatic weapons fire from determined enemy force. Warrant Officer Dolan continually assumed an exposed position from which he could assist in directing friendly artillery fire and gunship support. He supervised care for the wounded and then further exposed his position to guide in the medical evacuation helicopters with complete disregard for his own safety. Throughout the night Warrant Officer Dolan impaired the enemy's attempts to breach the perimeter by constantly moving about inspecting positions to insure that they would hold. On 2 October 1969, after guiding in an emergency resupply, the position again came under intense mortar fire and Warrant Officer Dolan was wounded. In spite of his wounds he continued to care for those around him and in assisting to direct the suppressive fires of the friendly gunships. He again exposed himself by guiding in the medical evacuation helicopter and refused any assistance until others were safely aboard. Warrant Officer Dolan's inspirational actions permitted the

31. DESCRIBE EFFECTS OR RESULTS

Warrant Officer Dolan's actions saved the lives of many of those with him and contributed to the completion of the unit's mission.

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

Commander, Advisory Team 2, MACV

33. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO

Advisory Team 2, MACV, APO 96260

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

-Proposed Citation

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

HENRY S. SACHERS, Colonel, Infantry
Commander

36. SIGNATURE

Henry S. Sachers

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WO2 Dolan
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battalion to successfully accomplish its mission. The care he gave the wounded and his skill in directing their rapid evacuation saved many lives. Warrant Officer Dolan's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the Royal Australian Army.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL "V"

PROPOSED CITATION

The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to Warrant Officer THOMAS F. DOLAN who distinguished himself by heroic action on 1 and 2 October 1969 while serving as Assistant Senior Advisor to the 3d Battalion, 6th Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. The battalion repeatedly came under mortar, B-40 rocket, small arms and automatic weapons fire while occupying a blocking position west of the village of Ky Tra. Throughout the engagement Warrant Officer DOLAN continually assumed an exposed position from which he could assist in directing friendly artillery fire and gunship support. Throughout the night of 1 October, Warrant Officer DOLAN impaired the enemy's attempt to break the perimeter by actively directing its defense with great personal risk and complete disregard of his own safety. On 2 October 1969 the position again came under intense mortar fire and Warrant Officer DOLAN was wounded while guiding in an emergency resupply helicopter. In spite of his wounds he continued to care for those around him and to assist in directing suppressive fires of friendly gunships. He again exposed himself guiding in a medical evacuation helicopter and refused any assistance until other wounded were safely aboard. Warrant Officer DOLAN'S inspirational actions permitted the battalion to successfully accomplish its mission and the care he gave to the wounded saved many lives. Warrant Officer DOLAN'S heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the Royal Australian Army.

MACCZ-ICG DUNSTAN, William L. 2nd Ind
WO2, 242988
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CTZ, APO 96349

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

Recommend approval.

2 Incl
nc

HENRY J. MULLER, JR.
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
Advisory Team 2 MACV
APO 96260

MACCZ-I2SA

29 January 1970

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award - DUNSTAN, William L.

Commanding General
USAAG, ICTZ
APO 96349

1. Recommend approval.

5 Incl

Henry S. Sachers

HENRY S. SACHERS
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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[X] HEROISM [ ] MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

TO: (Include ZIP Code)
Commanding General
USAAG, I CTZ
APO 96349

FROM: (Include ZIP Code)
Commanding Officer
Advisory Team 2
APO 96260

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	2. SSAN	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH
DUNSTAN, William L.	242988	WO2	Australian

5. ORGANIZATION
Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam

6. RECOMMENDED AWARD
Silver Star

7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: [ ] YES [X] NO

a. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

8. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION
24 April 1970

b. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK

9. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? [ ] YES [X] NO

AWARD:

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

10. INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

a. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI	b. SSAN	c. GRADE	d. UNIT
Matteo, Thomas F.	018-28-5108	MAJ	Advisory Team 2, MACV
Blair, Maxie L.	400-50-1664	SFC	Advisory Team 2, MACV

e. IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

N/A

11. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. TIME	c. DATE
Batangan Peninsula, Quang Ngai Province, RVN	0830	14 Dec 69

UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT

Unit morale was high. Friendly Forces suffered 3 KIA and 10 WIA. Mission was to sweep hamlet 200 meters from landing zone.

PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

12. INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED

13. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 5, STATE REASON FOR END DATE *(Retire, REFRAD, etc.)*

14. OTHER AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL DURING TIME FRAME SHOWN IN ITEM 12 *(Does not include interim award)*

PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION

15. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPENDICES:

See Appendix VII, AR 672-5-1 for instructions on completing and attaching necessary narrative data, such as description of the act, sketches, maps and statements of witnesses.

16. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED
Supervisor

17. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION
KENNETH S. AUSTIN
LTC, IN, Senior Advisor, 6th Regiment

18. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:
Australian Force Vietnam
APO 96243

19. SIGNATURE
Kenneth S. Austin

20. DATE

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SILVER STAR

NARRATIVE

On 14 December 1969 WO2 William L. Dunstan and Maj Thomas F. Matteo were serving as advisors to the Reconnaissance Company of the 6th Regiment, 2d Infantry Division (ARVN). The Reconnaissance Company was attached to the 1st Battalion, 6th Regiment for an air assault operation on the Batangan Peninsula against the 48th Local Force Battalion. The area of operations is a flat rice paddy covered area. The 48th Local Force Battalion had been operating in this area and had proven itself to be an effective force with excellent morale. On this date as the Reconnaissance Company entered the landing zone it was brought under extremely accurate small arms and automatic weapons fire from an enemy force fighting from well prepared positions surrounding the landing zone. The Reconnaissance Company was forced to establish a defensive perimeter on the landing zone. As the intensity of the fight continued the Senior Advisor called for gunships while WO Dunstan moved to aid the wounded. Although the area was under extremely heavy fire, WO Dunstan quickly assembled the wounded and prepared a landing zone. As the medevac helicopters arrived, WO Dunstan,without regard for his personal safety, exposed himself to the withering fire and directed the helicopters to the landing zone. He then supervised the loading of the wounded and directed the helicopter out of the small landing zone. After returning to the Senior Advisor, he assisted in directing airstrikes which were being put in support of the surrounded Reconnaissance Company. Twice the company attempted to break the deadly grip on the landing zone and twice the enemy repulsed the attack. For the third time the Senior Advisor called for gunships in an effort to gain relief for the friendly forces pinned down on the landing zone and again the enemy forces beat back the assault. At this point, the Senior Advisor requested and received four sorties of fixed wing aircraft. As the jets hit the enemy fortifications with high explosives and napalm the Reconnaissance Company was able to breach the enemy's position and fight their way into the village just to the west of the landing zone. The company had been pinned down for five hours, during which time WO Dunstan had repeatedly exposed himself to small arms and automatic weapons fire while moving from one position to another to aid the wounded and coordinate medevac missions. As the company neared the center of the village the enemy counterattacked with an estimated reinforced company using small arms, automatic weapons and B-40 rocket fires. Unable to maintain their position against a superior force the Reconnaissance Company fell back to the vicinity of the landing zone. As the unit was moving back, both the Senior Advisor and WO Dunstan sustained multiple wounds from shrapnel from a B-40 rocket round. Although suffering painful wounds, WO Dunstan continued to expose himself to heavy enemy fire while assisting the more seriously wounded Senior Advisor back to the landing zone and aiding in the direction of gunship strikes against the Viet Cong forces that were threatening to overwhelm the Reconnaissance Company's position. The effective utilization of gunship fires broke the momentum of the enemy's attack and enabled WO Dunstan to call for a medevac helicopter to evacuate the Senior Advisor who had been b inded in one eye by the B-40 rocket round. WO Dunstan's courage, professionalism, and coolness under fire saved the lives of many wounded Vietnamese and served as an inspiration for all those around him.

SILVER STAR

PROPOSED CITATION

WO2 WILLIAM L. DUNSTAN distinguished himself by heroic action on 14 December 1969 while serving as Assistant Advisor, Reconnaissance Company, 6th Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On this date the Reconnaissance Company was attached to the 1st Battalion, 6th Regiment for an air assault against the 48th Local Force Battalion. Immediately after commitment, the company was pinned down by intense small arms, automatic weapons and B-40 rocket fire. Observing that the company had suffered several casualties, WO2 DUNSTAN without hesitation moved to the aid of the wounded despite the necessity of exposing himself to intense small arm and B-40 rocket fire. While the senior advisor provided gunship support to the company, WO2 DUNSTAN assembled the wounded and established a landing zone for the medevac helicopters. Continuing to expose himself to enemy fire, WO2 DUNSTAN directed the loading and evacuation of the wounded. After five hours of uninterrupted fighting the company had advanced into a nearby village where it was counterattacked by a superior force causing it to fall back to the landing zone. During the counterattack, both the senior advisor and WO2 DUNSTAN sustained multiple wounds from a B-40 rocket. Although suffering from painful wounds, WO2 DUNSTAN assisted the partially blinded senior advisor back to the landing zone, while simultaneously employing gunships to prevent the company from being overrun and calling for a medevac to evacuate the senior advisor. His gallantry is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

EYEWITNESS STATEMENT

On 14 December 1969, 0900 hours, Major Matteo and WO Dunstan were the advisors assigned to Recon Co, 6th Regt for the purpose of a CA. Upon landing, the Recon Company was taken under fire with AK47 and B-40 rockets by an undetermined size enemy force. After trying to maneuver the company to a position where they could take the enemy under fire, the Recon Commander requested gunships. Approximately 30 minutes later gunships arrived on station and, directed by the advisors, took the enemy under fire. During this time the 1st Battalion, 6th Regiment, which made a CA in the same area one hour earlier, received fire from a hill 800 meters south. The Recon Company advisors directed the gunships to expend only 1/2 of their ordnance in support of the Recon Company and then go to the 1st Battalion. At this time Recon Co started to move but was fired on from the same location and was pinned down again. The advisors requested more gunships and approximately 15 to 20 minutes later the gunships arrived and engaged the enemy. One half of their ordnance was expended for the Recon Company and one half for the 1st Battalion. Again the Recon Company started to move but was fired on from the same location. At this time tactical air was requested. Approximately 1 hour later 4 sorties of Tactical air dropped high explosives and napalm on target. The Recon Co started to move and found 2 VC bodies and 1 AK47. The Recon Company was under fire during the move. After moving approximately 300 meters both advisors and 4 ARVN soldiers were hit by a B-40 round. Medevac helicopters and gunships were requested. Both advisors requested no medevac be sent without gunships. When gunships arrived the advisors directed them on target before signaling for medevac. From 0900 hours to approximately 1630 hours the Recon Co was pinned down by enemy fire and only moved approximately 300 meters during this time.

Maxie L. Blair

MAXIE L. BLAIR
SFC, 400-50-1664

EYEWITNESS STATEMENT

We initially hit the LZ at 0830, 14 December 1969. When we attempted to move off the LZ we were repulsed by an estimated reinforced platoon. I called and expended one set of gunships and we again attempted to move off the LZ and again were repulsed. Twice more gunships were called and we attempted to move. I finally called for TAC air; using napalm and snakes, they were able to dislodge the enemy force. The Recon Company was then able to assault the objective and eventually clear the LZ. The company was pinned down on the LZ a total of 5 hours. We then attempted to move west through the village using one set of gunships for support. Approximately one half the way through the village we were attacked by an estimated reinforced company. Unable to hold our position we fell back to a trench in the rice paddy where we were able to thwart the attack with small arms fire until I could get gunship support again. That set of gunships were able to inflict enough damage on the enemy force to prevent the Recon Company from being overran. Mr. Dunstan and myself were wounded as we were falling back to the trench. It felt as if it was a B-40 rocket that landed slightly behind and to our left. Despite the wounds we were able to direct the gunships that eventually halted the enemy attack. Approximately 30 minutes later the medevac ship came in under hostile fire to extract us. The pilot landed his ship no more than 30 meters from the attacking force in order to extract Mr. Dunstan and myself with all due haste.

A TRUE COPY OF A STATEMENT DICTATED BY MAJOR THOMAS F. MATTEO:

GEORGE L. COLEMAN
CPT, AR
Asst Bn Adv, 4/6, 6th Regt

MACCZ-I2SA (8 Mar 70) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award (EATHER, David W.)

HEADQUARTERS, ADVISORY TEAM 2, MACV, APO SAN FRANCISCO 96260 9 Mar 70

TO: Commanding General, USAAG, I CTZ, Advisory Team 1, MACV, APO 96349

Recommend approval.

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nc

FRANCISCO J. RAMOS
Colonel, Infantry
Commander

MACCZ-ICPA EATHER, David W. 2nd Ind
WO2, 214603 (Australian)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

14 APR 1970

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CTZ, APO 96349 18 March 1970

THRU: CG, XXIV Corps, ATTN: AVII-AGPA, APO 96308

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

Recommend approval.

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nc

HENRY J. MULLER, JR.
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

SILVER STAR

PROPOSED CITATION

For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: WO2 EATHER distinguished himself by heroic action on 29 January 1970 while acting as Assistant Battalion Advisor, 1st Battalion, 6th Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On this date the battalion was engaged in a combat assault near Son Tinh in Quang Ngai Province. Shortly after the initial insertion, a series of mine explosions injured three men. WO2 EATHER immediately assembled the wounded and called for a medevac helicopter. As the landing zone for the medevac was being secured, another mine was detonated. WO2 EATHER, with complete disregard for his own safety, ran through the minefield, gave first aid to the wounded man and then diverted the incoming helicopter to that location for the medevac. Moving back through the minefield, he then guided the helicopter to the original landing zone to evacuate the other wounded personnel. Throughout the day he called for and guided numerous medevac missions. On the fifth medevac of the day he came under enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. He waved off the medevac helicopter, calmly arranged for suppressive fires then recalled the helicopter and successfully completed the evacuation. His calm demeanor and technical knowledge provided the required leadership and support at a critical time and served as an inspiration to the battalion. WO2 EATHER'S heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

STATEMENT

The actions of WO2 D.W. Father RAA, on 29 January 1970 were as follows: WO2 Father displayed his heroic action while callin for and directing 7 medevacs for wouded ARVN soldiers. On seven occasions 1/6 suffered nine casualties which wounded 10 soldiers. WO2 Father assisted the Battalion Commander by entering a mined area and evacuating a seriously wounded ARVN soldier. On another medevac, while under fire, WO2 Father directed suppressive fire to enable the medevac helicopter to land and remove 3 more seriously wounded ARVN. WO2 Fathers heroic action saved the lives of 9 ARVN soldiers.

JOHN F. DUNN
CPT, USMC
Battalion Advisor 1st Bn, 6th Reg't

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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[X] HEROISM [ ] MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

TO: (Include ZIP Code)	FROM: (Include ZIP Code)
Commanding General USAAG, I CTZ APO 96349	Commanding Officer Advisory Team 2, MACV APO 96260

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	2. SSAN	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH
EATHER, David W.	214603	WO2	Aust. Army

5. ORGANIZATION: Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam w/duty Advisory Team 2

6. RECOMMENDED AWARD: Bronze Star "V"

7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: [ ] YES [X] NO

a. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH:

8. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION: 1 June 1970

b. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK:

9. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? [ ] YES [X] NO

AWARD:

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

10. INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

a. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI	b. SSAN	c. GRADE	d. UNIT
DUNN, John F.	096578 (USMC)	O-3	Advisory Team 2, MACV

e. IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

N/A

11. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. TIME	c. DATE
Son Tinh District, Quang Ngai Province	1000	29 Jan 1970

UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT

Unit morale was good.
Unit suffered 11 wounded in action.
Mission was to find and destroy the enemy.

PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

12. INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED

13. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 5, STATE REASON FOR END DATE *(Retire, REFRAD, etc.)*

14. OTHER AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL DURING TIME FRAME SHOWN IN ITEM 12 *(Does not include interim award)*

PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION

15. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPENDICES:

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16. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED: Supervisor

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

JOHN F. DUNN, CPT, USMC
Bn Advisor, 1st Bn, 6th Regt, 2d Inf Div

18. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:

Advisory Team 2
APO 96260

19. SIGNATURE: John F. Dunn

20. DATE: 8 Mar 70

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N-A-R-R-A-T-I-V-E

On 29 January 1970, while acting as Assistant Battalion Advisor of the 1st Bn, 6th ARVN Regt, 2nd ARVN Division, WO2 EATHER'S unit was lifted by helicopter to an area east of Sin Tinh, Quang Ngai Province on a search and destroy operation. Shortly after all elements of the battalion were inserted, a series of mines were detonated, initially wounding three men. WO2 EATHER immediately moved to the area of the wounded Vietnamese soldiers, inspected their wounds, assisted in their treatment, and requested a medevac. As the landing zone for the pick up of the wounded was being secured a second mine was detonated causing another casualty. The ARVN soldiers, realizing that they were in a minefield, froze and were momentarily reluctant to move to assist the newly wounded ARVN soldier. WO2 EATHER, without regard to his personal safety, ran through the minefield, aided the wounded soldier, and, after searching for additional mines, directed the medevac pilot to land so that the latest casualty could be extracted from the minefield. After loading his patient, WO2 EATHER then calmly returned to the original landing zone and directed the medevac during its pick up of the remaining wounded. During the rest of the day WO2 EATHER continued to call for and expertly guide evacuation helicopters for seven other soldiers, all wounded by mines. On one occasion, as the fifth medevac of the day was in progress, WO2 EATHER came under fire from an estimated squad firing automatic weapons. He quickly waved off the medevac and advised the battalion commander of the direction and distance to the VC weapons, requesting suppressive fires prior to the landing of the approaching medevac helicopter.

After insuring the situation was thoroughly understood by his counterpart, WO2 EATHER again exposed himself to hostile automatic weapons fire in order to land the medevac. The wounded were quickly loaded aboard and extracted without additional delay. WO2 EATHER'S calm, professional manner provided the battalion commander with a desperately needed display of support in a situation where all of the troops were reluctant to move in the mined area to assist the wounded. WO2 EATHER'S action inspired all who observed him.

MACCZ-I2SA (8 Mar 70) 1st Ind
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award (EATHER, David W.)

HEADQUARTERS, ADVISORY TEAM 2, MACV, APO SAN FRANCISCO 96260 9 Mar 70

TO: Commanding General, USAAG, I CTZ, Advisory Team 1, MACV, APO 96349

Recommend approval.

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FRANCISCO J. RAMOS
Colonel, Infantry
Commander

MACCZ-ICPA EATHER, David W. 2nd Ind
WO2, 214603 (Australian)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

14 APR 1970

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CTZ, APO 96349 18 March 1970

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

Recommend approval.

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HENRY J. MULLER, JR.
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding

SILVER STAR

PROPOSED CITATION

For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: WO2 EATHER distinguished himself by heroic action on 29 January 1970 while acting as Assistant Battalion Advisor, 1st Battalion, 6th Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On this date the battalion was engaged in a combat assault near Son Tinh in Quang Ngai Province. Shortly after the initial insertion, a series of mine explosions injured three men. WO2 EATHER immediately assembled the wounded and called for a medevac helicopter. As the landing zone for the medevac was being secured, another mine was detonated. WO2 EATHER, with complete disregard for his own safety, ran through the minefield, gave first aid to the wounded man and then diverted the incoming helicopter to that location for the medevac. Moving back through the minefield, he then guided the helicopter to the original landing zone to evacuate the other wounded personnel. Throughout the day he called for and guided numerous medevac missions. On the fifth medevac of the day he came under enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire. He waved off the medevac helicopter, calmly arranged for suppressive fires then recalled the helicopter and successfully completed the evacuation. His calm demeanor and technical knowledge provided the required leadership and support at a critical time and served as an inspiration to the battalion. WO2 EATHER'S heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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JOHN F. DUNN
CPT, USMC
Battalion Advisor 1st Bn, 6th Reg't

AVII-CG EATHER, David W. 3d Ind
214603 (8 MAR 70)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

DA, HEADQUARTERS, XXIV CORPS, APO 96349 1 MAY 1970

TO: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command
Vietnam, ATTN: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

Recommend award of the Silver Star in lieu of the Bronze Star Medal.

2 Incl
nc

MELVIN ZAIS
Lieutenant General, USA
Commander

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

[X] HEROISM [ ] MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE
(AR 672-5-1)

PREPARE TO REACH APPROVING AUTHORITY IN DUPLICATE.

DATE: 19 July 1968

THRU:	TO:	FROM: (Unit)
Channels	Commanding General U.S. Army Vietnam APO 96375	Commanding Officer 36th MSFC, 5th SFGA 1st SF APO 96227

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)
EDWARDS, IAN L.	53466	WO-2	INF (SAS)

5. ORGANIZATION	6. RESIDENCE (Number, Street, City, and State, including ZIP Code)
Co A, AATV, FWMAO APO 4	170 Epping Road, Eastwood Australia

7. RECOMMENDED AWARD	8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD	9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
Bronze Star "V"	[ ] YES [X] NO	Thelma Joyce Edward (wife) 170 Epping Road, Eastwood Australia

PART II – STATUS AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

10. SERVICE NUMBER	11. GRADE	12. BRANCH (Or MOS If WO)	13. ORGANIZATION
53466	WO-2	INF (SAS)	36th MSFC, 5th SFGA 1st SF

14. HAS ALL SERVICE BEEN HONORABLE SUBSEQUENT TO THIS ACT OR SERVICE *(If not, summarize on reverse side.)*
[X] 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

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 - Add'l

17. DID YOU HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACT OR SERVICE [ ] YES [X] NO

PART III – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

18. WERE YOU AN EYE WITNESS TO THE ACT	19. IF CERTIFICATES OR AFFIDAVITS OR EYE WITNESSES OR PERSONS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS ARE NOT INCLOSED, GIVE REASONS
[ ] YES [X] NO	

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
John E. Wolf	RA12237311	MSG	36th MSFC, 5th SFGA 1st SF
David L. Morrison	RA19682024	SGT	"
Leon T. Panzica	RA12748293	SP5	"

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

MSG John E. Wolf - BS "V"
SP5 Leon T. Panzica - BS "V"
SGT David L. Morrison - BS"V"

22. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. INCLUSIVE DATES	c. TIME OF DAY
Western War Zone "C" along Cai Bac River	7 Jan 1968	1100-1700

d. CHARACTER AND CONDITIONS OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER

The terrain the patrol navigated was flat with gently sloping river bank, double canopy jungle with thick undergrowth. The 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.)*

The enemy was shocked at the fact that their sanctuary was penetrated by American troops since no friendly forces were in the area for the past two years. They were well armed and determined to die protecting their headquarters. The enemy suffered over 20 KIA (USASF) and an undetermined number of KIA and WIA.

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

The unit was sweeping south along the border with the mission of relieving a sister patrol which had run into severe contact and sustained 5 USASF WIA's out of 6 Americans.

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

MSG Wolf was patrol leader until he was seriously wounded. SSG Morrison was point element leader and SP5 Panzica was left flank security leader.

PART IV – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

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

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

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?

For heroism, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam: Warrant Officer 2 Ian L. Edwards, 53466, Royal Australian Army, attached to 36th Mobile Strike Force Command, Company A, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, distinguished himself by numerous acts of heroism on 7 January 1968. WO Edwards was assistant patrol commander and later patrol commander of a 35 man (5 Americans and 30 MSF soldiers) patrol with the mission of reinforcing mission 29A. The area was located in western Tay Ninh Province along the Cai Bac River which separates South Vietnam and Cambodia. Allied units have never operated in this area due to the high concentration of enemy forces. The terrain the patrol navigated was flat with a gently sloping river bank, double canopy jungle with thick undergrowth. At 0900 hours mission 29A was sweeping north along the river when they were engaged by an intense volume of enemy machinegun and automatic weapons fire from well fortified enemy bunkers. The initial five minutes of contact was so severe that five Americans(USASF) and three MSF soldiers were wounded and one MSF soldier was killed. The patrol initially assaulted the well fortified enemy positions but had sustained to many casualties to continue the momentum. TAC

(Cont on reverse)

31. DESCRIBE EFFECTS OR RESULTS

20 VC KIA, 4 Rucksacks and a large quantity of weapons and highly classified documents.

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

Present Commander of Unit

33. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO

AAATV, HQ AFV, FWMAO, APO 4
Beria, RVN

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

1. Proposed Citation
2. Eyewitness Statement
3. Biographical Sketch

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

for ROBERT G. LUNDAY, MAJ, INF
Commanding

36. SIGNATURE

[signature] CPT, Inf DCO

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

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD | PREPARE TO REACH APPROV- | DATE

ITEM 30 CONT'D

air and helicopter gunships were called to support the heavily engaged patrol. At 1045 the call was sent out for reinforcements. At 1100 hours the patrol was airborne in route to the besieged patrol's location. The infiltration landing zone was approximately 500 meters north of 29A's position. Immediately upon infiltration WO Edwards assisted in deploying the element on line and personally took the responsibility of leading the main assault element during the units southerly sweep. The patrol had only penetrated 50 meters of the thick jungle when the patrol leader who was with the point element was seriously wounded by a sniper. WO Edwards without a moments hesitation maneuvered the rear security element into a position which would afford the best protection of the wounded patrol commander. WO Edwards assumed command of the patrol after witnessing the seriousness of MSG Wolf abdominal wound. While the point element was clearing the way to an extraction landing zone to the south, WO Edwards was administering first aid to the wounded and deployed the remainder of the patrol to cover the slow movement to the landing zone. The point element leader was guiding the medevac ship into the landing zone when the enemy opened fire from the opposite side of the landing zone. With complete disregard for his personal safety WO Edwards completely exposed himself to the intense volume of enemy fire to continue to carry MSG Wolf to the medevac helicopter. The intensity of the ground fire was chracterized by the fact that the ship sustained four hits while picking up MSG Wolf. WO Edwards continued to expose himself on the landing zone to place M-79 grenades on the enemy positions and cover the helicopters lift off. Keeping the mission in mind, WO Edwards continued to deploy his elements and press on toward their heavily engaged sister patrol. Coordinating helicopter gunships, artillery and tactical air support, WO Edwards kept his patrol continually encircled with a wall of shrapnel which enabled his men to assault position after position driving the enemy back into the jaws of her sister unit. Only fifty meters separated the two friendly patrols and the enemy that was caught between them chose to take up positions in the well fortified bunkers with connecting trench lines. Determined to fight to the death the enemy beat off two assaults led by WO Edwards. With only fifty meters separating the two friendly forces a napalm strike was delivered and was so close that it splashed within inches of the two friendly forces stopping the enemy resistance which was coming from the trench line. WO Edwards led the element which fought it's way along the river bank until link up was accomplished. Both units were still exposed to deadly grazing fire from the three remaining machine gun bunkers. Two LAW's (light anti-tank weapons) were fired on the main bunker and both were direct hits. With two bunkers still firing on the friendly unit, WO Edwards in conjunction with the sister patrol leader completely exposed himself in what was the last and most valorous assault on the well fortified enemy complex. He continued assaulting and firing his weapon until all of the fleeing enemy were silenced. The net results of this last assault were 20 VC KIA, 3 captured rucksacks, 4 document cases along with numerous individual and crew served weapons. The importance of the captured document cases was emphasized by the fact the enemy chose to die in place protecting them. WO Edwards led by example and continually exposing himself to get in the thick of the battle while coordinating fire support and maintaining constant communication with his element leaders and the command and control ship. By the outstanding way in which WO Edwards handled these and all situations he proved himself the finest example of a combat leader. WO Edwards' leadership and devotion to duty were in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the Royal Australian Army.

PROPOSED CITATION

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11046, 24 AUGUST 1962, THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE IS AWARDED TO:

WARRANT OFFICER 2 IAN L EDWARDS, 53466, SPECIAL AIR SERVICES, AUSTRALIAN ARMY, ATTACHED TO 36TH MOBILE STRIKE FORCE COMMAND, COMPANY A, 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 1ST SPECIAL FORCES, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. WARRANT OFFICER EDWARDS WAS ASSISTANT PATROL LEADER OF A THIRTY-FIVE MAN RELIEF FORCE OPERATING DEEP IN WAR ZONE "C". AFTER DEPLOYMENT AND MOVEMENT TOWARDS THE OBJECTIVE HAD BEGUN, THE PATROL COMMANDER WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AND THE MISSION HAD TO FIGHT ITS WAY BACK TO THE LZ TO MEDEVAC THE WIA. WARRANT OFFICER EDWARDS UNHESTITANTINGLY TOOK COMMAND, LED THE PATROL BACK TO THE LZ WHILE PERSONALLY CARRYING HIS WOUNDED COMRADE ON HIS BACK. WARRANT OFFICER EDWARDS BRAVED HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE TO PLACE THE WIA ON THE MEDEVAC SHIP. ONCE THE WOUNDED MAN WAS SAFELY ABOARD, WARRANT OFFICER EDWARDS PLACED A WITHERING AMOUNT OF M-79 ROUNDS ON THE ENEMY, FORCING THE VC TO WITHDRAW. AS THE PATROL CONTINUED ON IN ITS MISSION TO RESCUE AN EMBATTLED SISTER ELEMENT, WARRANT OFFICER EDWARDS CONSTANTLY EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY'S HEAVY FIRES TO KEEP THE PATROL SURROUNDED BY A CONTINUOUS CURTAIN OF FRIENDLY STEEL. IN ORDER TO DESTROY THE FINAL COMPLEX OF ENEMY BUNKERS THE PATROL ENCOUNTERED, WARRANT OFFICER EDWARDS CALLED FOR TAC AIR TO PLACE A NAPALM ATTACK DANGEROUSLY NEAR THE PATROL'S POSITION. THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE MISSION, WARRANT OFFICER EDWARDS' COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY AND PRESS-ON ATTITUDE HAD BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO THE REMAINDER OF THE PATROL. WARRANT OFFICER EDWARDS' PERSONAL BRAVERY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE SPECIAL AIR SERVICES AND THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY.

EYEWITNESS STATEMENT

On 7 January 1968, CWO-2 Ian L Edwards, Australian Army (SAS), was the assistant leader of the first reaction team when we were notified that mission 29A was in heavy contact and had sustained many casualties. We were airborne within 15 minutes and made our infiltration about 500 meters from the pinned down unit. As soon as we had completed infiltration, WO Edwards took up his position with the rear security element. As soon as he saw MSG Wolf wounded, he moved the rear security element up to cover the return to the LZ for the medevac. WO Edwards, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, picked up his wounded comrade and carried him to the helicopter. The medevac ship was hit four times during the extraction and as soon as MSG Wolf was safely aboard, WO Edwards once again exposed himself to the heavy fire to place M-79 grenade rounds on the enemy. WO Edwards then took charge of the operation and moved the unit out to aid the sister element in heavy contact. The enemy was caught by complete surprise because no American unit had entered what the VC felt was their own safe domain. The path to our endangered element was blocked by bunker after bunker. WO Edwards kept TAC air, light fire teams and artillery on the targets and with this protective fire, we were able to overrun each of the obstacles as we came to them. WO Edwards was solely responsible for our final link-up with the other mission. His personal leadership, bravery and calmness under fire was a definite factor in our successful attack on the final objectives. With the two patrols only 50 meters apart, WO Edwards called for TAC air to deliver napalm on the enemy bunker that separated us. The strike was dead on target and though napalm splattered within inches of our position we were able to put the KO punch on that seared bunker. The remaining two bunkers were given direct hits with LAWs. WO Edwards personally led the final assault to silence the defiant enemy. When we took inventory of our prize, we found the reason the enemy had been so fanatical about his defense, there were many pounds of highly classified documents. Without the leadership, personal bravery and devotion to duty and to his fellow man of WO Edwards, the mission would have been less successful or possibly no use at all. For this reason, I recommend this very brave and resourceful Australian comrade-in-arms for the Bronze Star Medal for Valor.

David L Morrison

DAVID L MORRISON
SGT E5, RA19682021

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

WO-2 Ian L. Edwards was born 17 February 1936 in Perth, Western Australia. He enlisted in the Royal Australian Army on 18 July 1956. His training included Airborne and Special Air Service (SAS) of which he was a member serving in the Malaysian and Bornec conflicts prior to his present tour in Vietnam.

AVGB-SFA EDWARDS, IAN L. 1st Ind
53466 (19 Jul 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award (BSM "V")

Company A, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces
APO 96227 16 August 1968

TO: Commanding Officer, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, ATTN: AVGB-AD, APO 96240

Recommend approval.

LTC INF

3 Incl
nc

FOR HOWARD B. ROCKHOLD
LTC INF
Commanding

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

MACFWMAO

2 June 1970

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

Commander
Australian Forces Vietnam
12 Tran Quoc Toan
Saigon, Vietnam

1. The attached recommendation for award of the U. S. Silver Star to WO2 Jack Fitzgerald of your command is forwarded for your consideration.

2. Request approval, disapproval or comments.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
as

WALTER E. REVIS
Colonel, USA
Chief, FWMAO

AVII-AGPA FITZGERALD, Jack 3d Ind
27974 (4 May 70)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration

DA, HEADQUARTERS, XXIV CORPS, APO 96349 23 May 70

TO: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command Vietnam, ATTN: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

1. Recommend approval.

2. Forwarded for further processing.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Albert L. James III

1 Incl
nc

ALBERT L. JAMES III
CPT, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

AVII-AGPA FITZGERALD, Jack 3d Ind
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Vietnam, ATTN: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

1. Recommend approval.

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
nc

ALBERT L. JAMES III
CPT, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

WITNESS STATEMENT

I, Major Leroy R. McConkey, attest to the validity of the actions herein described On 17 April 1970 while serving as Assistant Battalion Advisor, 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, Warrant Officer JACK FITZGERALD and his battalion conducted a heliborne combat assault on Landing Zone Golf. The defending fire was composed of elements of an enemy Regiment located in fixed bunker positions in and around the landing zone. As the helicopters began landing in the area, they came under intense rocket propelled grenades and small arms fire. Mr. FITZGERALD was aboard the second helicopter to land in the area. Seeing the intense fire placed upon their positions, Mr. FITZGERALD quickly waved off the remaining aircraft. Having only a few friendly forces on the ground with him, he undertook the task of organizing the defense of the landing zone. He quickly set up the friendly element in defensive positions in the midst of intense mortar fire. Mr. FITZGERALD, while moving from one position to another, shouting encouragement and advice to his men, was hit and mortally wounded by small arms fire. His actions were well beyond the call of duty and as direct result of his actions, the remainder of the helicopters landed and succeeded in securing the area.

LEROY R. McCONKEY
Major, FA
Staff Advisor

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

For use of this form, see AR 672-5-1; the proponent agency is The Adjutant General's Office.

[X] HEROISM [ ] MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

TO: (Include ZIP Code) Commanding General
USAAG, I CTZ
APO 96349

FROM: (Include ZIP Code) Senior Advisor
USAAG
1st Inf Div (ARVN)
APO 96258

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	2. SSAN	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH
FITZGERALD JACK	27974	WO2	AATTV

5. ORGANIZATION
1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Infantry Division (ARVN) Advisory Team 3

6. RECOMMENDED AWARD
SILVER STAR

7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: [X] YES [ ] NO

a. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH
17 April 1970; Landing Zone Golf, RVN

8. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION
ASAP

b. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK
Mrs. D. Fitzgerald (Wife)
37 Jack Ave, Mt. Austin, WAGGA NSW Aust.

9. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? [ ] YES [X] NO
AWARD:

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

10. INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

a. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI	b. SSAN	c. GRADE	d. UNIT

e. IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

11. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. TIME	c. DATE
Landing Zone Golf, I Corps Tactical Zone YD 298178	1000 hrs	17 April 1970

d. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT

morale was good; minimum of casualties; unit was on a heliborne combat assault on Landing Zone Golf

PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

12. INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED
17 April 1970

13. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 5, STATE REASON FOR END DATE (Retire, REFRAD, etc.)
4 July 1969 to 17 April 1970 (KIA)

14. OTHER AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL DURING TIME FRAME SHOWN IN ITEM 12 (Does not include interim award)
Bronze Star "V"

PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION

15. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPENDICES:
See Appendix VII, AR 672-5-1 for instructions on completing and attaching necessary narrative data, such as description of the act, sketches, maps and statements of witnesses.

16. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED
Staff Advisor

17. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION
LEROY R. McCONKEY, Maj, FA, Staff Advisor

18. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:

19. SIGNATURE
Leroy R. McConkey

20. DATE
4 May 70

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N A R R A T I V E

For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Warrant Officer JACK FITZGERALD distinguished himself by heroic action on 17 April 1970 while serving as Assistant Battalion Advisor, 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On this date, the Battalion advised by Mr. FITZGERALD conducted a heliborne combat assault on Landing Zone Golf, I Corps Tactical Zone. The defending fire was composed of elements of an enemy Regiment located in fixed bunker positions in and around the landing zone. As the helicopter began landing in the area they came under intense rocket propelled grenades and small arms fire. Mr. FITZGERALD, possessing an ardent desire to be with his battalion in order to better advise and lead the friendly forces in action, was aboard the second helicopter to land in the zone. Seeing the intense fire placed upon their positions, Mr. FITZGERALD quickly waved off the remaining aircraft. Having only a few friendly forces on the ground with him, Mr. FITZGERALD undertook the task of organizing the defense of the landing zone. He quickly set up the friendly element in defensive positions in the midst of intense mortar fire. Mr. FITZGERALD, while moving from one position to another, shouting encouragement and advice to his men, was hit and mortally wounded by small arms fire. His efforts were not in vain, however, as his defense held and the remainder of the helicopters landed and succeeded in securing the area. Mr. FITZGERAID'S actions were truly unselfish performed with the welfare of his unit uppermost in his mind along with the success of the mission. His courageous actions were doubtless well beyond the call of duty, typified the character of a morally strong individual, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Australian Army Training Team and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

MACCZ-IID-Al, FITZGERALD, Jack (6 May 70) 1st Ind
W02, 27974
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award for Valor

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION (ARVN)
APO 96258 6 May 1970

TO: Commanding General, US Army Advisory Group, I CTZ,
APO 96349

Recommend approval.

J.L. WHEELER
Colonel, Armor
Senior Advisor

MACCZ-ICPA FITZGERALD, Jack 2nd Ind
WO2, 27974
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration for Valor

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CTZ, APO 96349

THRU: CG, XXIV Corps, ATTN: AVII-AGPA, APO 96349

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

Recommend approval of SILVER STAR

H J Muller Jr

HENRY J. MULLER, JR.
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

2 Incl
nc

Please note This is posthumous award and That W.O. Fitzgerald was killed in action during The act for which The award is recommended.

HJM Jr

SILVER STAR

Posthumous

PROPOSED CITATION

For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Warrant Officer FITZGERALD distinguished himself by heroic action 17 April 1970 while serving as Assistant Battalion Advisor, 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On this date Mr. FITZGERALD was the advisor to a company conducting a heliborne combat assault into an enemy held landing zone in western I Corps Tactical Zone. As the helicopters came into the area, they came under intense mortar, rocket propelled grenade and small arms fire. As Mr. FITZGERALD landed he quickly waved the rest of the aircraft away from the landing zone. Disregarding the imminent danger to his life, he proceeded among mortar fire to organize the small group of friendly personnel to defend the area. While moving from position to position encouraging his comrades, Mr. FITZGERALD was mortally wounded while advising his men. However, his valorous actions inspired his fellow soldiers as the defense held and the rest of the troops were able to land, silence the enmy fire and secure the immediate area. His performance of duty was truly unselfish and above and beyond the call of duty. Warrant Officer FITZGERALD'S heroic actions were in keeping with the high standards of excellence established by members of the Australian Army Training Team in I Corps and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

WITNESS STATEMENT

I, Major Leroy R. McConkey, attest to the validity of the actions herein described On 17 April 1970 while serving as Assistant Battalion Advisor, 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, Warrant Officer JACK FITZGERALD and his battalion conducted a heliborne combat assault on Landing Zone Golf. The defending fire was composed of elements of an enemy Regiment located in fixed bunker positions in and around the landing zone. As the helicopters began landing in the area, they came under intense rocket propelled grenades and small arms fire. Mr. FITZGERALD was aboard the second helicopter to land in the area. Seeing the intense fire placed upon their positions, Mr. FITZGERALD quickly waved off the remaining aircraft. Having only a few friendly forces on the ground with him, he undertook the task of organizing the defense of the landing zone. He quickly set up the friendly element in defensive positions in the midst of intense mortar fire. Mr. FITZGERALD, while moving from one position to another, shouting encouragement and advice to his men, was hit and mortally wounded by small arms fire. His actions were well beyond the call of duty and as direct result of his actions, the remainder of the helicopters landed and succeeded in securing the area.

LEROY R. McCONKEY
Major, FA
Staff Advisor

AVII-AGPA FITZGERALD, Jack 3d Ind
27974 (4 May 70)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration

DA, HEADQUARTERS, XXIV CORPS, APO 96349 23 May 70

TO: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command Vietnam, ATTN: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

1. Recommend approval.

2. Forwarded for further processing.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
nc

ALBERT L. JAMES III
CPT, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

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

MACFWMAO

2 June 1970

Commander
Australian Force Vietnam
12 Tran Quoc Toan
Saigon, Vietnam

1. The attached recommendation for award of the U.S. Bronze Star "V" to WO2 Jack Fitzgerald of your command is forwarded for your consideration.

2. Request approval, disapproval or comments.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
as

WALTER E. REVIS
Colonel, USA
Chief, FWMAO

AVII-AGPA FITZGERALD, Jack 4th Ind
27974 (2 May 70)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

DA, HEADQUARTERS, XXIV CORPS, APO 96349 25 May 70

TO: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command
Vietnam, ATTN: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

1. Recommend approval.

2. Forwarded for further processing.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Albert L. James III

ALBERT L. JAMES III
CPT, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

1 Incl
nc

MACCZ-ICPA FITZGERALD, Jack (2 MAY 70) 3rd Ind
WO2, 27974
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award for Valor

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CTZ, APO 96349 18 MAY 70

THRU: CG, XXIV Corps, ATTN: AVII-AGPA, APO 96349

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

1. Forwarded.

2. WO2 FITZGERALD was killed in action on 17 April 1970 at Landing Zone Gulf. Award recommendation was submitted before he was KIA.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

2 Incl
nc

DAVID H. BAER
1LT, Infantry
Asst Adjutant

AVII-AGPA FITZGERALD, Jack 4th Ind
27974 (2 May 70)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

DA, HEADQUARTERS, XXIV CORPS, APO 96349 25 May 70

TO: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command Vietnam, ATTN: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

1. Recommend approval.

2. Forwarded for further processing.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
nc

ALBERT L. JAMES III
CPT, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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[X] HEROISM [ ] MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

TO: (Include ZIP Code) Commanding General
USAAG, I CTZ
APO 96349

FROM: (Include ZIP Code) Senior Advisor
USAAG
1st Inf Div (ARVN)
APO 96258

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	2. SSAN	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH
FITZGERALD JACK	27974	WO2	AATTV

5. ORGANIZATION
1st Regiment, 1st Infantry Division (ARVN) Advisory Team 3

6. RECOMMENDED AWARD
BRONZE STAR "V"

7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: [ ] YES [X] NO

a. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

8. DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION
ASAP

b. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK

9. WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? [ ] YES [X] NO
AWARD:

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

10. INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

a. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI	b. SSAN	c. GRADE	d. UNIT

e. IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

11. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. TIME	c. DATE
Fire Support Base Barbara (YD 329337) and surrounding area	two day period	27-29 Mar 70

d. UNIT MORALE, CASUALTIES, AND MISSION DURING TIME AND DATE(S) OF ACT

Morale was excellent; minimum of casualties; unit was in heavy contact with an NVA Battalion; unit retook a helicopter position when the enemy downed a LOH helicopter.

PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

12. INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED
27 to 29 March 1970

13. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 5, STATE REASON FOR END DATE (Retire, REFRAD, etc.)
2 July 1969 to 17 April 1970 (KIA)

14. OTHER AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL DURING TIME FRAME SHOWN IN ITEM 12 (Does not include interim award)
Bronze Star "V"

PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION

15. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPENDICES:
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16. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED
Staff Advisor

17. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION
LEROY R. McCONKEY, Maj, FA, Staff Advisor

18. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:
Headquarters
USAAG
1st Inf Div (ARVN) APO 96258

19. SIGNATURE
Le Roy R McConkey

20. DATE

DA FORM 1 JUN 69 638

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N A R R A T I V E

Warrant Officer JACK FITZGERALD distinguished himself by heroic action on 27 to 29 March 1970 while serving as Assistant Battalion Advisor, 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period, an element from this Battalion made contact with an estimated North Vietnamese Battalion, receiving heavy enemy mortar fire. At this time, Mr. FITZGERALD was at the Battalion Command Post and using his own initiative, obtained a LOH helicopter, which was in the area to act as an observer, and requested gunships. The gunships and LOH, accurately controlled by Mr. FITZGERALD, brought accurate and devastating fire upon the enemy. On one observation run, the LOH was shot down and American troops were inserted to effect recovery. At this time, Mr. FITZGERALD effectively and accurately operated 3 radio nets, relaying for the American troops to their higher headquarters, aiding greatly in employment of gunships and artillery on another net, and finally coordinating the movement of the Vietnamese element on a third net. Due to excessive enemy fire, neither element reached the downed helicopter that night and Mr. FITZGERALD continued his outstanding work throughout the night, also aiding in the employment of a flare ship. On the morning of the 28th the recovery effort and attack continued with Mr. FITZGERALD continuing his tireless effort of coordination while also executing numerous successful medevacs. During that day the Vietnamese element and the American unit reached the aircraft and extracted the deceased pilots under heavy enemy fire and withdrew. The next day, the 29th, other Vietnamese units were put into the field with Mr. FITZGERALD accompanying them to retake the helicopter position and engage the enemy. During that day with the elements under fire and with Mr. FITZGERALD again accurately and swiftly controlling gunships, the enemy was forced to withdraw and allow the occupation of the helicopter positions, this

allowing the recovery of the valuable helicopter radios. This outstanding effort with relatively no rest in 72 hours, was extremely instrumental in the success of this operation and the inflicting of heavy casualties on the enemy force.

MACCZ-IID-Al, FITZGERALD, Jack (2 May 70) 1st Ind
WO2, 27974
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award for Valor

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION (ARVN)
APO 96258, 2 May 1970

TO: Commanding General, US Army Advisory Group, I CTZ
APO 96349

Recommend Approval.

J.L. WHEELER
Colonel, Armor
Senior Advisor

MACCZ-ICPA, FITZGERALD, Jack (2 MAY 70) 2nd Ind
W02, 27974
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award for Valor

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CTZ, APO 96349 7 May 1970

THRU: CG, XXIV Corps, ATTN: AVII-AGPA, APO 96349

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

Recommend approval.

2 Incl
nc

HENRY J. MULLER, JR.
Brigadier General, US Army
Commanding

MACCZ-ICPA FITZGERALD, Jack (2 MAY 70) 3rd Ind
WO2, 27974
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award for Valor

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CTZ, APO 96349 18 MAY 70

THRU: CG, XXIV Corps, ATTN: AVII-AGPA, APO 96349

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

1. Forwarded.

2. WO2 FITZGERALD was killed in action on 17 April 1970 at Landing Zone Gulf. Award recommendation was submitted before he was KIA.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

2 Incl
nc

DAVID H. BAER
1LT, Infantry
Asst Adjutant

BRONZE STAR "V"

PROPOSED CITATION

For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Warrant Officer FITZGERALD distinguished himself by heroic actions on 27 March 1970 to 29 March 1970 while serving as Assistant Battalion Advisor, 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. During this period, elements of this battalion engaged an estimated North Vietnamese Battalion. Mr. FITZGERALD, located at the Battalion Command Post, proceeded to effectively coordinate 3 radio nets, guiding devastating gunship fire on the enemy, relaying for an American unit inserted to aid a downed helicopter, and finally coordinating the movements of the Vietnamese unit engaging the enemy. During the following 48 hours, Mr. FITZGERALD tirelessly continued his outstanding effort while also completing numerous medical evacuations and coordinating for flare ships during the night. On 29 March an additional battalion was ordered into the field with Mr. FITZGERALD accompanying them. Again he guided accurate gunship fire on the enemy force, causing heavy casualties and forcing them to withdraw from the battlefield. The enemy position was occupied and the aircraft equipment was recovered largely because of the tireless and outstanding effort of Mr. FITZGERALD. Warrant Officer FITZGERALD'S heroic actions were in keeping with the high standards of excellence established by members of the Royal Australian Army serving with the United States advisory effort in I Corps and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

AVII-AGPA FITZGERALD, Jack 4th Ind
27974 (2 May 70)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

DA, HEADQUARTERS, XXIV CORPS, APO 96349 25 May 70

TO: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command Vietnam, ATTN: MACAG-PD, APO 96222

1. Recommend approval.

2. Forwarded for further processing.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
nc

ALBERT L. JAMES III
CPT, AGC
Assistant Adjutant General

RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD
[X] HEROISM [ ] MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE
(AR 672-5-1)

PREPARE TO REACH APPROVING AUTHORITY IN DUPLICATE.

DATE: 16 September 1969

THRU: Commander
USAAG, I CTZ
Advisory Team 1
APO 96349

TO:
COMUSMACV
ATTN: MACAG-PD
APO 96222

FROM: (Unit) Senior Advisor
1st Inf Div Adv Det
Advisory Team 3
APO 96258

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)
FITZGERALD, JACK (NMI)	27974	WO2	N/A

5. ORGANIZATION	6. RESIDENCE (Number, Street, City, and State, including ZIP Code)
Advisory Team 3, APO 96258	37 Jack Ave., Mt Austin, Wagga, NSW Australia

7. RECOMMENDED AWARD	8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD	9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN
BRONZE STAR MEDAL "V"	[ ] YES [X] NO	unk Same as #6

PART II – STATUS AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

10. SERVICE NUMBER	11. GRADE	12. BRANCH (Or MOS If WO)	13. ORGANIZATION
27974	WO2	N/A	Advisory Team 3, APO 96258

14. HAS ALL SERVICE BEEN HONORABLE SUBSEQUENT TO THIS ACT OR SERVICE *(If not, summarize on reverse side.)*
[X] 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

N/A

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 [X] YES [ ] NO

PART III – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

18. WERE YOU AN EYE WITNESS TO THE ACT	19. IF CERTIFICATES OR AFFIDAVITS OR EYE WITNESSES OR PERSONS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS ARE NOT INCLOSED, GIVE REASONS
[ ] YES [X] NO	Narrator has personal knowledge of facts; The only eye witness has returned to CONUS

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
James H. Stanfill	440-34-0182	MAJ	30th Inf, 4th Bn (Mech) Ft Sill, Okl 73503

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

MAJ Stanfill - Bronze Star "V"

22. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. INCLUSIVE DATES	c. TIME OF DAY
Coord: YD 175272, Thua Thien Province, RVN	20 July 1969	1330

d. CHARACTER AND CONDITIONS OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER

Mountainous, single and double canopy jungle with dense underbrush and ground vegetation; 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.)*

Reinforced NVA Company defending a hospital complex from well-camouflaged and fortified bunkers. Enemy well equipped and morale high. Enemy employed small arms, automatic weapons, RPG's with good observation and fields of fire. All fighting conducted within 20 meters of enemy positions; Enemy losses: 28 KIA and hospital complex destroyed

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

Unit participating in search and destroy mission when they discovered hospital complex. Friendly casualties in the successful occupation and destruction of the site were 4 WIA.

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

Vietnamese soldiers were attempting to assault and occupy the enemy positions. Battalion senior advisor was directing aerial rocket artillery on the enemy.

PART IV – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

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

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

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, 20 July 1969, elements of the 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, while conducting a search and destroy operation in the mountainous jungle terrain of Thua Thien Province approximately 30 kilometers southwest of Quang Tri City, made contact with a reinforced NVA company defending an NVA hospital complex from well-camouflaged and fortified bunkers. When the lead company began experiencing difficulty in advancing and maneuvering on the enemy positions, helicopter gunships were requested to support the ground troops. Due to the limited visibility afforded by the dense jungle vegetation, it was necessary for the battalion's advisors to move to a forward position to direct the gunships when they came on station. Disregarding his own personal safety in his selfless desire to aid his Vietnamese comrades, WO2 Jack Fitzgerald continuously exposed himself to an intense volume of hostile fire as he moved from point to point to establish a close liaison between the Vietnamese battalion and company commanders and the battalion senior advisor, who was directing the gunships onto the target. Displaying exemplary poise and control in the face of extreme danger, the coordination he provided enabled the gunships to bring devastating fire on the enemy positions, allowing the friendly force to gain fire superiority, assault and secure the objective, killing 28 enemy soldiers with only 4 friendly wounded.

31. DESCRIBE EFFECTS OR RESULTS

28 enemy KIA; only 4 friendly wounded

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

Senior Regimental Advisor

33. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO

Advisory Team 3, APO 96258

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

Proposed Citation

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

RALPH L. MOORE, LTC, INF
Senior Regimental Advisor

36. SIGNATURE

Ralph L. Moore

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

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL

PROPOSED CITATION

The Bronze Star Medal for Valor is awarded to Warrant Officer JACK FITZGERALD for distinguishing himself by heroic action on 20 July 1969 while serving as Assistant Battalion Advisor, 1st Battalion, 1st Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On that date, the battalion was participating in a search and destroy operation when the leading elements made contact with a reinforced North Vietnamese Army company. Due to the limited visibility afforded by the dense jungle vegetation, it was necessary for the battalion's advisors to move forward in order to direct aircraft, which had arrived on the scene. Warrant Officer FITZGERALD, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved forward into view of the enemy positions and established an observation post with the battalion senior advisor. His professional skill in aiding adjustment of the supporting fires enabled the friendly troops to gain fire superiority, and, inspired by his personal courage and poise under fire, they successfully assaulted and secured the objective, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. Warrant Officer FITZGERALD'S actions throughout the entire engagement were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the Australian Army Training Team, Vietnam.

MACAG-PD FAHY, Edward J. 2d Ind
51295 (23 Dec 68)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration for Valor

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM, APO 96222 22 JAN 1969

TO: Chief, Free World Forces, APO 96222

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your command.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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R. W. VINTON
Major, USA
Asst AG

MACCZ-ICPO-AO FAHY, Edward J. 1st Ind
WO2, 51295 (3 Jan 69)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration of the Bronze Star Medal "V"

HEADQUARTERS, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, I CTZ, ADVISORY TEAM 1, ARO 96337 3 JAN 1969

TO: Commanding General, XXIV Corps, ATTN: AVII-AGP, APO 96308

Recommend Approval.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl
nc

GERALD N. MAUK
1LT, AGC
Asst Admin Officer

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION FOR VALOR

(MACV Directive 672-4)

THRU:	TO:	FROM:
Commander USAAG, I CTZ Advisory Team 1 APO 96260	COMUSMACV ATTN: MACAG-PD APO 96222	Senior Advisor Advisory Team 2 APO 96260

1. RECOMMEND INDIVIDUAL INDICATED BE AWARDED

	SILVER STAR		DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
XX	BRONZE STAR ✓		SOLDIER'S MEDAL
	AIR MEDAL "V"		ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL "V"
	OAK LEAF CLUSTER (indicate which cluster this award will be, if applicable)		

2. DATE OF ACTION	3. TIME	4. LOCATION
17 November 1968	0300	Nui Yon, Tam Ky, Quang Tin Province, RVN

PERSONNEL DATA ON INDIVIDUAL BEING RECOMMENDED

5. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MI	6. SERVICE NO	7. SOCIAL SCTY NO	8. GRADE
FAHY EDWARD J.	51295	N/A	WO2

9. BRANCH (PMOS if WO or EM grade E7, E8 or E9)	10. DEROS (Day - Month - Year)	11. POSTHUMOUS	12. SERVICE HONORABLE SINCE ACT
Royal Australian Army	15 December 1968	[ ] YES [XX] NO	[XX] YES [ ] NO (If no, atch explanation)

13. CURRENT ORGANIZATION	14. ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF ACT (If same, so state)
Australian Force Vietnam, attached to Advisory Team 2, MACV, APO 96260	SAME

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15. OTHERS RECOMMENDED FOR AWARDS FOR SAME ACTION.

CPT Douglas J. Richardson, USA, Senior Advisor, 2/6 Bn, 2d Inf Div (ARVN): Bronze Star Medal with "V"

INCLOSURES	DATE	NAME, GRADE, POSITION	SIGNATURE
1-Proposed Citation	23 Dec 68	J. EDWIN MCKEE LTC, INF 6th Regiment Senior Advisor	J. Edwin McKee

RECOMMEND		DATE	NAME, GRADE, POSITION	SIGNATURE
XX	APPROVAL	23 Dec 68	DEAN E. HUTTER Colonel, Infantry Senior Advisor	Dean E. Hutter
	DISAPPROVAL Atch explanation			
	OTHER Atch explanation			
	APPROVAL			
	DISAPPROVAL Atch explanation			
	OTHER Atch explanation			

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22 May 68

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16. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Warrant Officer Edward J. Fahy distinguished himself by heroic action on 17 November 1968 while serving as Light Weapons Infantry Advisor to the 2d Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On this date, the Battalion was assigned the mission of defending Hill 83 and Hill 94 (Nui Yon). At 0300 hours two Viet Cong local force battalions together with local force guerrilas launched a two-pronged attack against both hills with heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire, hand grenades, B40 rockets and bangalore torpedos. The Viet Cong were determined to regain their former base area. Mr. Fahy, without regard for his personal safety, moved through intense enemy fire to a vantage point from which he exposed himself in order to call in and adjust artillery and gunship fire. Throughout the two hour enemy siege of the 2d Battalion defensive positions, Mr. Fahy remained in an exposed position with his radio notwithstanding the fact that enemy hand grenades were thrown within 10 meters of his position. His selfless example of valor and his effective direction of artillery and gunship fire contributed significantly to the overwhelming defeat of the Viet Cong forces which resulted in 49 confirmed VC killed in action. Mr. Fahy's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Australian Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

PROPOSED CITATION

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OFFICE OF THE SENIOR ADVISOR
QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE
ADVISORY TEAM #1, MACV
APO 96337

MACTN-QDSZ

7 August 1967

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

~~THRU:~~ Commander J. J. B. III
I Corps Advisory Group
Advisory Team #1, MACV
APO 96337

AUG 10 1967

TO: Commander
Australian Army Training Team
APO 96222

1. I would like to take the priviledge of recommending one of your Warrant Officers for an award equivalent to that of the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service.

2. WO-2 Bryan M. Featherstone, service number 54330, Royal Australian Regiment, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service during the period 23 September 1966 through 1 August 1967.

3. WO-2 Featherstone served as an Infantry Advisor to the 4th Battalion, 2nd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division, during the period 23 September 1966 until 30 March 1967. His knowledge of jungle fighting techniques, learned by experience in Malasia, proved an invaluable asset to his units. He singularly exemplified himself during a series of operations in the Dong Ha area, labled Long Son, by his example of coolness and courage while under fire in the face of the enemy. His actions at all times epitomized the ideal infantry leader and portrayed a sterling example to the ARVN leaders and their men. His calmness and ability to react to situations, without concern for the dangers to his own personal welfare, gained for him the respect and admiration of all those with whom he was associated.

4. During the period 1 April 1967 through 1 August 1967, WO-2 Featherstone served as Popular Forces Advisor to Hoa Vang Sub-Sector, Quang Nam Province, Advisory Team #1, MACV. His performance of duty in this capacity has been truly outstanding. WO-2 Featherstone quickly assimilated the requisite information pertaining to his duties and pursued this new task with vigor and enthusiasm. As advisor to the Popular Forces

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MACTN-QDSZ 7 August 1967
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

in Hoa Vang, he checked and advised the operations of 26 Popular Force platoons in the District. He was also instrumental in effecting liaison between Marine units and Popular Forces units in the fifteen newly formed Combined Action Platoons in Hoa Vang. Through his efforts and dedication to duty, a working relationship between US Marines and Vietnamese was established, creating a new and vitally effective link in the chain of defense surrounding Da Nang City and the adjacent Airbase and helicopter facility. His interest during the course of his duties spread into the areas of Civic Action and Revolutionary Development. Through his untiring personal efforts, Marines and Popular Forces were brought together in a program of civic actions in conjunction with the Vietnamese people in hamlets adjacent to their respective compounds. This greatly improved the attitude of the local people towards the United States and Vietnamese troops in the area. His recommendations and suggestions towards improving the accomplishments of the Revolutionary Development program in Hoa Vang have been constructive and aimed at the improvement of the living conditions of the Vietnamese people and the preservation of a compatible relationship between Free World Military Armed Forces and the Vietnamese people.

5. WO-2 Featherstone's unswerving loyalty to his cause, untiring devotion to duty, and dedication to the ideals of democracy have been an inspiration to his comrades in arms, and reflect great credit upon himself, the Royal Australian Regiment, and the Commonwealth of Australia.

FOR THE SENIOR ADVISOR:

DALE S. REED
Major, Infantry
Acting Deputy Senior Advisor

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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

PREPARE TO REACH APPROVING AUTHORITY IN DUPLICATE.

DATE: 29 February 1968

THRU: Commander
US Army Adv Gp, I CTZ
Adv Tm 1
APO 96337

TO: COMUSMACV
ATTN: MACAG-PA
APO 96222

FROM: *(Unit)* Deputy Province Senior Advisor
Advisory Team #4
APO 96269

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)*
FITZGIBBON, Nigel Gordon	541238	WO2	Medical Branch

5. ORGANIZATION: Advisory Team 4, APO 96269

6. LEGAL RESIDENCE *(Number, Street, City, and State)*: See attached sheet

7. RECOMMENDED AWARD: Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device

8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD ☐ YES ☒ NO

9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: See attached sheet

PART II – STATUS AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

10. SERVICE NUMBER	11. GRADE	12. BRANCH *(Or MOS If WO)*	13. ORGANIZATION
541238	WO2	Medical Branch	Advisory Team #4, APO 96269

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

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

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
None

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: N/A

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
See attached sheet			

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
See attached sheet

22. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

a. LOCATION	b. INCLUSIVE DATES	c. TIME OF DAY
See attached sheet	31 January 1968	0500

d. CHARACTER AND CONDITIONS OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER
See attached sheet

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.)*
See attached sheet

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

See attached sheet

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

See attached sheet

PART IV – RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

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

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

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 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?

Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon distinguished himself by his extraordinary valorous actions under hostile fire on the morning of 31 January 1968 when various installations in Quang Tri City came under enemy attack. At approximately 0510 hours, a determined and well trained North Vietnamese Regular Armed Force consisting of two battalions attacked the MACV Kilroy Compound and various US installations in Quang Tri City as part of their 1968 Tet Offensive with a barrage of mortars, recoilless rifle, automatic weapons and small arms fire. During the initial phase of the attack, the Northeastern portion of the Compound began to receive a hail of withering fire, resulting in many soldiers killed or wounded. When called for a medic, Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon was the first to arrive at the scene. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon dashed through the barrage of enemy fire to aid and evacuate the wounded soldiers to a place of greater safety. He moved along the perimeter defenses insuring that no casualties were left unattended. Insodoing, he came upon Corporal Bennett who was seriously injured as a result of the mortar fire. Realizing the serious nature of the wounds,

31. DESCRIBE EFFECTS OR RESULTS The actions of Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon were directly instrumental in saving numerous American, FWMAF and Vietnamese lives.

32. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED
Deputy Province Senior Advisor

33. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO
Deputy Province Senior Advisor
Advisory Team #4, APO 96269

34. INCLOSURES *(Include proposed citation, sketches, and eye witness statements when required.)*
3 Incl
1. Proposed Citation
2. Witness Statement
3. Biographical Sketch

35. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH, AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION
MARLIN E. THRASHER JR, LTC INF
Deputy Province Senior Advisor

36. SIGNATURE

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

PPC, Japan

MACTN HUQT
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Decoration for Valor
(FITZGIBBON, Nigel Gordon, WO2, 54338)

24. Mission of personnel at MACV Compound was the defense of the compound. The compound was deployed on 100% alert at beginning of the action and morale was outstanding. The unit suffered 2 killed and 7 wounded during the action.

25. Personnel in the immediate proximity were defending the north side of the MACV Compound. Some personnel assisted in evacuating wounded to the medical bunker; others remained on position for defense. The medical personnel assisted in evacuating wounded to the medical bunker and in treating casualties.

30. he single-handedly dragged his comrade through the barrage of mortar and recoilless rifle fire to the medical bunker, which was located approximately 50 meters to the West of the target area. After assisting two Navy doctors in rendering medical aid, he returned to his assigned duties as the medic for the Compound reactionary force. After a brief cessation of enemy fire, again mortars began to fall in the same area. This time the number of casualties were to great for him to handle. Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon ran to the Compound medical bunker and summoned a Navy Corpsman to assist him in evacuating the wounded soldiers from the North-Eastern perimeter which had been a prime target for the enemy. After all wounded soldiers had been evacuated and medical aid was rendered, Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon, with fortitude and determination ran back through a hail of enemy fire to take up a defensive position on the North-Eastern portion of the berm, which had suffered the most casualties. Fearing the possibility of a ground attack, he coolly directed fire along anticipated enemy avenues of approach to the Compound. Although the position which he was occupying provided little or no protection, he refused to seek the safety of nearby bunkers. Pinned down by incoming mortars, automatic weapons and small arms fire, he shouted words of encouragement to the Compound defenders, inspiring them to greater heights. After the heavy mortar attack was lifted, although automatic weapons and small arms fire was still coming in, Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon assisted in collectin-g the wounded , securing a landing zone, and arranging for a medical evacuation. He worked tirelessly throughout the entire day, rebuilding the Compound Defenses, which had been greatly damaged during the course of the battle. As a result of Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon's bravery, unremitting dedication to duty, and professionalism under fire, a potentially disasterous enemy onslaught was turned back and were directly instrumental in saving numerous American, FWMAF, and Vietnamese lives. His actions were in keeping with the

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highest traditions of the Military Service and reflect great credit upon himself, the United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, and the Australian Armed Forces.

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the Provisions of AR 672-1-5, the Army Commendation Medal with V Device is awarded to:

Warrant Officer Nigel G. Fitzgibbon, 54338, Royal Australian Army, distinguished himself by his heroic action while serving with Advisory Team 4, Military Assistance Command, Republic of Vietnam on 31 January 1968. At approximately 0510 hours, a well trained determined North Vietnamese Regular Army Force consisting of two battalions, attacked the MACV Kilroy Compound with a hail of mortar, recoilless rifle, rockets, automatic weapons, and small arms fire. Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon, with fortitude and determination, and completely disregarding his personal safety, dashed through a barrage of enemy fire to aid and evacuate the casualties to a place of greater safety. He moved along the perimeter defenses insuring that no casualties were left. Subsequently he came upon one of the compound defenders who was seriously wounded during the course of the attack. After carefully analyzing the serious nature of the wounds, and with deep concern for the safety of the wounded man, he single-handedly dragged his American comrade through the intense barrage of enemy fire to the Compound medical facility. Fearing the possibility of a ground attack, he ran back to the Northeastern portion of the compound berm to assume a defensive position. Although the area provided little or no protection, he unselfishly placed the welfare of his comrades above his own safety. Pinned down by automatic weapons and sniper fire, and an occasional incoming mortar round, he shouted words of encouragement and directed fire along anticipated enemy avenues of approach to the Compound, stirred by his example and fearless

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state of mind, the soldiers on the perimeter moved from relative safety to prepared fighting positions and placed effective fire upon the enemy. As a result of Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon's bravery, unremitting dedication to duty, and superb professionalism under fire a potential enemy onslaught was turned back. He was directly instrumental in saving numerous American, Free World Military Armed Forces, and Vietnamese lives. Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon's extraordinary performance of, and dedication to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, and the Australian Armed Forces.

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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION ADVISORY DETACHMENT, ADVISORY TEAM #3, APO 96258 29 MAR 1968

TO: Deputy Senior Province Advisor, Quang Tri Province, I CTZ, Advisory Team #4, APO 96269

1. Returned for signature of the Deputy Senior Province Advisor.

2. The attached recommendation for award arrived at this headquarters on 27 March 1968. A letter of explanation will be attached, when returned, furnishing the reason for the delay in submission.

FOR THE SENIOR ADVISOR:

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R. S. MIJARES
CPT, AGC
Admin Officer

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DEPUTY PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISOR, Advisory Team 4, APO 96269 5 April 1968

TO: Senior Advisor, Advisory Team 3, ATTN: Admin, APO 96258

1. First Indorsement complied with.

2. Recommendation was submitted late due to the heavy workload of more pressing administrative matters. A contributing factor is the lack of clerical personnel at this Headquarters. At the present time there are no clerk typists assigned to this admin section.

FOR THE PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISOR:

HILTON S. SANDERSON
MAJ INF
Assistant Province Advisor

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HEADQUARTERS, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION ADVISORY DETACHMENT,
ADVISORY TEAM #3, APO 96258 9 APR 1968

TO: Commander, United States Army Advisory Group, I CTZ,
Advisory Team #1, APO 96337

1. Recommend approval.

2. This recommendation is submitted beyond the 30 day period (paragraph 5h, MACV Directive 672-4) because of the number of awards being processed with the limited number of administrative personnel.

FOR THE SENIOR ADVISOR:

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COMMANDER, US ARMY ADVISORY GROUP, ICTZ, Advisory Team 1, APO 96337 25 APR 1968

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

1. Recommend approval of the BSM "V".

2. It is felt by this headquarters that the actions as stated in this recommendation are more deserving of the BSM "V".

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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STANLEY P. HIDALGO
Colonel, Armor
Deputy Commander

STATEMENT

29 February 1968

On 31 January 1968, I observed Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon's conspicuous gallantry and valorous actions under hostile fire. At approximately 0510 hours, MACV Kilroy Compound, came under an intense enemy mortar, recoilless rifle, automatic weapons, small arms and sniper fire from an estimated two North Vietnamese Battalions which had the mission of liberating Quang Tri City and surrounding areas as part of their 1968 Tet Offensive. During the initial phase of the attack, the North Eastern portion of the compound received a hail of withering enemy fire, resulting in numerous soldiers getting killed or wounded. I was manning a 30 caliber machine-gun on the Northeastern berm of the compound. Pinned down by incoming mortar rounds, automatic weapons and small arms fire, I could do nothing but call for a medic. With complete disregard for his personal safety, I observed Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon come to the immediate rescue of the wounded, aiding and carrying them to a place of relative safety, all this time exposed to hostile fire. He came to my position on numerous occasions insuring that I was not hurt. While moving along the perimeter defenses, he came upon Corporal Bennett who was seriously wounded during the course of the attack. After carefully evaluating the serious nature of the wounds, he single-handedly dragged his American comrade to a place of greater safety. After a brief cessation of enemy fire, again mortars began to impact in my area. This time the number of casualties were to great for him to handle. He dashed through the intense volume of enemy fire to the medical bunker and summoned a Navy Corpsman to assist him in removing the casualties away from the target area. After all casualties had been evacuated and placed in care of two Navy doctors, Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon assumed a defensive position covering the Northeastern portion of the compound berm which has suffered the most casualties. Although the area provided little or no protection, he refused to seek the safety of a bunker. Pinned down by automatic weapons, small arms, sniper fire and an occasional incoming mortar round, he shouted words of encouragement to me and directed fire along suspected enemy avenues of approach to the compound. After the heavy attack finally had been repulsed although sporadic fire was still coming in, Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon was instrumental in collecting the wounded, secure a landing zone, and arrange for a medical evacuation. He worked tirelessly around the clock, rebuilding the compound defenses. The actions of Warrant Officer Fitzgibbon throughout the entire attack on MACV Kilroy Compound, which lasted well over 18 hours were directly instrumental in saving numerous American, FWMAF, and Vietnamese lives.//END OF STATEMENT//////////////////////

The facts as contained in the above statement are true as I have seen them throughout the entire attack on MACV Kilroy Compound, Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam, on 31 January 1968.

ROEL ROZEMA
SP5, ER 56384702, US Army

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