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**I. SILVER STAR.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918, a Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Steven D. Vermillion (then Warrant Officer), United States Army, who distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 5 September 1969 while serving as Aircraft Commander of a medical evacuation helicopter operating in the Republic of Vietnam. An urgent evacuation request was received from Company B, 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry which was engaged in action with enemy forces in Long Khanh Province and had suffered heavy casualties. Upon arriving at the location of Company B, it was determined that the entrance into the landing zone was very small and that a verticle descent was necessary. Although informed that enemy forces were in the area, Lieutenant Vermillion, without regard for his personal safety, directed the aircraft into the landing zone. The aircraft was on the ground for approximately 5 minutes and loaded seven wounded soldiers in the face of known enemy activity in the immediate area. Upon departure from the landing zone the aircraft began to receive intense enemy ground fire from all directions until the aircraft was safely out of the range of the enemy gunfire. During this intense enemy fire the aircraft sustained two direct hits but was able to complete its mission thereby saving the lives of the wounded and the crew members of the helicopter. First Lieutenant Vermillion's gallantry in action and professionalism was a vital factor in the successful completion of the mission and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit on him, his unit, and the United States Army.

**II. LEGION OF MERIT.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 20 July 1942, and Executive Order 10600, 15 March 1955, the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service is awarded to:

Major General Yoo Hak Seong, 14849, Republic of Korea, Army, During the period March 1969 to June 1971.

**III. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926, a Soldier's Medal for heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy is awarded to:

Sergeant David M. Bane, , United States Army, 21st Military Police Company, 503d Military Police Battalion, who distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life at Fort Bragg, North Carolina on 1 June 1971. On that date, Sergeant Bane and his patrol partner were notified to answer an alarm at Mallonee Village Branch of the First Citizens Bank. Upon arriving at the bank Sergeant Bane was informed by a man that three armed felons were inside the bank. Sergeant Bane then positioned his patrol

vehicle in the driveway of the bank hoping to block the escape of the felons. As Sergeant Bane dismounted his vehicle to move into position he observed three armed men leaving the bank. Disregarding his personal safety Sergeant Bane engaged the felons in gunfire resulting in his being wounded by automatic weapons fire. Sergeant Bane although painfully wounded, and again disregarding his personal safety, managed to reach his vehicle to call the Military Police Desk. Upon reaching his vehicle Sergeant Bane was wounded again, this time in the shoulder. Sergeant Bane's quick action resulted in the capture of one of the felons and the recovery of a portion of the money. The individual captured also supplied the names and descriptions of the others involved in the robbery. Sergeant Bane's devotion to duty was outstanding and is worthy of the highest praise. By his courageous action and humanitarian regard for his fellowman, in the dedication of service to his country, Sergeant Bane has reflected great credit on himself and the United States Army.

**IV. BRONZE STAR MEDAL.** By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962, a Bronze Star Medal with "V" device in connection with military operations against hostile forces is awarded to:

Sergeant First Class David L. Johnson, , United States Army, distinguished himself by heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force on 13 March 1967, in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving as Wire Foreman with Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry, 4th Infantry Division. On that date, at approximately 2300 hours, Trains Area of the 1st Battalion, 22d Infantry was attacked by heavy mortar fire. Sergeant Johnson was moving to the safety of a bunker when he noticed that the communications line to the Brigade Tactical Operation Center was destroyed. Realizing the importance of communications during an attack, Sergeant Johnson moved to the communications bunker to obtain a roll of wire. He then rushed through the heavy mortar fire to the Brigade area to repair the broken line. With complete disregard for his safety, Sergeant Johnson remained in the dangerous area until he had repaired the communications line. Because of his actions this vital communications link to the Brigade Tactical Operations Center was established permitting command and control of tactical elements of his unit. Sergeant First Class Johnson's actions were in keeping with the highest standards of the military service and reflected great credit on him and the United States Army.

**V. ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL.** By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device for heroism is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant David J. Frazier (then Specialist Five), , United States Army, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 12th Infantry, distinguished himself by heroic actions against a hostile enemy force in the Republic of Vietnam on 30 August 1968. On that date, at approximately 1645 hours, Company C was performing a helicopter combat assault of Hill 1258, southwest of Dak Seang in Kontum Province, Republic of Vietnam. The first four helicopters landed their men on a landing zone on the south side of the previously abandoned fire base. As the fifth helicopter touched down, the group of 25 men came under an intense volume of mortar, rocket, and automatic weapons fire from a North Vietnamese Army force in well entrenched positions. After nearly 2 hours of fierce fighting, the 4th Platoon succeeded in

securing the crest of the hill although rocket and small arms fire was still being received from the lower slopes. Specialist Frazier, a medic attached to the company, was among the men brought in to reinforce the battered 4th Platoon. Specialist Frazier immediately began to treat the casualties and prepared them for evacuation. When one of the helicopters missed the landing zone and crashed on a finger outside the perimeter, Specialist Frazier unhesitatingly moved outside the defensive lines toward the downed helicopter, despite the fact that small arms fire had been coming from the area only moments before. Specialist Frazier's brave actions kept the enemy soldiers from immediately surrounding the helicopter and capturing the entire crew before they could be evacuated. Specialist Five Frazier's valor and devotion to duty are consistent with the highest and most cherished traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him, the 4th Infantry Division and the United States Army. (This award is authorized under the provisions of paragraph 11c, AR 672-5-1.)

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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