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28 July 1972

To : Colonel
Head, Adjutant General office /JGS
(Foreign Affairs Section)

Reference Memo no 445/1/2 dated 17.7.72 of the Headquarters Australian Assistance Group in Vietnam asking for the list of Unit Citation forwarded for your discretion.

29 Jul 72
Col LAI-DUC-CHUAN
Acting Assistant
Chief of Staff J1/
JGS
(Signed + Sealed)

For information

- Headquarter AAAGV

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ĐẠI TÁ TRƯỞNG PHÒNG TQT/TTM
(Bon Huy Chương Ngoại Quốc)

L570 PCTT/HCG

Văn thư số 445/I/2 ngày 17.7.72 của BTL/Lực Lượng Quân Sự Úc Đại Lợi tại VN v/v xin cung cấp Bản danh sách Tuyên Dương Đơn Vị.

Kính chuyển
" Để tùy thuộc quý thẩm quyền"

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OI bản

29 Th.7. 1972

Đại-Tá LẠI-ĐỨC-CHUẨN
Q. Trưởng Phòng Nhất Bộ Tổng Tham-Mưu
ĐÃ KÝ

Sao kính gởi

- BTL Lực Lượng Quân Sự ÚC ĐẠI LỢI tại VN (số 12 đường Trần Quốc Toản Saigon).

"Để kính tường"

PHÓ BẢN

Thiếu Tá LÊ NHƯ HÙNG
Trưởng Khối Phụng Tinh Thần

VIỆT-NAM CỘNG-HÒA
BỘ TỔNG THAM-MƯU
BỘ QUỐC-PHÒNG

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K.B.C. 4.002
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SỐ: 2070/1

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KÍNH GỞI:

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28 Jul 72

CARO
AHQ(C) MS
AHQ(C) (D INF)

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

1. Enclosed for your records is a letter of appreciation written by the province senior advisor to 5411541 Cpl P. GALLAGHER.

(R.D. MILLICAN)
Captain
For Commander
Australian Army Assistence Group
VIETNAM

R445-3-2

SECOND REGIONAL ASSISTANCE GROUP
HEADQUARTERS
Civil Operations and Rural Development Support
Military Region 2 APO San Francisco 96240

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MACSR-CORDS-OPRE 24 July 1972

Brigadier Geddes
Commander, Australian Training Team
Free World Headquarters
c/o MACV, Saigon

Dear Brigadier Geddes:

The attached letter concerning a member of the Australian armed forces is forwarded to you. The original is a part of Mr. Riddle's permanent U.S. Agency for International Development file. Hopefully it can be entered into Mr. Riddle's Australian military personnel file and become a part thereof.

Yours very truly,

R. B. CHASTAIN, JR.
Admin Off, OPRE/CORDS
Military Region 2

Sent to MS
2 Dec 72

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17 Jul 72

Awards Section
J1
JGS
Through: Chairman FWMAO

REGISTER OF UNIT CITATIONS

1. Australian Army Headquarters has requested that HQ AAAGV obtain a copy of the Republic of Vietnam Register of Unit Citations. It is requested that a copy of this Register be supplied to this HQ.

2. Your cooperation in this matter would be appreciated.

(L.H. SHAW)
Major
For Commander
Australian Army Assistance Group
VIETNAM

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26 Jul 72

AHQ (C) (D INF)

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

1. Enclosed for your records are Letters of Commendation for the following members of the Corps of Infantry:

11332	WO1	G. WEASE
14264	WO2	C. EBNER
3411003	WO2	D. MORGAN
2275850	Cpl	D. BURGESS
3176997	Cpl	R. MACKRILL

(L.H. SHAW)
Major
DAA & QMG
Australian Army Assistance Group
VIETNAM

Enclosures: 1. Letters of Commendation (5)

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26 Jul 72

AHQ (C) (D ARMOUR)

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

1. Enclosed for your records is a Letter of Commendation for 31440 WO1 E. GASON, a member of Royal Australia Armoured Corps.

(L.H. SHAW)
Major
DAA & QMG
Australian Army Assistance Group
VIETNAM

Enclosures: 1. Letters of Commendation (1)

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26 Jul 72.

AHQ(C) MB
AHQ(C) (D Inf)
CAHQ.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

1. Enclosed for your records is a Letter of Commendation for Capt P. McTaggart written by the Province Senior Advisor, Phuoc Tuy Province.

(L.H. SHAW)
Major
DAA&QMG
Australian Army Assistance Group
VIETNAM

Enclosures: 1. Letters of Commendation (1)

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25 Jul 72

CASO
AHQ(C) HD

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

1. Enclosed for your records are letters of commendation written by the Phuoc Tuy Province senior advisor for:

31440	WO1	R.	GADSBY
11332	WO1	G.	WEASEL
14264	WO2	C.	NEWTON
3411005	WO2	D.	MORGAN
3275050	Cpl	D.	[illegible]
210155	Cpl	D.	CARROLL
3176997	Cpl	R.	MACKELL

(I.H. SHAW)

Major
DAASCHG
Australian Army Assistance Group
VIETNAM

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26 Jul 72

AHQ (C) (D ENG)

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

1. Enclosed for your records is a Letter of Commendation for 218155 Cpl D. CARROLL a member of The Corps of Royal Australian Engineers.

(R.D. MILLICAN)
Capt
For Commander
Australian Army Assistance Group
VIETNAM

Enclosures: 1. Letters of Commendation (1)

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HQ AFV FILE NO 445-3-4 HQ AAAG FILE NO 445-1-1

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HQ AAAG FOLIO NUMBERING COMMENCES AFTER THIS SHEET

AATTV
Saigon

21 Feb 72

HQ AFV

FOREIGN DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

1. A comprehensive check of records maintained by AATTV has revealed that a number of recommendations for United States and Vietnamese decorations for former members of AATTV are not listed in the files maintained by HQ AFV. Details are shown hereunder:

a. American Awards

No	Rank	Name		Award	Date	Authority
53302	WO2	Hoyne	P.J.	Bronze Star	Jun/Oct 65	Advisory Team 5, APO 96308
3975	WO1	Chinn	G.E.	Bronze Star with "V"	7 May 66	Det-A 728 USASFV, APO 137
29893	WO2	Penman	R.J.	ARCOM with "V"	15 May 65	Advisory Team 4, APO 96258
13097	WO2	Conway	K.G.	Silver Star	22 Aug 64	COMUSMACV Signal MACAG 23165 of 22 Aug 64 to AHQ
3975	WO1	Chinn	G.E.	ARCOM with "V"	2 Jun 66	HQ 5 SF Gp, APO 96240
13973	WO2	Keloskie	C.F.	Bronze Star	2 Aug 66	I Corps Advisory Gp 1, APO 96337
335073	Maj	McNeill	I.G.	? Bronze Star Meritorious Svc	28 Jun 66	I Corps Advisory Gp 1, APO 96337
36075	Capt	Murphy	V.N.	Bronze Star	30 Aug 66	5 SF Gp, APO 96240
26947	WO1	Dummett	R.E.	Silver Star	15 Dec 67	Adv Team 4, APO 96269 - Not forwarded.
235117	Maj	Hughes	J.F.	Silver Star	15 Dec 67	by direction of COMAFV Adv Team 4, APO 96269 - Not forwarded.
23345	WO2	McCartney		Bronze Star	16 Jan 67	1 Inf Div Advisory Det, APO 96258
26344	Maj	Brydon	W.J.	Bronze Star	Dec 69	Det B20 5th SF Gp APO 96240
41580	WO2	Robinson	R.E.	Purple Heart	Dec 69	1 Div Advisory Det, APO 96258
25627	Maj	Bell	H.L.	Legion of Merit	1969	Advisory Team 19 AFPO 96495
2410267	WO2	Baxter	A.S.	Bronze Star with "V"	Jun 69	Thua Thin Province Advisory Team 18 APO 96258
21038	WO2	Macartney	J.H.	Bronze Star	12 Dec 69	Phuoc Tuy Province Advisory Team 89 APO 96291
12222	WO2	Payne	K.	Distinguised Service Cross	23 Sep 69	HQ USARV APO 96375
41580	WO2	Robinson	R.E.	Purple Heart	7 Jun 69	2 ARVN Regt Advisory Team 3, APO 96258

No	Rank	Name		Award	Date	Authority
16273	WO2	Stevenson	O.	Bronze Star	11 Feb 70	Det B-20, 5 SF G, 1st SF, APO 96318
16230	WO2	Powell	D.T.	ARCOM	16 Sep 70	USAAG I Corps MR1 APO 96349
57036	Lt Col	Gowans	P.T.F.	Air Medal	10 Dec 71	USAAG I Corps MR 1 APO 96349
129044	Capt	Gunder	W.N.	ARCOM	Oct 71	AATTV R445-1-1 of 23 Oct 71 to HQ AFV refers.
210839	WO2	Kendall	J.	ARCOM	Oct 71	AATTV R445-1-1 of 23 Oct 71 to HQ AFV refers.

b. Vietnamese Awards

No	Rank	Name		Award	Date	Authority
34563	WO1	Hodgart	W.D.	Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star	17 Feb 65	CG MR 1
335073	Maj	McNeill	I.G.	Gallantry Cross with Silver Star	2 Aug 66	CG MR 1
35400	WO2	Scorse	J.	Staff Service Honour Medal	9 Jan 68	CG III CTZ
34922	WO2	O'Donnell	J.M.	Honour Medal First Class	1969	
5411664	WO2	Bolitho	M.R.	Honour Medal First Class	1969	
21977	WO2	Bond (Deceased)	J.A.	Fourragire Colour of National Order (7 Cav Regt Unit Citation)	1 Mar 69	CG I Corps MR 1, HQ AFV R445-3-2 of 17 Feb refers.
213144	Capt	Kudnig	F.M.	Honour Medal First Class	2 Dec 68	CG I CTZ
32199	WO1	Staunton-Latimer	B.	Gallantry Cross with Palm (4 Armd Regt Cav Unit Citation)	19 Mar 69	JGS Decision 168/TTM/TQT/QD/ BTC dated 19 Mar 69
	Sgt	Karaka (NZ)	L.	Honour Medal ~~Service Cross~~ Second Class	8 Aug 70	CG MR 3
13668	Capt	Peterson	A.B.	Gallantry Cross with Silver Star	9 Aug 65	CG 23rd ARVN Div
12222	WO2	Payne	K.	Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star	Jan 70	
16273	WO2	Stevenson	O.L.	Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star	Jan 70	

No	Rank	Name		Award	Date	Authority
44040	WO2	~~Willimas~~ Williams	A.S.	Honour Medal First Class	8 Aug 70	CG MR 3
28217	WO2	Butler	W.E.	Gallantry Cross with Silver Star	7 Jan 71	Order 004/TTHC NQ/LT/PK/HC/CL MR 2
54262	WO2	Chilotti	J.F.	Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star	Apr 71	
3483	Col	Clarke	J.A.	Gallantry Cross with Palm	15 Dec 71	AATTV 445-1-1 dated 15 Dec to HQ AFV refers
648	Col	Leary	G.J.	Gallantry Cross with Palm	15 Dec 71	AATTV 445-1-1 dated 15 Dec to HQ AFV refers
57036	Lt Col	Gowans	P.T.F.	Gallantry Cross with Palm	15 Dec 71	AATTV 445-1-1 dated 15 Dec to HQ AFV refers
33810	Maj	Aitken	R.J.	Gallantry Cross with Palm	15 Dec 71	AATTV 445-1-1 dated 15 Dec to HQ AFV refers
33810	Maj	Aitken	R.J.	Honour Medal 1st class	May 71	AATTV 445-1-1 dated 4 May refers

2. In addition some manuscript corrections have been made where error in regimental details have been noted.

3. For your information and necessary action.

(J.D. STEWART)
Lt Col

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Army Component

1 Feb 72.

AHQ (Office of the MS)

ACCEPTANCE AND WEARING OF FOREIGN AWARDS

Reference: A. AHQ 445/R1/79 dated 20 Dec 71.

1. The enclosed letter from Commander MACV is forwarded for your information.

2. Of the 155 awards mentioned, 31 appear on either the list supplied by you to AAS(W) or on the list forwarded from this HQ to you.

3. A list of those members of whom this HQ had no record is also enclosed for your information.

(R.A.J. HOLMES)
Major
For Commander Australian Force
VIETNAM

Enclosures: 1. Letter from Commander USMACV.
2. List of recommended awards.

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

21 JAN 1972

SUBJECT: Australia Policy on US Awards (U)

Major General D. B. Dunstan
Commander
Australian Force, Vietnam (AFV)
Saigon, Vietnam

25 JAN 1972

1. (U) This is a follow-on response to your letter (445/3/4) of 2 November and our letter of 21 November regarding processing to the point of acceptance of pending US awards for AFV.

2. (C) Department of Defense has canceled the directive which precluded HQ MACV from processing awards. Therefore, as soon as definitive service guidance is received from the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, processing of pending awards to the point of acceptance will be initiated.

3. (U) For information, our records indicate 155 awards pending that were not included on the original list you furnished. A roster of these personnel that shows the awards recommended is attached.

4. (U) Should Royal Assent for acceptance and wear of US awards be received prior to your departure from RVN, please notify me.

Creighton W. Abrams

CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS
General, United States Army
Commanding

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AUSTRAILIAN PERSONNEL

	NAME	RANK	AWARD RECOMMENDED
1.	ABRAHAM, BRIAN G.	LT	DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (VALOR)
2.	ADDINGTON, BERTRAM C.	WO1	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
3.	AIKEN, ROBERT J.	MAJ	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
4.	ALMOND, RONALD M.	WO1	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
5.	AYRE, GRAHAM	CPT	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
6.	BAIRD, ROBERT A.	CPT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
7.	BARKER, JOHN E. 3—	WO2	SILVER STAR (VALOR)
8.	BARLOW, FREDERICK C.	CPT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
9.	BARNES, JOHN T. 2—	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
10.	BEATTLE, FRANCIS J. 3—	WO	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
11.	BELL, DOUGLAS B.	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
12.	BELL, OWEN W.	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
13.	BENT, MICHAEL F. J.	CPT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
14.	BIRNIE, STUART A. 2—	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
15.	BLACK, CLEM L.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
16.	BLACK, CLEM L.	WO2	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (VALOR)
17.	BLUE, ROSS S.	LT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (ACHIEVEMENT)
18.	BOURKE, PETER W.	MAJ	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
19.	BOUVENG, JOHN L. 3—	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
20.	BREAKWELL, TONY H.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
21.	BREAKWELL, TONY H. 3—	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
22.	BROCK, CLIFFORD J.	CPT	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
23.	BROWNE, JOHN A.	MAJ	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
24.	BRYDON, WILLIAM J. 2—	MAJ	AIR MEDAL (VALOR)
25.	BURNS, ERIC C.	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
26.	BURNS, ROBERT G.	WO1	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
27.	CAIRNS, R. W. 3—	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
28.	CAIRNS, R. W. 3—	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
29.	CALIGARI, BARRY J.	CPT	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (ACHIEVEMENT)
30.	CATTELL, KERRY A.	CPL	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)

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31.	CLUTTERBUCK, ALLEN B.	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
32.	CONNOR, CHARLIE, ST ANDREW	MAJ	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
33.	CONNOR, CHARLIE, ST ANDREW	MAJ	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
34.	CURRAN, ANDREW A.	NAMW	AIR MEDAL (VALOR)
35.	CURRAN, ROBERT J.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
36.	CURRAN, ROBERT J.	WO2	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (VALOR)
37.	DAVIES, BRUCE 3—	WO2	SILVER STAR (VALOR)
38.	DEANE, WILLIAM R.	CPT	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
39.	DEANE, WILLIAM R.	CPT	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
40.	DICKEY, WILLIAM S. 3—	WO2	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
41.	DICKEY, WILLIAM S.	WO2	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (VALOR)
42.	DOLLAR, JOHN F. C.	CPOCD	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (ACHIEVEMENT)
43.	EADE, WILLIAM A.	WO	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
44.	EATHER, DAVID W. 3—	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
45.	EDDY, PETER R.	CPT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
46.	EVANS, JOHN R.	PTE	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (VALOR)
47.	FARTHING, DAVID D.	LCDR	DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (VALOR)
48.	FERGUSEN, J. J.	LCDR	DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (VALOR)
49.	FITZGERALD, JACK 3—	WO2	SILVER STAR (VALOR)
50.	FITZGERALD, JACK 1—3—	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
51.	FORDEN, KIETH W.	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
52.	FORDEN, KIETH W.	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
53.	GABRIEL, KEVIN A. 1—3—	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE 1OLC)
54.	GEE, ALFRED E.	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
55.	GOODES, BRIAN J.	CPT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
56.	GOWANS, PATRICK T. F.	LTC	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
57.	GREEN, LEO B.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
58.	GUMLEY, JAMES T.	2LT	AIR MEDAL (VALOR)
59.	HARDING, R. H.	BDR	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (VALOR)
60.	HARDWICK, THOMAS C.	PTE	DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (VALOR)
61.	HARTLEY, JOHN C.	CPT	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
62.	HARTLEY, JOHN C.	CPT	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
63.	HEATH, GEORGE D.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
64.	HEATH, GEORGE D. 3—	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
65.	HEENAN, DENNIS	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)

66.	HUGHES, JAMES C.	LTC	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
67.	HUGHES, JOHN G.	MAJ	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
68.	JAMES-GROGAN, W.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
69.	JOHNSTONE, MAX	LTC	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
70.	JOYCE, GILBERT K. 3—	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
71.	JOYCE, GILBERT K.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
72.	KELLY, BAYNE D.	GNR	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (VALOR)
73.	KENDALL, JOHN	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
74.	KERR, DAVID N.	MAJ	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
75.	KERSHLER, JOHN W.	CRT3	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (VALOR)
76.	KILLION, DONVALD G.	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
77.	KING, GRAHAM H.	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
78.	KINGSTON, GERALD	LSCD	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (VALOR)
79.	KIRKE, NICHOLAS	PTE	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (VALOR)
80.	LATHAM, KEVIN G. 1—3—	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
81.	LE-SUEUR, BERNARD L.	WO2	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
82.	LEAL, JOHN F.	WO	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
83.	LEE, NIGEL W.	NAMAE	AIR MEDAL (VALOR)
84.	LEFEL, JOHN M.	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
85.	LIVMANIS, ANDREW J.	CPT	AIR MEDAL (VALOR)
86.	MAHER, BRIAN L.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
87.	MARUM, RICHARD K.	LT	DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (VALOR)
88.	MAVIN, KEITH H. 2—	MAJ	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
89.	MCENERNY, JOHN W.	MAJ	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
90.	MCDERMOTT, MICHAEL K.	CPT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
91.	MCFARLANE, BRIAN W.	MAJ	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
92.	MCGRATH, BRIAN F.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
93.	MCIVER, DONALD S.	MAJ	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
94.	MCKENNER, JOHN F. 2—	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
95.	MCQUIRE, IAN W.	CPT	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
96.	MCWHINNEY, JOHN	LT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
97.	MGGURGAN, BERNARD 2—	CPT	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
98.	MILLINGTON, GRAEME	WO2	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
99.	MILLS, ROBERT E. 3—	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
100.	MUNRO, GEOFFREY E.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)

101.	MULLIGAN, JAMES E.	SGT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
102.	MURRELL, LES	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
103.	NOADE, JAMES A.	CPT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
104.	NOBLE, WILLIAM	WO2	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
105.	OLIVER, RAYMOND I. 3—	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
106.	OLIVER, RAYMOND I.	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
107.	PAKES, DAVID E.	2LT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (VALOR)
108.	PALMER, DONALD M.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
109.	PAVLENKO, PAUL J.	WO2	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
110.	PEEL, JOHN R.	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
111.	PERRY, ANDREW C.	SBLT	SILVER STAR (VALOR)
112.	PHILLIPS, KENNETH R.	MAJ	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
113.	PIKE, ALAN W. 3—	CPT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
114.	POOLE, MAXWELL J. 1 —— 3—	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
115.	POWELL, DAVID T.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
116.	POWELL, DAVID T. 3—	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
117.	QURIK, DAVID A.	SGT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
118.	REDMAN, KENNETH J.	MAJ	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
119.	RODGER, M. G.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
120.	RODGER, M. G.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (VALOR)
121.	ROGER, MICHAEL G.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
122.	SALMON, JOHN R.	COL	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
123.	SCHMIDT, LLOYD G.	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
124.	SCOTT, FRANCIS P.	LTC	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
125.	SHENNAN, WAYNE E.	WO2	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
126.	SHEPPARD, WALTER 3—	CPT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
127.	SHUREY, WILLIAM J.	SBLT	AIR MEDAL (VALOR)
128.	SIMKIN, MAXWELL B.	COL	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
129.	SPEECHLY, STAN	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
130.	SPINKSTON, GRAHAM D.	2LT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (VALOR)
131.	STEER, RUSSEL L.	LSCD	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (ACHIEVEMENT)
132.	STEIGER, MAXWELL R.	WO	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
133.	STICPEWICH, KEITH E.	MAJ	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (VALOR)
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135.	STRINGER, DONALD R.	CPL	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)

136.	SUMMERVILLE, ROBERT T.	CPT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
137.	SYKES, FRANK	WO2	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
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145.	WHITE, ALAN G.	WO2	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
146.	WISCHUSEN, IAN E.	CPT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)
147.	WOJCIK, ROGDAN E.	ABCD	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (ACHIEVEMENT)
148.	WOOLSTON, WILLIAM A.	LTC	BRONZE STAR MEDAL (SERVICE)
149.	WREN, COLIN C.	SGT	ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (SERVICE)

LEGION OF MERIT

150.	FRASER, COLIN A. E.	MAJOR GENERAL
151.	HAY, ROBERT A.	MAJOR GENERAL
152.	MACDONALD, ARTHUR L. 3—	MAJOR GENERAL
153.	MCDONALD, B. A.	BRIGADIER
154.	NEWSTEAD, GEOFFREY T.	AIR COMMODORE
155.	PEARSON, CEDRIC M. I. 1—	BRIGADIER

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13th January 1972.

Chairman
Free World Military Assistance
Organisation Working Committee
RVN.

HONOURS AND AWARDS

It is recommended that the following named enlisted men be awarded medals of the Republic of Vietnam for their outstanding services as per the attached recommendations:

Unit	No	Rank	Name
55 EMPS	16375	T/SGT	M.J. Lock
110 Sig Sqn	423574	Cpl	A.J. Wilkinson
110 Sig Sqn	1201152	Lcpl	T.R.R. Rowland

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

Enclosure: 3 copies of Recommendation.

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R445-2-1

10 Jan 72

HQ AFV

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FOREIGN AWARDS - VIETNAMESE

Reference: A. HQ AFV R445-3-1 dated 21 Oct 71.

Enclosed, for your further action, are three recommendations for Vietnamese awards as follows:

a. Technical Service Medal, 2nd Class.

Sgt (T/WO2) M.J. Lock - 55 EWPS

b. Civil Actions Medal, 2nd Class.

Cpl A.J. Wilkinson - 110 Sig Sqn

Cpl T.R. Rowland - 110 Sig Sqn.

(H.C. FRANKLIN)
Maj
For A Comd 1 ATF

Enclosures: 1. Recommendation for Vietnamese Awards (3).

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Organisation Working Committee,
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HONOURS AND AWARDS

It is recommended that the following named ~~AFV~~ enlisted ~~officers~~ and men be awarded ~~appropriate~~ medals of the Republic of Vietnam for their outstanding services. as per the attached recommendations.

Unit	No	Rank	Name		Position
HQ AFV	18092	Lt Col	Keith John	Fleming	ADMS
HQ AFV	25631	Maj	John Frederick	Williams	GSO2 (SD)
HQ AFV	6875	Capt	Allan George	Lawson	SCA (MS)
HQ AFV	2782376	Capt	Gary Robert	Bell	GSO3 (SD)
HQ AFV	216919	Sgt	Phillip Lawrence	Coen	Interpreter

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

Enclosed: 5 Copies of Recommendation.

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Please make sure Gen. Dunstan sees this and/or is made aware of it.
Thanx.

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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FROM: (Include ZIP Code)
Free World Military Assistance Office
MACV
APO 96243

PART I - PERSONAL DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME	2. SSAN	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH
SALMON, JOHN R.	3401	COL	ARTY

ORGANIZATION
Headquarters, Australian Force Vietnam, APO 96243

RECOMMENDED AWARD
Bronze Star

DESIRED DATE OF PRESENTATION

WAS INTERIM AWARD MADE? ☐ YES ☒ NO
AWARD:

7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ☐ YES ☒ NO

a. DATE AND PLACE OF DEATH

b. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NOK

PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM

INFORMATION ABOUT EYEWITNESS

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

IF STATEMENT OF WITNESS IS NOT ATTACHED, GIVE REASON

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED

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PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

INCLUSIVE DATE FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED
14 January 1971 to 1 December 1971

13. INCLUSIVE DATES OF ASSIGNMENT TO UNIT SHOWN IN ITEM 5, STATE REASON FOR END DATE (Retire, REFRAD, etc.)
14 January 1971-1 December 1971 (End of Tour)

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

PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION

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.

IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD TO:

16. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED
COMUSMACV's Contact With HQ, AFV

17. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH AND TITLE OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION
FWMAO
WILLARD W. HAWKE, COL, IN, Chief

19. SIGNATURE

20. DATE

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Colonel John R. Salmon distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service in operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 14 January 1971 to 1 December 1971 while serving as Chief of Staff, Australian Force Vietnam.

In the execution of his assignment, Colonel Salmon's ability, diligence, and devotion to duty were instrumental in establishing efficient staff procedures among the staff elements of the Headquarters, Australian Force Vietnam. He continuously emphasized the establishment of close working relationships between the Australian Force and other Free World Military Assistance Forces in Vietnam. His insistence on developing channels of meaningful communication both professionally and socially through personal contact with personnel of the Free World Military Assistance Forces earned him an enviable reputation as a highly competent and professional officer.

As Chief of Staff, Colonel Salmon gave his undivided time and unremitting attention to his position of great responsibility. His devotion to duty, coupled with his personal drive and enthusiasm, insured that the administrative and logistical procedures of the Australian Force Vietnam kept pace with the ever changing requirements and priorities dictated by a dynamic tactical situation. When the decision was made to withdraw Australian forces from the Republic of Vietnam, Colonel Salmon personally directed the staff in formulating detailed and comprehensive plans for a smooth withdrawal. By constantly double checking and developing a system of command and staff responsibilities, the withdrawal proceeded in a highly efficient manner.

His deep sense of personal responsibility, loyalty, and integrity established him as an exceptionally fine staff officer and leader and provided an excellent example of professionalism to his associates, superiors, and subordinates alike. Because of his keen, analytical mind and his ability to communicate ideas clearly and consisely, he consistently enhanced the image of the Australian Armed Forces and made a vital, direct, and most significant contribution to the Australian Force Vietnam and to the Free World Military Assistance Forces effort in general.

Colonel Salmon's professional conduct in his performance of duty in this position of great importance and responsibility is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit upon himself, Headquarters, Australian Force Vietnam, and the Australian Armed Forces.

PROPOSED CITATION

Colonel John R. Salmon distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Australian Force Vietnam, during operations against an armed hostile force from 14 January 1971 to 1 December 1971. During this period, Colonel Salmon's competence, professionalism, diligence, and devotion to duty enabled him to render exceptionally outstanding service while serving in this capacity. His meticulous attention to detail, thorough staff planning, and aggressiveness while directing the efforts of the staff of Headquarters, Australian Force Vietnam significantly enhanced the effectiveness of Australian Forces in Vietnam. He was personally responsible for the thorough and coordinated staff effort that produced the detailed planning and smooth execution of the withdrawal of Australian forces from Vietnam. Colonel Salmon maintained continuous and highly effective liaison with the Free World Military Assistance Office, the headquarters of five Free World Military Assistance Forces, and the Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam which resulted in the development and maintenance of outstanding rapport and close working relationships between the Australian Forces and the other Free World Forces. The exemplary leadership, personal endeavor, and devotion to duty displayed by Colonel Salmon in this position of great responsibility reflect great credit upon himself, the Australian Force Vietnam, and the Australian Armed Forces.

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20 December, 1971.

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6 JAN 1972

ACCEPTANCE AND WEARING OF FOREIGN AWARDS

Reference: A. AFV 445-3-4 of 2 Nov 71

1. This matter has been discussed with the US Military Attache in Canberra who agreed to recommend to his Ambassador that recommendations should be processed to the point of approval.

2. Attached for your information is a copy of a letter from AAS(W) on this subject and our reply.

3. Also attached is the updated list of recommendations you forwarded under cover of reference.

J.F. White Brig

(J.F. WHITE)
Brig
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AIR BAG

Army Headquarters,
Canberra.

AWARDS OF US DECORATIONS TO MEMBERS
OF THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

1. The enclosed letter from the US Department of Army outlines the dilemma facing the US Army at present in its approach to granting recognition to members of the AMF for outstanding service whilst attached to US Forces.

2. Paragraph 6 of the letter outlines three options which the US Army offers in this regard. AHQ advice in due course would be appreciated.

(J.D. Kelly)
Lt Col, for
Brig
AAR

Enclosure: As above.

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DAAG-PSA-BB	Award of Decorations to members of the Australian Armed Forces

TO DAMI-FL FROM DAAG-PSA DATE 4 NOV 1971

LTC Penrod/37840

1. It is the desire of the Department of the Army to insure that foreign military personnel who are temporarily assigned or attached to United States Army organizations receive appropriate recognition when they perform their assigned duties in an outstanding manner. This office has been attempting to resolve, for some time, the most effective method of providing recognition to members of the Australian Armed Forces.

2. It is understood that the Government of Australia permits the members of its Armed Forces to unofficially accept foreign military decorations but does not authorize the recipients to wear such decorations or record them in official records. As a result, the individuals concerned receive no official recognition for performance of meritorious service.

3. In the past, recommendations for award of U.S. Army decorations to members of the Australian Armed Forces were forwarded to your office to be forwarded to the Australian Government to be made a matter of record. The most recent cases handled in that matter were returned for processing in view of the fact that the individuals concerned could accept such decorations (Incl 1). The cases were referred to the U.S. Defense Attache in Australia for U.S. Ambassadorial concurrence. The U.S. Defense Attache returned the cases recommending that the individuals concerned be given a letter of commendation that could be used as the basis for an appropriate Australian award (Incl 2).

4. Discussion of this matter with officials in the Departments of the Navy and Air Force revealed the following:

a. The Department of the Navy converts recommendations for award of decorations to a letter of commendation signed by the Secretary of the Navy. The letter is forwarded to the recipient through the Headquarters of the Australian Armed Forces.

b. The Department of the Air Force forwards recommendations for award of decorations, along with all indorsements and supporting documents, directly to the Australian Air Force Attache in recommending the individuals concerned be awarded an equivalent Australian Military decoration.

5. Both of the above procedures accomplish the same result. The Air Force procedure is similar to the procedure used within the Department of the Army in the past and is the most expeditious. The Navy procedure may be more effective.

6. The Department of the Army can implement one of the following procedures for handling recommendations for awards to members of the Australian Armed Forces:

a. The recommendations can be indorsed by the Adjutant General to the Australian Attache recommending that the individuals concerned be awarded an equivalent Australian military award. The indorsement and all supporting documents will be forwarded to your office by disposition form for delivery to the Australian Attache.

b. The recommendations can be converted to letters of commendation signed by the Secretary of the Army, or his designated representative, to be transmitted to the recipient through the Headquarters of the Australian Armed Forces.

c. The recommendation can be processed and appropriate decoration forwarded to the U.S. Defense Attache for presentation to the recipients at an informal ceremony.

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Award of Decorations to members of the Australian Armed Forces

7. Request this matter be discussed with appropriate representatives of the Australian Government and that this office be furnished, as soon as practicable, your recommendation concerning procedures to be followed within the Department of the Army for processing recommendations for award of decorations to members of the Australian Armed Forces.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

DONALD S. AINES
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COL, AGC
Chief, Personnel Actions Division, TAGO

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30 December, 1971.

LIST 2.

AAS(W)

AWARDS OF US DECORATIONS TO MEMBERS

OF THE AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Reference: A. AAS(W) R445-1-1 of Nov 71

1. There is a Royal Warrant being prepared to permit the acceptance and wearing of Foreign Awards. However, to date it has not left the Prime Minister's Department for UK so approval, if given, cannot be expected for quite some time.

2. It is desired that the US awards be received in a proper and fitting manner therefore we must have the authority to accept and wear.

3. In the meantime we should be grateful if recommendations can be processed only to the point of approval (first portion of para 6c of US letter dated 4 Nov 71 refers).

4. This matter has been discussed with the US Military Attache in Canberra.

5. Attached is a list of names for whom award proposals are held - these may help the US authorities in achieving our request in para 3 above.

6. Also attached for information are copies of:

a. AFV 445-3-4 of 2 Nov 71 to HQ US MACV

b. AFV 445-3-4 of 2 Nov 71 to AHQ(MS)

c. General ABRAMS reply to Comd AFV dated 21 Nov 71

d. AHQ(MS) reply to AFV dated Dec 71

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(J.F. WHITE)
Brig
MS

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17 December, 1971.

Australian Embassy
Saigon.

Attention: Mr Pocock.

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM - DECORATIONS
FOR AUSTRALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL

Reference: Australian Embassy letter of 9 December 1971.

1. It is recommended that the following reply be sent to the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Vietnam:

"Thank you very much for the following proposals:

- The "CHUONG MY BOI TINH" (Chuong My Medal) First Class, upon Maj General D.B. Dunstan, CBE Commanding AFV.

- The "Y TE BOI TINH" (Public Health Service Medal) First Class, upon Lt Colonel Ronald Francis Gregg, MBE and K.J.A. Fleming.

I would be pleased if you would approve the awards and have them presented in due course".

(W.D. JAMIESON)
Colonel
Chief of Staff

AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY
SAIGON

9 December 1971

The Australian Army Headquarters,
VIET NAM

Attention: Major Phillips

Republic of Viet Nam - Decorations
for Australian Army Personnel

Attached for your attention is a copy of a note dated 2 December, 1971 from the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Viet Nam informing us that the Government of the Republic of Viet Nam proposes to confer decorations on the following Australians:-

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2. We are acknowledging receipt of the Foreign Ministry's note, and would appreciate your advice on the nature of the substantive response we might make to the Ministry in relation to the above proposals.

E.R. Pocock

(E.R. Pocock)
Counsellor

No 5718/PR-I

N O T E

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of Australia and has the honour to inform the Embassy that the Government of the Republic of Vietnam proposes to confer :

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- the 'XA-HOI BOI-TINH' (Social Welfare Medal) First Class, upon Mr. C.F.J. Woodland, First Secretary (Development Assistance) Australian Embassy.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would greatly appreciate it if the Embassy would advise the Ministry of the decision of the Government of Australia on this matter.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Australia the assurances of its high consideration.

Saigon, November December 2, 1971.

REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
MINISTRY OF Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA
SAIGON

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(E.R. Pocock)
Counsellor

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Free World Military Assistance Office

MACFWMAO

Colonel Joe W. Uttinger
Office of the US Army Attache
American Embassy
Canberra, Australia

Dear Colonel Uttinger:

I am taking the liberty of apprising you of developments here in Vietnam regarding presentation of US awards to Australian personnel. Attached are copies of four letters recently written on this subject by Major General D. B. Dunstan, CBE, Commander, Australian Forces, Vietnam.

The announced policy of the Australian government is that Australian military personnel are not authorized to "accept and wear" foreign awards without prior Royal assent. However, as indicated in General Dunstan's letter to General Creighton W. Abrams, COMUSMACV, he does not construe this policy as precluding the physical "receipt" of a foreign award and has requested all pending recommendations for US awards to Australian Force Vietnam personnel be processed to the point of acceptance. If this request is approved, most of the award recommendations that are pending would be processed by MACV or its component commands since the awards are lesser in degree than the Legion of Merit.

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MACFWMAO
Colonel Joe W. Uttinger

16 November 1971

As indicated in General Dunstan's letter of 2 November to AHQ(MS), recommendations for award of the Legion of Merit follow another channel. It is my understanding that recommendations for this award are forwarded to the American Embassy in Canberra by the American Embassy in Saigon to obtain concurrence before being forwarded to Washington for final approval. It is also my understanding that concurrence from the American Embassy in Canberra has not been forthcoming.

In view of General Dunstan's request to process existing recommendations and the forthcoming withdrawal from Vietnam of most of the Australian Forces, it appears desireable to get the matter of US awards to Australian personnel clarified as soon as possible. In this respect, any comments/advice you may offer or assistance you can provide would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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1. Ltr, 445/3/4, AFV, 2 Nov 71
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WILLARD W. HAWKE
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SUBJ: PRESENTATION OF US AWARDS TO AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL

REF YOUR LTR MACFWMAC DTD 16 NOV 71 CONCERNING ABOVE SUBJ:

QUESTION OF US AWARDS TO AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL HAS BEEN REFERRED

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AUSTRALIAN POLICY ON US AWARDS

Reference: A. AFV 445/3/4 of 2 Nov 71.

1. The attached letter has been received in reply to Reference A and a copy is forwarded for your information.

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

Attachment: 1. COMUSMACV letter of 21 Nov 71.

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HEADQUARTERS
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21 NOV 1971

SUBJECT: Australia Policy of US Awards (U)

Major General D. B. Dunstan
Commander
Australian Force, Vietnam
Saigon, Vietnam

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→ COMAFV : Info

→ DAAG :

I suggest we send a copy & MS for info.

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

21 NOV 1971

SUBJECT: Australia Policy of US Awards (U)

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R445/3/1

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FOREIGN AWARDS
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1. The GVN has indicated that it is desirous of processing proposals for Vietnamese awards for Aust personnel who have served with dinstinction in South Vietnam.

2. This offer is not to be accepted as an invitation to solicit Vietnamese awards but rather to propose awards where it is considered that an Australian Serviceman merits an award for outstanding performance of duties in an intimate environment with the ARVN.

3. Annex A indicates those awards which may be considered and the qualifications for such awards.

4. Annex B shows the format which is to be used when the proposal for an award is submitted . All proposals are to be submitted through normal channels to HQ AFV.

(J.R. SALMON)
Colonel
Chief of Staff

Annexes: A. Vietnamese Awards and Conditions for Granting.
B. Award Proposal.

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VIETNAMESE AWARDS AND CONDITIONS FOR GRANTING

ANNEX A TO
HQ AFV R445/3/1
DATED 1 OCT 71

Award	Classes	Qualifications
Army Distinguished Service Order	The Army Distinguished Service Order has two classes: - Army Distinguished Service Order, First Class. - Army Distinguished Service Order, Second Class.	The Army Distinguished Service Order is awarded or posthumously awarded to Army Officers who meet one of the following requirements: - Have been cited or wounded many times in combat or in line of duty. - Have accomplished exceptionally important achievements that reflect great credit on, or is beneficial to the Army of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces in any field. The Army Distinguished Service Order is also intended for Infantry Units and General Officers in other armed services who have accomplished an achievement that is exceptionally important and beneficial to the Republic of Vietnam Army. The Army Distinguished Service Order may be awarded to foreigners for their meritorious service to the Republic of Vietnam Army or for diplomatic reasons.
Army Meritorious Service Medal	One class only.	The Army Meritorious Service Medal is awarded or posthumously awarded to Non-Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men in the Republic of Vietnam Army who have served in the Army and meet one of the following requirements: - Have been cited or wounded many times in combat or in line of duty. - Have accomplished an exceptionally important achievement that reflects great credit on, or is beneficial to the Republic of Vietnam Army in any field.

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Award	Classes	Qualifications
		The Army Meritorious Service Medal is also intended for foreign Non-Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men for their meritorious service to the Republic of Vietnam Army.
Special Service Medal	One class only	The Special Service Medal is awarded or posthumously awarded to military personnel and government civilian employees who have distinguished themselves by extraodinary deeds or have accomplished an important mission that involved a risk of life and required exceptional fortitude and aggressiveness. The Special Service Medal is also presented to foreign military personnel serving by the side of Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces units who meet the requirements stated above.
Gallantry Cross	- Gallantry Cross with Palm. - Gallantry Cross with Gold Star. - Gallantry Cross with Silver Star. - Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star.	The Gallantry Cross is awarded or posthumously awarded to military personnel, civilians, and Armed Forces units and organizations which have accomplished deeds of valor or displayed heroic conduct while fighting the enemy, and have been cited at the Armed Forces, Corps, Division, Brigade or Regiment level.
Hazardous Service Medal	One class only	The Hazardous Service Medal is awarded or posthumously awarded to military personnel who meet one of the following requirements: - Have displayed heroism in the protection of government properties or the life of government officials. - Have long endured danger to accomplish a strategic mission in a remote area under constant enemy threat.

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Award	Classes	Qualifications
		- Have proved their enthusiasm and determination in the accomplishment of a relatively dangerous mission not involving direct participation in combat. The Hazardous Service Medal is also intended for foreign military personnel who meet one of the requirements prescribed above and whose accomplished mission is beneficial to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces.
Life Saving Medal	One class only	The Life Saving Medal is awarded or posthumously awarded to military personnel of all grades, government officials and civilians who have exhibited extreme bravery in risking their life to rescue other people in distress. The Life Saving Medal is also intended for foreigners who have risked their lives to rescue Vietnamese citizens in distress.
Armed Forces Honor Medal	- Armed Forces Honor Medal, First Class (For Officers). - Armed Forces Honor Medal, Second Class (for Non-Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men).	The Armed Forces Honor Medal is awarded to military personnel, technicians, government employees or civilians, who have contributed to the formation and organization of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces and the training of troops or technical cadres for the various branches. In general, it is awarded to those who have contributed to the development of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces.
Staff Service Medal	- Staff Service Medal, First Class (for Officers) - Staff Service Medal, Second Class (for Non-Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men).	The Staff Service Medal is awarded to military personnel of all grades and civilians who render staff service to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces through outstanding initiative and devotion to their assigned staff duty.

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Award	Classes	Qualifications
		The Staff Service Medal is also awarded to foreign personnel serving by the side of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, who have met the above-mentioned requirements.
Technical Service Medal	- Technical Service Medal, First Class (for Officers). - Technical Service Medal, Second Class (for Non-Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men).	The Technical Service Medal is awarded to all military servicemen and civilians working as technicians in technical branches of the Army, Navy and Air Force of the Republic of Vietnam, who have shown outstanding professional capacity, initiative and special devotion to duty. Foreign personnel working by the side of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces who meet the above-mentioned requirements may also be awarded the Technical Service Medal.
Training Service Medal	- Training Service Medal, First Class (For Officers). - Training Service Medal, Second Class (for Non-Commisioned Officers and Enlisted Men).	The Training Service Medal is awarded to instructors and cadres serving in Military Schools and Training Centers who have shown outstanding professional ability as well as devotion to duty and have contributed significantly to the training of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces. Instructors who are not organic personnel of military schools and training centers may also receive the Training Service Medal if they have completed the number of training hours indicated by the military schools and training centers and have shown outstanding professional ability and devotion to duty. This medal is also awarded to organizations, government officials, civilians and foreigners who have directly or indirectly contributed to the training of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces personnel.

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Award	Classes	Qualifications
Civil Actions Medal	- Civil Actions Medal, First Class (for Officers). - Civil Actions Medal, Second Class (for Non-Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men).	The Civil Actions Medal is awarded or posthumously awarded to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces and foreign military personnel or units that have performed outstanding achievements in the field of civil affairs.

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ANNEX B TO
HQ AFV 445/3/1
DATED 27 OCT 71

AWARD PROPOSAL

Request for the presentation of the.....

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NAME:	
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NUMBER:	
APPOINTMENT:	
UNIT:	
CORPS:	
DATE OF ARRIVAL SVN:	
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BRIEF FOR COMAFV

RECEIPT, ACCEPTANCE AND WEARING OF US AWARDS

1. During the DAAG's visit to AHQ (C) for the personnel matters conference, MS 3A requested assistance in obtaining a complete list of those members of AFV who have been recommended for US awards.

2. DPS (B) also raised this matter with the DAAG as he was concerned that if a list was not available before the Force departs Vietnam, subsequent applications by individuals would be hard to confirm if Royal Assent to accept and wear was given.

3. The C of S and DAAG subsequently discussed the present situation with the Chief of FWMAO and a course of action was agreed upon, which is reflected in the attached letters. That is:

a. Seek COMUSMACV assistance in reactivating the processing chain that ceased due to a misunderstanding by MACV on the difference between "receipt" and "acceptance and wearing". Letter "A" refers.

b. Request MACV to check their records against those names held by AFV as having been recommended for a US award. Letter "A" and attached list refers.

c. Approach AHQ (MS) to seek their assistance in removing the blockage which exists in Canberra for the processing of "Legions of Merit". Letter "B" refers. We have also requested AHQ (MS) to check their records against the list in letter "A".

d. Request the RAN and RAAF to prepare a list of their members recorded as being recommended for US awards, for comparison against MACV records. Letters "C" and "D" refer.

4. A brief from Lt Col Lasker to Col Hawke is attached at Flag "E".

5. The above course of action is tendered for your approval.

(T.R. PHILLIPS)
Major
DAAG

2 Nov 71

COMAFV

1. This accords with discussions referred to in para 3.

2. These discussions revealed some misunderstanding of the true position. (These misunderstandings are included in the brief at Flag E which was drafted prior to my final discussions with Col Hawke)

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Gen Creighton W. Abrams
HQ USMACV
APO 96222

AUSTRALIA POLICY ON UNITED STATES AWARDS

1. As I believe that some misunderstanding of Australian policy on the receipt, acceptance and wearing of United States awards has occurred, I would like to explain the present situation.

2. The Prime Minister of Australia is preparing a Royal Warrant for the Queen's approval, containing regulations for the acceptance and wearing of Foreign Awards. No United States awards, with the exception of those for the 'saving of lives', can be accepted and worn until this approval is received.

3. It is within my present authority to authorise the receipt of United States awards, particularly when the presentation is proposed as part of a public occasion. However I cannot grant permission for them to be worn. It is thought that this is the area where misunderstandings have developed, that is, the difference between "receipt" and "acceptance and wearing".

4. Because Royal Assent cannot be presumed and as it is unlikely to be given prior to withdrawal of this headquarters from Vietnam, I would seek your assistance in causing all United States recommendations for awards to Australian Forces (Navy, Army and Air Force) that have been made to date, to be processed to the point of acceptance. This would greatly simplify the procedures for acceptance and presentation once Royal Assent is received.

5. To assist in this task a list is enclosed which gives details of all recommendations for Australian Army members which have been received at this Headquarters. It is believed that this list is not complete and consequently it would be appreciated if any additions gleaned from United States records could be advised in due course. Further lists from the Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air Force are being sought from Australia and will be forwarded when received.

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

Copy to: Chief FWMAO (2)
AHQ (MS)

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AHQ (MS)

ACCEPTANCE AND WEARING OF FOREIGN AWARDS

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2. As a result the attached letter has been forwarded to COMUSMACV in an attempt to free the blockage that has occurred in the processing of United States recommendations.

3. However this letter is unlikely to have any effect on the processing of "Legions of Merit". These awards are made to General Officers and are processed through the following system:

a. Raised at HQ FWMAO and passed to MACV,

b. Signed at MACV by COMUSMACV and passed to US Embassy Saigon, and

c. Forwarded by US Embassy Saigon to US Embassy Canberra for concurrence by the Australian Government.

4. The reverse chain should then apply with the concurred award being referred to Washington for final approval. Unfortunately no Legions of Merit have been processed since Maj Gens Hay and MacDonald and Brig Pearson departed AFV, because at that time the US Embassy in Canberra advised the US Embassy in Saigon that Australians could not accept the awards. MACV has consequently not processed any further awards.

5. Your assistance is requested to re-establish the processing chain by removing the blockage in Canberra, thereby allowing recommendations to be processed to the point of approval.

6. It would also be appreciated if you could examine the list of recommendations already forwarded to COMUSMACV and advise us of any additions you may have. Departments of Navy and Air have been requested to forward us similar lists.

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

Enclosure: AFV 445-3-4 of 2 Nov 71

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Department of Air
Chief FWMAO (2)

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Department of Navy
Navy Office
CANBERRA ACT 2600

ACCEPTANCE AND WEARING OF FOREIGN AWARDS

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(D.E. [illegible])
Major General
Commander Australian Force
VIETNAM

Copy to: AHQ (MS)
Chief FWMAO (2)

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Department of Air
Russell Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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

Copy to: AHQ (RS)
Chief FWMAO (2)

Free World Military Assistance Office

MACFWMAO 20 October 1971

MEMORNADUM FOR: COLONEL W.W. HAWKE

SUBJECT: US Awards for Australians

1. A visit was paid this date by LTC Perez, LTC Woliver, and LTC Lasker to MAJ Trainer, MACAG Awards Section, and the following information obtained:

a. There is no discovered document which directs the filing of recommendations for US awards to Australians/New Zealanders and/or directs that these recommendations not be boarded by the approving authority. MAJ Trainer persists in this policy in the absence of written policy to the contrary and in view of the fact that Australians cannot accept US awards.

b. MACAG files for CY69 and the first half of CY70 reflect that recommendations for US awards to Australians were forwarded through FWMAO to AFV as a basis for AFV to formulate an appropriate recommendation for a Commonwealth award. Headquarters, AFV, has forwarded most of these for inclusion in individuals' files. Some have been re-worked for appropriate Commonwealth awards.

c. From mid CY70 to date, recommendations for US awards have been filed at MACAG without action by the approving authority. As no directive could be found which requires this filing, it is felt this system was adopted due to:

(1) Optimism that Australia was going to change its policy (Incl 1).

(2) A message from AMEMB, Canberra, to AMEMB, Saigon, dated 1 April 1970 which states that GOA policy is that US awards cannot be accepted or worn by Australian personnel.

d. Of approximately 70 recommendations now on file at MACAG, 39 are valor awards. Twenty of these 39 require additional biographical data which must be obtained from AFV before those recommendations can be processed. Several of the recommendations on file are for achievement and are invalid de facto as MACV Dir 672-6 precludes meritorious awards to FWMAF personnel for periods less than one year.

e. MACAG Awards Section is reviewing all files in an effort to locate the directive policy requiring recommendations to be filed without final action. Additionally, they are reviewing all recommendations on Australian personnel in an effort to purify (obtain biographical data, eliminate invalid recommendations) and update their files. This action is not being done on a priority basis.

2. Conclusions:

a. Confusion appears to exist on both sides regarding the word "acceptance." MACV is not taking final action on recommendations for awards as GOA does not authorize acceptance of the award. AFV has, in the past, and RAAF presently is accepting recommendations for US awards without final action being taken by the US approving authority and placing the bulk of these recommendations in the individuals' files. GOA policy does not preclude finalization of a recommendation by the US approving authority.

b. There does not appear to be firm directives in MACAG files which would preclude finalization action on recommendations for US awards.

c. A hiatus has developed in the processing of recommendations for US awards to Australian personnel.

3. Recommendations: As the GOA policy of non-acceptance of US awards underlies the present status of awards recommendations, it would appear there are two possible courses of action:

Blockage in Canberra Embassy Not Vietnam.

a. Headquarters, AFV, should persuade the Australian Ambassador to clarify to the American Embassy that GOA policy does preclude final action being taken by US authorities on recommendations for awards.

b. Headquarters, AFV, should propose through channels to their Ministry of Defense that the American Embassy be informed that present GOA policy does not preclude final action on recommendations for US awards to Australian personnel.

PAUL E LASKER
LTC, USA
Australian/New Zealand Plans Officer

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SUBJECT: AFV Policy on Awards

TO: MACAG-PD
ATTN: MAJ Trainer

1. Attached at Incl 1 is a copy of a "Guide to Current Policy on Awards for Operational Service in the Republic of Vietnam". This guide is forwarded for your information.

2. Your attention is invited to the fact that recommendations submitted on Australian/New Zealand military personnel for US awards may serve as the basis for presentation of an Australian/British award for the action cited.

3. It is the understanding of this office that all recommendations submitted for US awards to Australian/New Zealand personnel are being held in abeyance at Headquarters, MACV, pending a decision at to whether they can be accepted by these personnel. Discussions with the AFV staff indicates that in some cases these recommendations are the only means by which the exceptional achievements of individuals are brought to the attention of their superiors. Thus if the recommendations are not forwarded to Headquarters, AFV/NZVF, some personnel may not get recognition from either the US or their own service for deserving accomplishments. Consequently, it appears desireable that AFV/NZVF be provided with a copy of each recommendation for US awards submitted on their personnel.

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AS

WILLARD W. HAWKE
Colonel, USA
Chief, FWMAO

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

TELEPHONE :

RAAF Element HQAFV
FWMAO Building
12 Tran Quoc Toan
CHOLON
APO 96243

IN REPLY QUOTE .....

12th June 1971

Commander
7th Air Force

Attn: Honours and Awards
APO (In-country) 96307

Thru FWMAO

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL
RECOMMENDED FOR UNITED STATES HONOURS AND AWARDS

1. RAAF personnel have been recommended for various US honours and awards. The attached 'Guide to Current Policy on Awards for Operational Service in the Republic of Vietnam' was produced as a guide to RAAF officers in the field who are involved with recommendations. However, it may be of interest to 7th AF personnel, in that it explains why Australians are not presently permitted to wear foreign decorations. It also explains the manner in which US and Vietnamese recommendations are rewritten for submission to the Queen for her approval ie. although the individual cannot accept the award as originally written he frequently gets an equivalent British award.

2. The 'Guide' is forward for your information and retention.

(N.B. WILLIAMS)
Squadron Leader
For Commander RAAF VIETNAM

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A GUIDE TO CURRENT POLICY ON AWARDS FOR OPERATIONAL SERVICE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

INTRODUCTION

1. The Australian Government considers the traditions surrounding the British system of Honours and Awards are honourable and worthwhile. Australia continues, therefore, to honour the gallantry of her servicemen with British awards. This requires the Government to follow the British regulations and the Royal Warrants by which all awards are granted.

2. These regulations prescribe the operational scales for theatres of war, the standards of eligibility and the policy on acceptance of foreign awards. When, to suit a particular circumstance, the Australian Government desires to vary any of the regulations, representations must be made to the Queen who makes the ultimate decision.

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3. The nature of the conflict and the adversaries involved in Vietnam have created serveral problems peculiar to that area. In particular those associated with the acceptance and wearing of foreign awards have caused misunderstanding among allies.

4. A Royal Warrant was required for the issue of a Vietnam Medal which, as no British forces were involved, had to be raised by the Australian Government. An operational scale for gallantry awards was required which had to take into account the peculiar nature of flying operations in Vietnam. Most of these problems have now been, or are in the process of being, resolved.

CAMPAIGN MEDALS

5. The Vietnam Medal. This medal is an Australian award approved by the Queen under a Royal Warrant. It is based on the Korea Medal with minor alterations concerning eligibility. ABO A 5/28 details the eligibility for this medal with emphasis on the RAAF requirements.

6. The Vietnamese Campaign Medal. This medal is the only foreign campaign award available to Australian servicemen in Vietnam. Eligibility for this medal is laid down in ABO A 5/30.

THE OPERATIONAL SCALE

Operational Awards

7. An operational scale has been approved for Vietnam which lays down the number of flying and non flying awards with associated MID's that are available. This scale is calculated on a six monthly basis and an example of the way this is done is shown in Annex 'A'.

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HONOURS-IN-CONFIDENCE

8. All flying in Vietnam is not operational but it is very difficult to decide what definitely is operational and what is not. The matter has been resolved by counting only 1/3 of the total hours flown as operational. The various types of flying in Vietnam give availability for awards of differing rates. USAF FAC flying is included in the assessment of flying hours. The availability for awards from each type of flying is then totalled and the overall theatre availability reached. This total is currently about 11 awards and 18 MID's over a sixmonthly period.

9. Non-flying awards are made in the British Empire Order. The availability of these awards and associated MID's is calculated on a strength basis on the operational scale, once again on a six monthly basis.

Non-Operational Awards

10. In Vietnam, as elsewhere, acts which warrant some form of recognition will be performed in the air while not coming into the category of "active operations against the enemy". The AFC has been made available on the operational acale to cover these situations. However the AFC is not available as an end of tour award.

Submission of Recommendations

11. The awards for gallantry on operational service are listed in AFO 6/A/2. The AFO gives extracts of the Royal Warrants in the appendix. Additional information is given in Annex 'B'. Recommendations for these awards should be submitted as required and will normally be processed at the end of each period. COMRAAFV submits recommendations for honours and awards for service in Vietnam during June and December of each year. The recommendations are processed through the Department in July and January. Priority is allotted to the task. Further processing of the awards takes from 6 to 8 weeks, except for awards within the Order of the British Empire, which take 10 to 12 weeks. (The Governor-General has approving delegation for flying awards but recommendations for Orders must go to UK).

12. Recommendations for 'immediate' awards will be processed on receipt; however, such recommendations should only be submitted in exceptional circumstances. It should be noted that the term 'immediate' awards is not strictly correct. Certainly special recommendations between the periods of normal submission will be processed immediately (as rapidly as possible) but as there is no delegation in the field (Vietnam) there really is no 'immediate award'.

13. Flying awards for other Australian Services are awarded against that particular Service's operational scale. It is a Defence requirement that all flying awards be referred through COMRAAFV to ensure that the required standards for such awards are maintained.

14. The processing of Army flying awards has been the subject of correspondence between this Department and COMRAAFV. We have suggested that COMRAAFV comments on and signs each recommendation. Recommendations are forwarded to this Department by the Department of the Army with the annotation 'COMRAAFV has concurred with these recommendations' in the covering letter. We have had to reject 50% of these recommendations because they fail to meet the required standard. Probably, in most cases COMRAAFV is aware of further information which supports the recommendation at the time of his concurrence. However, unless the supporting information is added to the recommendation by way of comment we can only judge it on its original content. It should be noted that experience has shown that many recommendations submitted to this Department would not gain nomination for an award if it were not for amplifing and supporting comments by CO and HCOs. The Vietnam situation is no different - indeed in the case of some flying award recommendations

it could be more pertinent.

15. It has been suggested that additional information could be forwarded under seperate letter to this Department. This would help us in our decisions but misses the point that somewhere in the processing of the award that supporting information (if it is essential to a yes/no decision for an award) has to be included in the recommendation or else Defence or some other authority may reject the recommendation on the basis that the content does not justify the award.

FOREIGN AWARDS

16. The position regarding foreign awards is clearly defined by the regulations. This policy is founded on two basis principles, namely:

a. it is the Queen's perogative to decorate Her troops, wearing Her uniform, and

b. any national's primary interest is in the recognition afforded him by his own country.

17. This attitude does not prevent Australian Servicemen receiving Vietnamese or American awards to prevent any misunderstanding, ill-feelings, or embarrassment at the time. The restriction applies rather to official recognition by the Queen and thus permission to accept and wear any such awards on Her uniform.

18. When the Vietnamese government, as the host country, desires to present an award to an Australian, advice should be given that official acceptance of foreign award can only be considered if it is submitted through diplomatic channels to the Queen. Similar submissions from the United States authorities will not normally receive consideration. An alternative arrangement for both authorities is more satisfactory. This arrangement is to submit a recommendation through the Australian Military authorities for consideration for a British Award. These recommendations should be rewritten to conform with the required format and then submitted for an appropriate British award. Recommendations will not be accepted on the basis of 'The British equivalent to ... a particular foreign award'.

19. Proposals concerning the acceptance and wearing of foreign awards for service in Vietnam were supported by the Prime Minister and transmitted to the UK for the Queen's approval. The British authorities rejected the proposal on the grounds that several of our recommendations were incompatible with the British system of awards.

20. Notwithstanding the British rebuff, the Prime Minister's stated intention is to submit a Royal Warrant to the Queen. The warrant will not be limited to acceptance of foreign awards for service in Vietnam but will cover foreign awards in general. The warrant will also apply to civilians. In the meanwhile we are tied to the British system of honours and awards and we must abide by the restrictions inherent in the British system.

21. Currently all recommendations for foreign awards in Vietnam are being held at RAAFAFV until the foregoing matter is finalized. If it is considered that there are now too many recommendations or that for other reasons these recommendations should not be held in the area, then they could be forwarded to DEPAIR where they will be held without further action until the foreign award matter is finalized. If any recommendation is considered worthy of nomination for a British award it should be rewritten and submitted for a British award. Foreign recommendations for the 'British equivalent to a ....' will

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not be accepted, but rather will be returned to the closest British/Australian authority for consideration for submission for a British award. Possible duplication of awards (should foreign awards be accepted) should not be taken into account when considering a member for a British award. The essential point is that a British award is available, and if the deed performed warrants it, the member should be recommended. If he subsequently is allowed to wear a foreign award for the same action, that will be his good luck.

Processing of RNZAF Recommendations

22. Recently the RNZAF asked for some guidance on the processing of operational awards for RNZAF Forward Air Controllers (FACs) employed with the USAF in Vietnam. We advised them how we processed RAAF and other Australian Services recommendations and offered, in the absence of a senior RNZAF commander in Vietnam, to assist the RNZAF in determining the current standard applied to Australian operational flying awards. We Suggested this could be done by forwarding the USAF recommendations for RNZAF FACs through COMRAAFV and Depair for comment. No reply to our suggestions has been received to date.

23. Awards for RNZAF members serving with No 9 Squadron are accounted for from within the RAAF scale of operational awards. ie. They come out of our allocation.

CONCLUSION

24. The awards available for Australian forces in Vietnam are British awards and it is not policy to accept or wear any foreign awards or decorations other than the Vietnamese Campaign Medal. An operational scale has been approved by the Queen which allows adequate recognition of the gallantry and courage of Her servicemen in Vietnam. Flying awards for the Australian Army and the Royal Australian Navy are to be referred to the Commander RAAF Vietnam. Recognition by foreign powers of individual gallantry by Australian servicemen under their control is adequately covered by two methods of submitting recommendations. The Policies detailed in this guide have been laid down by the Queen acting on the advice of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Annexes: A. Calculation of Awards Available from 1st July 1967 to 31st December 1967.

B. Extracts from the War Office Honours and Awards (Phamphlet 1960)

Colonel K J O'Neill
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
CANBERRA A.C.T.
1st July

Dear General,

Thank you for the congratulatory signal. It was very much appreciated.

I thought also you might like to know that the Vietnamese Unit Citation and Cross of Gallantry with Palm that General Ba Cao Tri presented to me last October is probably getting to the approval-to-wear stage. John Fraser MS MHQ told me the other day that it has been through Army Defence and PM's Departments and has gone to London for HM's

Going back to the subject of the recent list of awards, in my opinion there are 8 MIDs and 1 MBE not to be awarded that should have been; but maybe they're coming. I suggested to Peter Falkland last year that there should be an in-country committee to try to ensure a more uniform standard and to hasten the dreadfully slow procedure. They seem to be getting slower and slower.

I do hope you are finding Saigon sympatique. Do let us know if there is anything we can help you with from this organization.

Thank you once again for the signal. Yours sincerely Kakoire

is mine. If you could get one of your staff to find out and let me know I'd like to write a note to him if and when approval comes through to wear the citation.

We had a most interesting round table with Mr Malcolm Morris and I also went to see him on Attaché business. If you are coming down for the CDS exercise we'd like to have you over for a senior round table perhaps, conveniently, the same day as you would be seeing the C. COSC. Will be bidding along these lines to the right people upstairs.

approval. And when the Queen does approve I understand the ribbon will be worn on the right breast as will the (US) citation. General Co Van Vien may be interested in the approval to wear as I understood from Lt Co Hiep (III Corps LO at Nui Dat) that at the time of the presentation General Vien was going to make the presentation but finally couldn't meet the commitment. It was good however to get General Ri. I thought the parade went well. General Abrams and General Ri both seemed pleased with it.

I don't know where Lt Co Hiep

NSO.

US HONOURS AND AWARDS PROPOSALS.

Ref: Telecon NSO / DAAG 18 May 71.

1. My contact at MACV is Major TRAINER Awards and Decorations Branch. (Phone 923 - 2274. Office located at MACV Annex Building 450 Room 221).

2. He advised me that you would be most welcome after 1 Jun 71 (they are in middle of major workload until 30 May 71). Unfortunately you and I may strike a snag. MACV "retires" files after 2 years. Hence same info may well be in archives already.

30 May 71

[signature]
DAAG

Staff Service Medal

Decree No 151/SL/CT dated 12 May 1964.

Decree No 205/CT/LDQG/SL dated 2 Dec 1965.

Purpose

The Staff Service Medal is awarded to military personnel of all grades and civilians who render Staff Service to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces through outstanding initiative and devotion to their assigned staff duty. The Staff Service Medal is also awarded to foreign personnel serving by the side of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces, who have met the above mentioned requirements.

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Second Class: OR.

Awarding Authority

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Vietnamese Awards

Reference AATTV R0455/1/2 dated 17 Dec 70

1. The policy concerning ~~acceptance~~ wearing of foreign awards is currently under review. However at this stage Royal Assent has not been granted for ~~approval~~ wearing of ~~to receive~~ foreign awards of US or Vietnamese origin.

2. JGS policy is that all recommendations for awards to Australians are to be processed through and approved by their headquarters.

3. It is considered that the problem encountered by Commander MRI is essentially one of a domestic nature to be resolved with JGS.

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2. The Vietnamese system for approving ~~the~~ making of an award to Australians follows a similar system to that used by US Forces. Neither US nor Vn Commanders in the field may ~~make~~ approve awards, but may recommend them to COMUSMACV and JGS respectively.

3. In the case of Vn awards

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To DAAG

Subject Vietnamese Awards

C.D.O. 9881

Ref: AATTV R445/1/2 of 12 Dec 70 (Attached)

1. Please prepare an appropriate letter to JGS as requested in Ref A.

Send Copy to AATTV

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Sect(ars).

1. This appears to be a domestic matter for AHVN/JGS to sort out. Use investigate if nec and find out what more we can do, if anything. Discuss if you wish.

2. Prepare reply for AATTV.

AUSTRALIAN FORCE VIETNAM

QUOTE IN REPLY
R445/1/12

HEADQUARTERS
Australian Army Training Team
Vietnam

12 Dec 70

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HQ AFV

VIETNAMESE AWARDS

1. Earlier this year Vietnamese Commanders often expressed their regrets and stated that they were embarassed by not being able to present awards to Australians in the same way they could to US advisers. As a result of this Comd AATTV approached the DAAG AFV, and learned that the policy was that Australians could receive but not wear Vietnamese awards. A letter explaining this was sent to the Chiefs of Staff I Corps, 1 and 2 Divisions and to the respective senior advisers. And it appeared that there was no further problem, All members of AATTV were informed of this policy and know that they cannot wear Vietnamese awards.

2. On 9 Dec General Lam the Commander MR 1 spoke to the Comd AATTV of his concern at not being able to approve awards for Australians. He stated that because of Australian advice, JGS had directed that all recommendations for awards for Australians go to JGS for approval. He further stated that he is allowed to approve awards for US personnel but not for Australians, and this caused considerable embarrassment to him on occasions.

3. Because of the possible misunderstanding could AFV please advise JGS of the current policy.

(J.A. CLARK)
Col
Comd

Cols.

PRESENTATIONS.

1. 8RAR. Presentation of a Unit Citation was handled by 1ATF and invitations to a comprehensive list including the Australian Ambassador were issued by 1ATF. ✓

2. 2RAR. Function is a Bn parade to present individual awards. 2RAR has issued direct the invitations including the Australian and NZ Ambassadors. ✓

3. 1ATF are maintaining a watching brief only on 2RAR arrangements.

Walter Hay
A/DAAG.

28 Apr 71.

DAAG:
COMAFV advised. Also Comd Powell (AUSTRALIA) so that Ambassador may attend with clear conscience.

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

10 FEB 1971

MACJ14

SUBJECT: Award of the Wound Medal

SEE DISTRIBUTION

1. Attached are four RVNAF publications pertaining to the award of the Wound Medal. Memorandum #691/VP/TTL/PCP/3, 15 March 1965, and Directive 655-415, 15 March 1965, contain the requirements for preparing and processing recommendations for award of the Wound Medal. Questionnaire 250/TTM/VP/PCP/3, 19 January 1966, contains pertinent information concerning awards for lightly wounded personnel. Finally, and of much importance, is Memorandum #2487/TTM/1/PCTT/HCg, 25 September 1967, which relaxed what were previously stringent and often impractical requirements for medical certification of a wound. The initial requirement had been particularly restrictive on award of the Wound Medal to RF and PF personnel.

2. These publications are being provided so that personnel and administrative advisors may study them, discuss their provisions with counterparts, and determine adequacy of the effort being expended to insure that each man eligible for award of the Wound Medal is being presented that Medal.

3. Any additional questions or assistance concerning any aspect of the RVNAF awards and decorations program can be obtained from the AG Advisory Branch, MACV J14, telephone ARVN 30946 or MACV 3342.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

E. G. TAROWSKY
CPT, USA
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Office Chief of JGS
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#691/VP/TTL/PCP/3

M E M O R A N D U M

SUBJECT: Application of Directive HT 655-415, dtd 15 Mar 65

I. General: Attached is Directive HT 655-415, dated 15 Mar 65, prescribing procedures for awarding the Wound Medal to RVNAF personnel.

In addition to simplifying award procedures, this office wants to inform unit commanders, who are responsible for preparation of recommendation records, of the special confidence to be placed in them through the content of this directive.

The unit commander can, based upon good conscience, prepare a recommendation record containing a factual account or he may, because of personal sympathy, prepare an account with many exaggerations which will create discontent and bring injustice in the award of the Wound Medal.

Therefore, the unit commander must be responsible in reporting true facts which will provide authorities sufficient data for making a fair decision and presenting a logical and proper award.

On the other hand, awarding authorities must carefully consider recommendation records to avoid granting awards which are based on personal considerations. If they discover unqualified recommendations, the record recommending the award will be returned to the unit requiring certification of the individual's wound.

II. Delegation of authority for awarding the Wound Medal:

A. Unit commanders shown below are authorized to sign orders awarding the Wound Medal effective 1 May 65 to further notice:

a) CG of CTZ and Corps: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel of CTZ or Corps units or agencies, except personnel of DTZ, Divisions, Regiments, Special Zones, Sectors and Air Force, Navy, Airborne, Marine and Special Force units.

b) CG, DTZ and Divisions: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel of DTZ and Division units, except personnel of Regiments, Special Zones, Sectors and Air Force, Navy, Airborne, Marine and Special Force units.

c) Regimental Commanders: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel of subordinate units.

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d) Commanders of Special Zones: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel of subordinate units, except personnel of Sectors and Air Force, Navy, Airborne, Marine and Special Force units.

e) Sector Commanders: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel of subordinate units.

f) Air Force Commander: Can award the Wound Medal to AF assigned personnel of subordinate units, except personnel of Air Tactical Wings.

g) Air Tactical Wings Commanders: Can award the Wound Medal to AF assigned personnel of subordinate units.

h) Navy Commander: Can award the Wound Medal to Navy assigned personnel, except personnel of Marine Brigade and Rung Sat Special Zone.

i) Airborne, Marine and Special Force Commanders: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel.

j) RF/PF Commander: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel of RF/PF subordinate units or agencies that are not subordinate to CTZ, DTZ, Special Zones and Sectors in the matter of operational control.

k) Joint General Staff, RVNAF: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel of Central Agencies, Military Schools and other units that are not subordinate to the above authorities. Further, JGS can award the Wound Medal to personnel under circumstances other than those specified in this memorandum.

B. Awarding authorities and unit commanders are requested to direct attention to the following:

a) When personnel who have been individually attached to units, combat support units or major units are wounded in action, their parent units will prepare a recommendation record based on the report sent from the unit of attachment. The above record will be submitted to the award authorities whom the unit of preparation is subordinate to, instead of to the commander of the unit of attachment.

b) When personnel assigned to reinforced and attached units are wounded in action, the parent unit commander must submit the recommendation record to the responsible authorities to whom his unit is subordinate, instead of to the authorities of the using unit.

For Example: Z Company of X Infantry Regiment was assigned to Y Sector for participating in a scheduled operation. If personnel of Z Company are wounded, the company commander must prepare and submit a recommendation record to the X Regimental Commander instead of to Y Sector Commander.

c) The unit commander is only authorized to submit the record recommending the award of the Wound Medal to the one authority who has the responsibility for awarding this medal. It is necessary to strictly apply the above measure so as to avoid duplicate awarding.

Awarding authorities must carefully consider submitted records and only publish awarding orders within the scope of their authority. Any recommendation which is not within their authority will be transmitted to the next higher authorities. The unit submitting the recommendation for the award must be notified as outlined in attached directive (Section III - Paragraph B).

III. Allocation of Award Quotas: The procedure for administering the award quotas advanced to awarding authorities, as prescribed in attached directive (Section II), is applicable as follows:

a) Administrative Activities:

- Advance award quotas to award authorities.

- Replace the number of decorations which were used.

- Recover the number of decorations advanced to subordinate units when these units are inactivated or placed under the operational control of another major unit or when the authority for award is withdrawn.

- Control the award and utilization of decorations to avoid improper awards.

b) JGS will replace depleted advance awards allocations based only on the receipt of award orders. Therefore, the above authorities must urge subordinate units to prepare and submit records, requesting formalization for the award which was granted, in a timely manner.

c) Liaison system in the matter of administration:

- JGS will maintain close contact with the following units:

- CTZ and Corps.
- Air Force and Navy Hqs.
- RF/PF Central Command.
- Airborne and Marine Brigades.
- Special Force Hqs.
- Capital Military Region.

- CTZ and Corps will coordinate directly with:

  - DTZ
  - Division.
  - Special Zones.
  - Subordinate Regiments.

- DTZ and Divisions will maintain close contact with:

  - Infantry Regiments.
  - Subordinate Special Zones.
  - Sectors.

- Navy Hqs will coordinate with Rung Sat Special Zone.

- Air Force Hqs will contact Air Tactical Wings.

IV. Miscellaneous Instructions:

a) This memorandum is effective 1 May 1965 and will apply only to personnel wounded in action after 1 May 65.

b) Personnel wounded before 1 May 65 who have not received the award of the Wound Medal, can submit a request, with substantiating papers, to the CG of the respective CTZ, DTZ or Special Zone in which they are wounded for consideration. RF/PF personnel must submit this request to the JGS for final decision.

c) The recommendation records for personnel who were wounded for more than one year without receiving any award of the Wound Medal will also be submitted to the JGS for consideration.

d) When personnel are reassigned to another unit after having been wounded, the unit commander of their old unit is responsible for preparing the recommendation record. This record will be transmitted to the next higher authorities who have authority for the award of the Wound Medal, to whom the old unit is subordinate.

The unit commander of the individual's newly assigned unit doesn't have authority to recommend award for these personnel. Therefore, any report certifying their wound will be absolutely invalid.

e) Commanders must strive to accelerate the application of award procedures, especially for personnel who are under treatment at military or civilian hospitals.

f) Published award orders must be directly submitted to the JGS for info (10 copies are required).

Intermediary commanders can appropriately prescribe the number of awards which will be provided by subordinate units.

g) Previous directives which conflict with this memorandum are rescinded.

APO 4002, 15 Mar 65

/s/ TRAN VAN MINH
Lt Gen
Actg CINCRVNAF

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Directive

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HT655-415

Prescribing procedures for awarding the "Wound Medal"

Reference: - Ordinance #209/DQT/HC, dtd 6 Jan 53
- Decree #210/DQT/HC, dtd 6 Jan 53

General:

The purpose of this directive is to prescribe basic principles concerning the award of the Wound Medal in the RVNAF.

This directive is composed of 3 sections as follows:

Section I : Criteria for the award of the Wound Medal.

Section II : Authorities for the award of the Wound Medal.

Section III: Procedures for the award of the Wound Medal.

Section I: Criteria for the Award of the Wound Medal.

The Wound Medal is only for RVNAF personnel (Regular, Regional and Popular Forces) who are wounded in action and the wound is certified as a war wound.

Any wound which has the following characteristics will be recognized as a war wound:

a) Wound inflicted by the enemy or insurgents.

b) Wound caused by the enemy's weapons, ammunition or other causes such as chemicals and bacteriology.

Other wounds which are caused by an accident, revenge or by a friend, even though in line of duty, will not be recognized as a war wound.

The war wound can consist of one or many scars on an individual's body. Multiple scars caused by the enemy's weapons, at the same time and in the same place, will be considered as one wound.

Section II: Authority for the Award of the Wound Medal.

The Chief of the Joint General Staff, RVNAF, is authorized to permanently award the Wound Medal to military of all grades.

During wartime or under other special situations, he can appoint subordinate military authorities to award this medal.

Each award authority will receive an allocation of Wound Medals for use when required.

Wounded personnel will be issued a medal with the initial award. However, for subsequent awards, red stars will be issued. The stars will not be issued to or worn by first time recipients of the Wound Medal.

Section III: Procedures for the Award of the Wound Medal:

A. The Recommendation Record: When an individual is wounded in action, the unit commander will prepare a record to recommend the award for the individual. This record will include:

- 1 report prepared by the unit commander describing the circumstances resulting in the wound.

- 1 extract of the "Unit Medical Record" certifying the disease, wound or disability, issued by a military doctor (see attached sample) or a Certificate of Wound issued by a public civilian hospital (if the unit doesn't have a military doctor assigned). The nature of the wound will be indicated in this certificate.

The above record must be prepared within 15 days effective from the date of wound. This record will then be submitted to award authorities through command channels.

B. Procedures for Consideration and Publication of Award Orders: When the recommendation record is received, award authorities will insure the award is under their jurisdiction. If not, the record will be transmitted to the next higher authorities for consideration. If the record is not complete as required in Paragraph A (Section III), it will be returned to the respective unit for completion. If the individual being recommended is not eligible for the award of the Wound Medal, the record will be returned to the respective unit. The reason for disapproval will be explained.

If a recommendation is incomplete it will be returned to the respective unit for preparation of another record in accordance with paragraph C below.

If the recommendation is complete and is approved, the respective unit will be immediately notified of the approval. A medal will then be issued for presentation to the recipient. Award orders or formalization papers must be published within 15 days of the date of receipt of the recommendation record.

When personnel have been wounded during an encounter with the enemy and evacuated to a military or public civilian hospital for medical treatment, and their wound has been confirmed by the unit commander as caused by the enemy's weapons, the respective unit will only prepare a report for each individual. This report will be submitted to award authorities without any extract of the Unit Medical Record certifying the disease, wound or disability, or the Wound Certificate issued by a medical authority.

Award authorities will review reports submitted from subordinate units. If the recommendation is qualified (the cause of the wound is reasonably reported), these subordinate units will be authorized a number of Wound Medals so as to present them to WIA personnel while they are hospitalized (military or civilian hospital).

After this presentation, the recipients must submit to award authorities a copy of the extract of their Unit Medical Record certifying their wound, sickness or disability, or Wound Certificate, within 15 days for promulgation of award orders to formalize the award.

For personnel wounded under other circumstances, recommendation records will be prepared, to include necessary papers, such as report of the unit commander, a copy of the extract of the "Unit Medical Record" or the "Wound Certificate" issued by a medical authority.

C. Requesting Certification of the War Wound: If unqualified recommendations are received, and if the direct commander cannot demonstrate sufficient factors to certify that the individual's wound is caused by the enemy or insurgents, a request for certification of the wound must be prepared which will include the following documents:

- A report describing the circumstances under which the individual was wounded.

- A statement of circumstances written and signed by the individual.

- A statement signed by two venerable witnesses who know the wound circumstances.

- A Wound Certificate issued by a medical authority.

- A copy of the individual's service record.

- Other papers proving that the individual's wound was caused by the enemy (if any).

The above request and attached papers must be submitted, through command channels, to Awards and Decorations Section, JGS, for consideration and final decision. Intermediary authorities are directed to provide opinions and a recommendation for approval or disapproval.

This directive rescinds and supersedes Directives #948/QP/CA, dated 5 Sep 53 and #235/QP/CA, dated 12 Mar 53. Previously published documents which conflict with this directive will be rescinded.

APO 4002, 15 Mar 65

/s/TRAN VAN MINH
LT GEN
Actg CINCRVNAF

Extract of the Unit Medical Record Confirming the Individual's Wound and Disability

Serial Number	Name of the Individual	Date of Confirmation	Disease or Wound	Under What Circumstance	Name of Disease	Other Necessary Documents	Date of Documents	Name and Grade of the Authority

Seen:

APO . . . . . Date . . . . .

Unit Commander

Certified True Copy

APO . . . . . Date . . . . .

Sr Doctor of the Unit

Report

Republic of Vietnam
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Pertaining to the Wound of
. . . . . (*)
. . . . . .

1. Date of Wound: . . . . . .

2. Place of Wound: . . . . . .

3. Location of the Wound: . . . . . .

4. Type of weapons: . . . . . .

5. The enemy or friendly force's weapons: . . . . . .

6. Circumstances under which the wound was inflicted: . . . . . .
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7. Observation and recommendation made by the unit commander: . . . . .
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8. I have read and understand all provisions stipulated in Directive #HT 655-415, dated 15 Mar 65 concerning the award of the Wound Medal:

9. This report is only prepared once and submitted to the one authority who has authority to award the Wound Medal: . . . .(**). . . . . .

APO . . . . . Date . . . . .

Unit Commander

TO: . . . . . .
. . . . . .

(*) Grade, full name, service number and unit assignment of wounded personnel.

(**) For Example: Binh Thuan Sector Chief.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Wound Medal

REFERENCE: Directive #655-415, 15 Mar 65

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
- In accordance with referenced Directive (Section I), RVNAF personnel who are wounded by the enemy or rebels (by weapons ammo or other causes) will be recognized as wounded in action (combat wound).	1/ Yes.
- According to Section III, referenced Directive, the recommendation record prepared for the award of the Wound Medal consists of:	2/ Although this wounded person was not treated by a military hospital (or public civilian hospital) and his unit does not have any military doctor assigned, his privileges and military rights are not affected. The military doctor (or civilian doctor working in a public civilian hospital) only has the responsibility to determine where the wound, specified by the Unit Commander, is (the part of the individual's body). Military or civilian doctors do not have to be present on the battlefield when the individual is wounded to be able to ascertain the location of the wound on the body. (If possible, however, these authorities should indicate the type of the weapon causing the wound). Therefore, when they go on TDY or leave, personnel who have a slight wound can come to a military hospital, dispensary, civilian public hospital or a military doctor (responsible for providing medical support to the individual's unit) to request a physical examination and issue of a wound certificate. The most important and difficult point involved in the award of the wound medal is: the <u>unit commander</u> should be fully aware of the circumstances under which the individual was wounded for preparing and submitting an accurate and fair report. In reality, the unit commander seldom knows the exact cause of the wound.
- 1 report signed by the Unit Commander who certifies the circumstances under which the individual was wounded.	
- 1 extract from the Unit Medical Book certifying the individual's illness, infirmity wound or disability; the following questions raised by 1st PsyWar Bn:	
- A serviceman was wounded slightly while engaging in a combat operation with the enemy. Because of the minor wound, the Medical Assistant only put a bandage on his wound on the battlefield. 1/ Under this circumstance, is this individual's wound considered as a combat wound? 2/ If this wound is recognized as a combat wound, how does his unit prepare a complete record to recommend an award of the wound medal since he was neither given medical care by a military hospital nor by a unit doctor (the unit does not have any military doctor assigned)?	

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Under these circumstances, the unit commander must check with the individual's direct commander and his comrades-in-arms who fight by his side. If everybody (at least 2 witnesses) confirms that the individual was wounded by the enemy's weapon, the unit commander can have sufficient factors to prepare a report. On the contrary, if there is a certain witness who reports that this wound was not caused by the enemy's weapons, or this individual was wounded during a movement, a request will be established for determination of the wound, and will be submitted to responsible authorities for consideration. The Unit Commander is not authorized to prepare any report determining a combat wound for this individual, based on his statement.

The procedures mentioned above must be carried out strictly in order to avoid improper award of the wound medal to RVNAF personnel who are wounded in action because of unsuitable reasons such as: self-inflicted injury, injury resulting from an accident, etc...or other such reasons.

APO 4002, 19 Jan 66

/s/ LINH QUANG VIEN
MGen
Chief of Staff, JGS
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M E M O R A N D U M

SUBJECT: Awarding of the Wound Medal

Reference: -Directive # 655-415 dated March 15, 1965 from the JGS
-Memo # 691/VP/TTL/PCP/3 dated March 15, 1965 from the JGS
-Memo # 16.100/TTM/TQT/NHNC, August 19, 1966 from the JGS

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to supplement the "AUTHORITY" and "MISCELLANEOUS" clauses contained in referenced Memorandum (2), as follows:

a. AUTHORITY

In addition to officials already authorized to sign decisions for awarding the wound medal, the position of Group Commander is also authorized to award this kind of medal to subordinate soldiers.

b. MISCELLANEOUS

(1) The following is applicable to soldiers serving in remote areas, having no military hospital, civilian public hospital and surgeon, who are lightly injured by enemy weapons, ammunition or for other reasons due to the enemy:

- When an individual is treated in place, and unable to leave the unit to request a medical injury certificate, it is possible to use a voucher (the form is prescribed at the inclosure enclosed), prepared by the unit aidman, or medical officer at the subsector medical station concerned, confirming that he was treated for a wound. The voucher made by aidman or medical officer must obtain the comment of the direct unit commander of the individual, confirming that there is no nearby military hospital or civilian public hospital.

(2) Effective with the publication of this Memo, the following standards and conditions must be thoroughly applied in awarding the wound medal:

- The individual must have been injured by enemy weapons and ammunition, or by other enemy-caused reasons (chemical substance, microbes).

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- The wound must be under treatment at least five days.

- The wound must have been reported in the Personnel Loss Report, Form QD-832, prescribed by referenced Memo 3.

(3) Upon receipt of the award decision, the JGS/AG Office will verify the number of personnel receiving awards, based on a check of the Personnel Loss Report.

(4) The award decision will be effective one month after receipt of award order, if not disapproved by the JGS.

APO 4002, 25 September 1967

For General CAO VAN VIEN
Chief of JGS/RVNAF
BG NGUYEN VAN VY
Joint Chief of Staff

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1. Full name:_____ 2. Rank:_____

3. Service number:_____ 4. Position:_____

5. Unit:_____

6. Affirm that patient (Full name:_____,

Service number:_____, unit:_____,

is under my treatment during the period from:_____

to:_____.

7. Location of wound:_____

8. Wounded status:_____

APO:_____, date:_____

(Full name, rank, position, signature and seal of nurse or medical assistance officer.)

CERTIFICATE:

(Rank, full name, position of unit)

I verify that the individual's unit has no reasonable access to a military or civilian hospital and this unit also has no nurse.

APO:_____, date:_____

Signed & Sealed by Unit Commander

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
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SUBJECT: Award of the Wound Medal

SEE DISTRIBUTION

1. Attached are four RVNAF publications pertaining to the award of the Wound Medal. Memorandum #691/VP/TTL/PCP/3, 15 March 1965, and Directive 655-415, 15 March 1965, contain the requirements for preparing and processing recommendations for award of the Wound Medal. Questionnaire 250/TTM/VP/PCP/3, 19 January 1966, contains pertinent information concerning awards for lightly wounded personnel. Finally, and of much importance, is Memorandum #2487/ TTM/1/PCTT/HCg, 25 September 1967, which relaxed what were previously stringent and often impractical requirements for medical certification of a wound. The initial requirement had been particularly restrictive on award of the Wound Medal to RF and PF personnel.

2. These publications are being provided so that personnel and administrative advisors may study them, discuss their provisions with counterparts, and determine adequacy of the effort being expended to insure that each man eligible for award of the Wound Medal is being presented that Medal.

3. Any additional questions or assistance concerning any aspect of the RVNAF awards and decorations program can be obtained from the AG Advisory Branch, MACV J14, telephone ARVN 30946 or MACV 3342.

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M E M O R A N D U M

SUBJECT: Application of Directive HT 655-415, dtd 15 Mar 65

I. General: Attached is Directive HT 655-415, dated 15 Mar 65, prescribing procedures for awarding the Wound Medal to RVNAF personnel.

In addition to simplifying award procedures, this office wants to inform unit commanders, who are responsible for preparation of recommendation records, of the special confidence to be placed in them through the content of this directive.

The unit commander can, based upon good conscience, prepare a recommendation record containing a factual account or he may, because of personal sympathy, prepare an account with many exaggerations which will create discontent and bring injustice in the award of the Wound Medal.

Therefore, the unit commander must be responsible in reporting true facts which will provide authorities sufficient data for making a fair decision and presenting a logical and proper award.

On the other hand, awarding authorities must carefully consider recommendation records to avoid granting awards which are based on personal considerations. If they discover unqualified recommendations, the record recommending the award will be returned to the unit requiring certification of the individual's wound.

II. Delegation of authority for awarding the Wound Medal:

A. Unit commanders shown below are authorized to sign orders awarding the Wound Medal effective 1 May 65 to further notice:

a) CG of CTZ and Corps: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel of CTZ or Corps units or agencies, except personnel of DTZ, Divisions, Regiments, Special Zones, Sectors and Air Force, Navy, Airborne, Marine and Special Force units.

b) CG, DTZ and Divisions: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel of DTZ and Division units, except personnel of Regiments, Special Zones, Sectors and Air Force, Navy, Airborne, Marine and Special Force units.

c) Regimental Commanders: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel of subordinate units.

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d) Commanders of Special Zones: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel of subordinate units, except personnel of Sectors and Air Force, Navy, Airborne, Marine and Special Force units.

e) Sector Commanders: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel of subordinate units.

f) Air Force Commander: Can award the Wound Medal to AF assigned personnel of subordinate units, except personnel of Air Tactical Wings.

g) Air Tactical Wings Commanders: Can award the Wound Medal to AF assigned personnel of subordinate units.

h) Navy Commander: Can award the Wound Medal to Navy assigned personnel, except personnel of Marine Brigade and Rung Sat Special Zone.

i) Airborne, Marine and Special Force Commanders: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel.

j) RF/PF Commander: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel of RF/PF subordinate units or agencies that are not subordinate to CTZ, DTZ, Special Zones and Sectors in the matter of operational control.

k) Joint General Staff, RVNAF: Can award the Wound Medal to assigned personnel of Central Agencies, Military Schools and other units that are not subordinate to the above authorities. Further, JGS can award the Wound Medal to personnel under circumstances other than those specified in this memorandum.

B. Awarding authorities and unit commanders are requested to direct attention to the following:

a) When personnel who have been individually attached to units, combat support units or major units are wounded in action, their parent units will prepare a recommendation record based on the report sent from the unit of attachment. The above record will be submitted to the award authorities whom the unit of preparation is subordinate to, instead of to the commander of the unit of attachment.

b) When personnel assigned to reinforced and attached units are wounded in action, the parent unit commander must submit the recommendation record to the responsible authorities to whom his unit is subordinate, instead of to the authorities of the using unit.

For Example: Z Company of X Infantry Regiment was assigned to Y Sector for participating in a scheduled operation. If personnel of Z Company are wounded, the company commander must prepare and submit a recommendation record to the X Regimental Commander instead of to Y Sector Commander.

c) The unit commander is only authorized to submit the record recommending the award of the Wound Medal to the one authority who has the responsibility for awarding this medal. It is necessary to strictly apply the above measure so as to avoid duplicate awarding.

Awarding authorities must carefully consider submitted records and only publish awarding orders within the scope of their authority. Any recommendation which is not within their authority will be transmitted to the next higher authorities. The unit submitting the recommendation for the award must be notified as outlined in attached directive (Section III - Paragraph B).

III. Allocation of Award Quotas: The procedure for administering the award quotas advanced to awarding authorities, as prescribed in attached directive (Section II), is applicable as follows:

a) Administrative Activities:

- Advance award quotas to award authorities.

- Replace the number of decorations which were used.

- Recover the number of decorations advanced to subordinate units when these units are inactivated or placed under the operational control of another major unit or when the authority for award is withdrawn.

- Control the award and utilization of decorations to avoid improper awards.

b) JGS will replace depleted advance awards allocations based only on the receipt of award orders. Therefore, the above authorities must urge subordinate units to prepare and submit records, requesting formalization for the award which was granted, in a timely manner.

c) Liaison system in the matter of administration:

- JGS will maintain close contact with the following units:

  - CTZ and Corps.
  - Air Force and Navy Hqs.
  - RF/PF Central Command.
  - Airborne and Marine Brigades.
  - Special Force Hqs.
  - Capital Military Region.

- CTZ and Corps will coordinate directly with:

  - DTZ
  - Division.
  - Special Zones.
  - Subordinate Regiments.

- DTZ and Divisions will maintain close contact with:

  - Infantry Regiments.
  - Subordinate Special Zones.
  - Sectors.

- Navy Hqs will coordinate with Rung Sat Special Zone.

- Air Force Hqs will contact Air Tactical Wings.

IV. Miscellaneous Instructions:

a) This memorandum is effective 1 May 1965 and will apply only to personnel wounded in action after 1 May 65.

b) Personnel wounded before 1 May 65 who have not received the award of the Wound Medal, can submit a request, with substantiating papers, to the CG of the respective CTZ, DTZ or Special Zone in which they are wounded for consideration. RF/PF personnel must submit this request to the JGS for final decision.

c) The recommendation records for personnel who were wounded for more than one year without receiving any award of the Wound Medal will also be submitted to the JGS for consideration.

d) When personnel are reassigned to another unit after having been wounded, the unit commander of their old unit is responsible for preparing the recommendation record. This record will be transmitted to the next higher authorities who have authority for the award of the Wound Medal, to whom the old unit is subordinate.

The unit commander of the individual's newly assigned unit doesn't have authority to recommend award for these personnel. Therefore, any report certifying their wound will be absolutely invalid.

e) Commanders must strive to accelerate the application of award procedures, especially for personnel who are under treatment at military or civilian hospitals.

f) Published award orders must be directly submitted to the JGS for info (10 copies are required).

Intermediary commanders can appropriately prescribe the number of awards which will be provided by subordinate units.

g) Previous directives which conflict with this memorandum are rescinded.

APO 4002, 15 Mar 65

/s/ TRAN VAN MINH
Lt Gen
Actg CINCRVNAF

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HT655-415

Prescribing procedures for awarding the "Wound Medal"

Reference: - Ordinance #209/DQT/HC, dtd 6 Jan 53
- Decree #210/DQT/HC, dtd 6 Jan 53

General:

The purpose of this directive is to prescribe basic principles concerning the award of the Wound Medal in the RVNAF.

This directive is composed of 3 sections as follows:

Section I : Criteria for the award of the Wound Medal.

Section II : Authorities for the award of the Wound Medal.

Section III: Procedures for the award of the Wound Medal.

Section I: Criteria for the Award of the Wound Medal.

The Wound Medal is only for RVNAF personnel (Regular, Regional and Popular Forces) who are wounded in action and the wound is certified as a war wound.

Any wound which has the following characteristics will be recognized as a war wound:

a) Wound inflicted by the enemy or insurgents.

b) Wound caused by the enemy's weapons, ammunition or other causes such as chemicals and bacteriology.

Other wounds which are caused by an accident, revenge or by a friend, even though in line of duty, will not be recognized as a war wound.

The war wound can consist of one or many scars on an individual's body. Multiple scars caused by the enemy's weapons, at the same time and in the same place, will be considered as one wound.

Section II: Authority for the Award of the Wound Medal.

The Chief of the Joint General Staff, RVNAF, is authorized to permanently award the Wound Medal to military of all grades.

During wartime or under other special situations, he can appoint subordinate military authorities to award this medal.

Each award authority will receive an allocation of Wound Medals for use when required.

Wounded personnel will be issued a medal with the initial award. However, for subsequent awards, red stars will be issued. The stars will not be issued to or worn by first time recipients of the Wound Medal.

Section III: Procedures for the Award of the Wound Medal:

A. The Recommendation Record: When an individual is wounded in action, the unit commander will prepare a record to recommend the award for the individual. This record will include:

- 1 report prepared by the unit commander describing the circumstances resulting in the wound.

- 1 extract of the "Unit Medical Record" certifying the disease, wound or disability, issued by a military doctor (see attached sample) or a Certificate of Wound issued by a public civilian hospital (if the unit doesn't have a military doctor assigned). The nature of the wound will be indicated in this certificate.

The above record must be prepared within 15 days effective from the date of wound. This record will then be submitted to award authorities through command channels.

B. Procedures for Consideration and Publication of Award Orders: When the recommendation record is received, award authorities will insure the award is under their jurisdiction. If not, the record will be transmitted to the next higher authorities for consideration. If the record is not complete as required in Paragraph A (Section III), it will be returned to the respective unit for completion. If the individual being recommended is not eligible for the award of the Wound Medal, the record will be returned to the respective unit. The reason for disapproval will be explained.

If a recommendation is incomplete it will be returned to the respective unit for preparation of another record in accordance with paragraph C below.

If the recommendation is complete and is approved, the respective unit will be immediately notified of the approval. A medal will then be issued for presentation to the recipient. Award orders or formalization papers must be published within 15 days of the date of receipt of the recommendation record.

When personnel have been wounded during an encounter with the enemy and evacuated to a military or public civilian hospital for medical treatment, and their wound has been confirmed by the unit commander as caused by the enemy's weapons, the respective unit will only prepare a report for each individual. This report will be submitted to award authorities without any extract of the Unit Medical Record certifying the disease, wound or disability, or the Wound Certificate issued by a medical authority.

Award authorities will review reports submitted from subordinate units. If the recommendation is qualified (the cause of the wound is reasonably reported), these subordinate units will be authorized a number of Wound Medals so as to present them to WIA personnel while they are hospitalized (military or civilian hospital).

After this presentation, the recipients must submit to award authorities a copy of the extract of their Unit Medical Record certifying their wound, sickness or disability, or Wound Certificate, within 15 days for promulgation of award orders to formalize the award.

For personnel wounded under other circumstances, recommendation records will be prepared, to include necessary papers, such as report of the unit commander, a copy of the extract of the "Unit Medical Record" or the "Wound Certificate" issued by a medical authority.

C. Requesting Certification of the War Wound: If unqualified recommendations are received, and if the direct commander cannot demonstrate sufficient factors to certify that the individual's wound is caused by the enemy or insurgents, a request for certification of the wound must be prepared which will include the following documents:

- A report describing the circumstances under which the individual was wounded.

- A statement of circumstances written and signed by the individual.

- A statement signed by two venerable witnesses who know the wound circumstances.

- A Wound Certificate issued by a medical authority.

- A copy of the individual's service record.

- Other papers proving that the individual's wound was caused by the enemy (if any).

The above request and attached papers must be submitted, through command channels, to Awards and Decorations Section, JGS, for consideration and final decision. Intermediary authorities are directed to provide opinions and a recommendation for approval or disapproval.

This directive rescinds and supersedes Directives #948/QP/CA, dated 5 Sep 53 and #235/QP/CA, dated 12 Mar 53. Previously published documents which conflict with this directive will be rescinded.

APO 4002, 15 Mar 65

/s/TRAN VAN MINH
LT GEN
Actg CINCRVNAF

Extract of the Unit Medical Record Confirming the Individual's Wound and Disability

Serial Number	Name of the Individual	Date of Confirmation	Disease or Wound	Under What Circumstance	Name of Disease	Other Necessary Documents	Date of Documents	Name and Grade of the Authority

Seen:

APO . . . . . Date . . . . .

Unit Commander

Certified True Copy

APO . . . . . Date . . . . .

Sr Doctor of the Unit

Report

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Pertaining to the Wound of
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. . . . . .

1. Date of Wound: . . . . . .

2. Place of Wound: . . . . . .

3. Location of the Wound: . . . . . .

4. Type of weapons: . . . . . .

5. The enemy or friendly force's weapons: . . . . . .

6. Circumstances under which the wound was inflicted: . . . . . .
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7. Observation and recommendation made by the unit commander: . . . . .
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. . . . . .

8. I have read and understand all provisions stipulated in Directive #HT 655-415, dated 15 Mar 65 concerning the award of the Wound Medal:

9. This report is only prepared once and submitted to the one authority who has authority to award the Wound Medal: . . . .(**). . . . . .

APO . . . . . Date . . . . .

Unit Commander

TO: . . . . . .
. . . . . .

(*) Grade, full name, service number and unit assignment of wounded personnel.

(**) For Example: Binh Thuan Sector Chief.

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