

HEADQUARTERS
1ST AVIATION BRIGADE
APO San Francisco 96307

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 3249

"NGUY HIEM"

11 July 1967

AWARD OF THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

Awarded: Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 28 April 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism while engaged in aerial flight in connection with military operations against a hostile force: These men distinguished themselves by exceptionally valorous actions on 28 April 1967, while serving as standby evacuation pilots in the 131st Aviation Company, Republic of Vietnam. At 0130 hours, the 131st and surrounding perimeter came under an intense mortar attack from hostile forces. Disregarding personal safety, these men proceeded to their respective aircraft and with rounds still hitting, prepared to evacuate them to a friendly airfield. Ignoring shrapnel damage to their aircraft, they were all airborne within twenty minutes after the first mortar round hit the area. After completion of the evacuation and again ignoring the damage to their aircraft, they volunteered to fly their aircraft back to their home field so necessary repairs could be made to allow this unit to continue its important mission. The heroic actions of these men were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves, their unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the Secretary of the Army under the provisions of AR 672-5-1 and United States Army Vietnam Message 16695 dated 1 July 1966.

CULLINS, ROBERT B. III 076047 CAPTAIN ARMOR USA
131st Aviation Company (AS), APO 96308
FIEBIG, ERNEST L. 05405799 CAPTAIN SIGNAL CORPS USA
131st Aviation Company (AS), APO 96308
FRIESE, JON A. 0F105396 CAPTAIN TRANSPORTATION CORPS USA
131st Aviation Company (AS), APO 96308
KNOFS, NORMAN 05406259 CAPTAIN ARTILLERY USA
131st Aviation Company (AS), APO 96308
LEWTER, JAMES T. 05410448 CAPTAIN ARMOR USA
131st Aviation Company (AS), APO 96308
MOLENDI, CHARLES A. 05315529 CAPTAIN ARMOR USA
131st Aviation Company (AS), APO 96308
RUX, WILLIAM A. II 091038 CAPTAIN CORPS OF ENGINEERS USA
131st Aviation Company (AS), APO 96308
TUCKER, PHILLIP B. 05312221 CAPTAIN INFANTRY USA
131st Aviation Company (AS), APO 96308

FOR THE COMMANDER:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 223RD COMBAT SUPPORT AVIATION BATTALION
APO 96238

AVGD-DP

SUBJECT: Port Call - Air Travel

TO: KNOFS, NORMAN 05406259 GPT 131st Avn Co APO SF 96308

1. This port call constitutes an amendment to your orders.
2. You are scheduled to depart the Republic of Vietnam as indicated.

FLIGHT NUMBER: N252A/026 DEPARTING CAM RANH BAY.

LINE NUMBER: 05-26-248 HOUR: 1800 DATE: 26May67 *VIA: TCM

REPORT TO 22ND REPL BN, CAM RANH BAY
NO EARLIER THAN


HOUR: 1800 DATE: 24May67 NO LATER THAN
HOUR: 1800 DATE: 25May67

3. Prior to your departure from this headquarters you will be issued an authenticated Military Airlift Command (MAC) Transportation Authorization (DD Form 1482) which must be presented to Air Force processing personnel prior to boarding MAC aircraft. The DD Form 1482 is an accountable document and must remain in your possession until final processing before boarding MAC aircraft.

4. Copies of this port call will be given to a representative of the 22nd Replacement Battalion upon your arrival at Cam Ranh Bay.

5. You will report no later than 24May67 to your personnel section for out-processing.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


K. D. OLSON
CW3, USA
Asst Adjutant

*ROUTING CODES:

TCM - Tacoma, Wash

SUU - Travis AFB, Calif

WRI - McGuire AFB, N.J.

VCR - Cam Ranh Bay, RVN

SGN - Saigon, RVN

HOA - Ben Hoa, RVN

HIK - Hickum AFB, Haw

TAW - Korea

TYO - Tokyo, Japan

223rd AVN BN Form Letter 1 (29 Jan 67)

HEADQUARTERS
1ST AVIATION BRIGADE
APO San Francisco 96307

"NGUY HIEM"

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 3737

7 August 1967

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

X KNOFS, NORMAN 05904331 CAPTAIN ARTILLERY USA
131st Avn Co, APO 96308

Awarded: Distinguished Flying Cross

Date action: 16 April 1967


Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism while participating in aerial flight evidenced by voluntary actions above and beyond the call of duty: Captain Knofs distinguished himself on 16 April 1967, while serving as pilot of an OV-1 aircraft on a night infrared surveillance mission. Immediately after descending into the target area he located a ten truck enemy convoy. After the infrared sensor system malfunctioned, he decided to continue the mission by visual means, despite extremely adverse conditions. His aircraft then came under fire from four .50 caliber machinegun positions. He immediately took evasive actions and assisted the observer in plotting the coordinates of the positions. After clearing the area, four 37mm anti-aircraft bursts were observed near the aircraft. He once again took evasive action and called in the positions to the control ship. Through his willingness to continue the mission under the most hazardous conditions, he contributed immeasurably to the success of the mission. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:


LEWIS T. TURNER
Captain, AGC
Asst Adjutant General

JAMES D. KIDDER
COL, INF
Chief of Staff

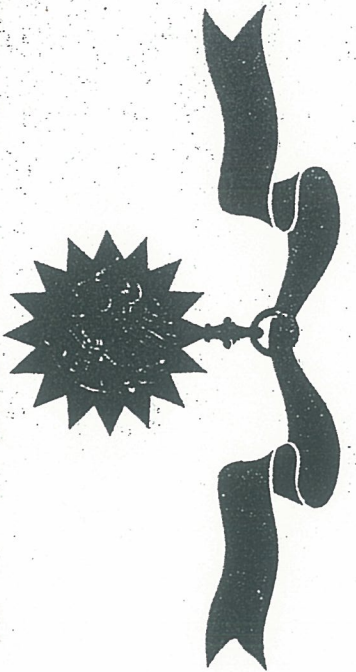
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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, MAY 11, 1942
HAS AWARDED


THE AIR MEDAL

(NINETEENTH THRU TWENTY-FIFTH AWARD)

TO

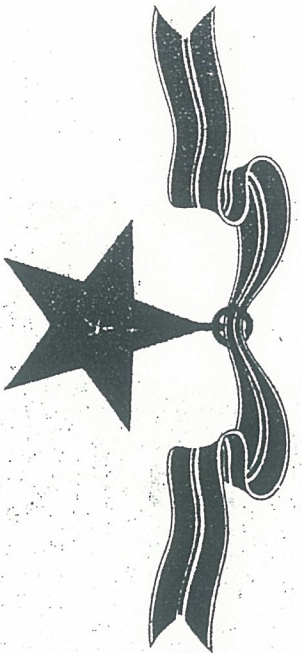
CAPTAIN NORMAN KNOPS 029-30-2089 FIELD ARTILLERY

FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT
WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT
IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD 25 MAY 1969 TO 3 MAY 1970
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS SEVENTH DAY OF MAY 1970


JACK W. HEMINGWAY
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding-1st Aviation Brigade




Stanley R. Roan
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, 24 AUGUST 1962
HAS AWARDED

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

(THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER)
TO

CAPTAIN NORMAN KNOFS 029-30-2089 FIELD ARTILLERY
FOR

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT
IN GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES
IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD 12 OCTOBER 1969 TO 7 APRIL 1970
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS SIXTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 19 71

Jack W. Hemingway
JACK W. HEMINGWAY
Brigadier General, USA
Commanding - 1st Aviation Brigade



Stanley R. Ross
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

Citation

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

(THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

IS PRESENTED TO

CAPTAIN NORMAN KNOFS 029-30-2089 FIELD ARTILLERY

who distinguished himself by outstandingly meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. During the period

12 OCTOBER 1969 TO 7 APRIL 1970

he consistently manifested exemplary professionalism and initiative in obtaining outstanding results. His rapid assessment and solution of numerous problems inherent in a combat environment greatly enhanced the allied effectiveness against a determined and aggressive enemy. Despite many adversities, he invariably performed his duties in a resolute and efficient manner. Energetically applying his sound judgment and extensive knowledge, he has contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the United States mission in the Republic of Vietnam. His loyalty, diligence and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.



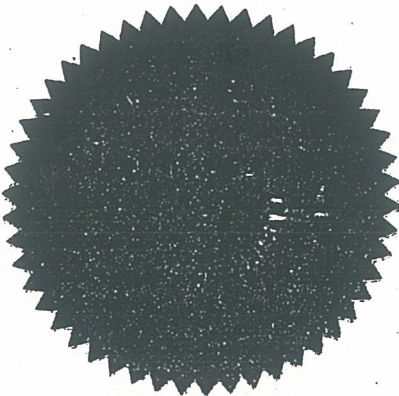
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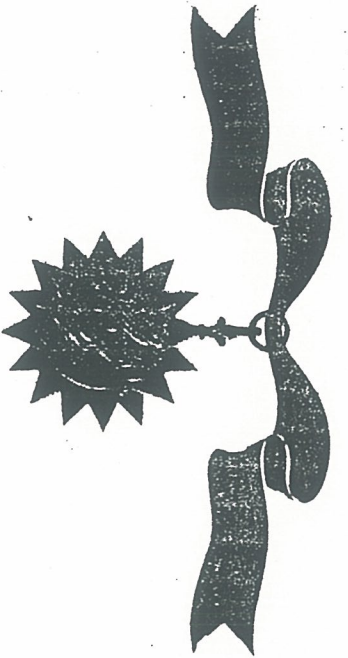
CITATION

By direction of the Secretary of the Army, the Army Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) is awarded to

**CAPTAIN NORMAN KNOFS, 05406259, FIELD ARTILLERY
UNITED STATES ARMY**

for exceptionally meritorious service during the period 3 July 1967 to 10 April 1969, while serving as a Flight Instructor in the O-1 Branch and OV-1 "Mohawk" Branch, Flight Training Division, Department of Advanced Fixed Wing Training, United States Army Aviation School, Fort Rucker, Alabama. Throughout this period, Captain KNOFS demonstrated an outstanding knowledge of instructor techniques. With his unique understanding of student behavior, Captain KNOFS was able to tailor his flight training to the individual's needs and graduate them in the allotted time. He consistently motivated and inspired above average performance from all his students. Captain KNOFS contributed significantly in maintaining and improving the high standards of flight training in both the OV-1 and O-1 aircraft. His positive attitude, professional competence, leadership qualities, and performance of duty have been an inspiration to the officers who have worked with him. Captain KNOFS' outstanding performance of duty reflects the highest credit upon himself, the United States Army Aviation School, and the United States Army. Entered Federal Service from Massachusetts.





THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, MAY 11, 1942
HAS AWARDED

THE AIR MEDAL

(12TH THROUGH 17TH AWARDS)
TO

CAPTAIN NORMAN KNOFS, FIELD ARTILLERY, UNITED STATES ARMY

FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT
WHILE PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT
IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON MARCH 1967 TO MAY 1967
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 1ST DAY OF MAY 1970

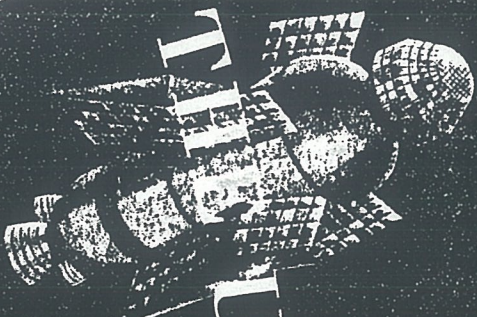
Spencer H. G. Wickham

Major General, USA
The Adjutant General



Stanley R. Roon

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



PARALEL NORMAN KNIPS
029-30-2089

*has successfully completed the
and is herewith awarded this*

PACAF LIFE SUPPORT SCHOOL

CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING

Arthur E. Giroux

ARTHUR E. GIROUX, Major, USAF
Commander

29 AUG 1968

Date



PARA-SAIL

Department of the Army



Certificate of Training

This is to certify that

CAPTAIN NORMAN KNOFS
05406259 ARTY

has successfully completed

OV-1 (MOHAWK) INSTRUCTOR PILOT
FLIGHT STANDARDIZATION & QUALIFICATION COURSE

Given at U S ARMY AVIATION SCHOOL, FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA, 22 JULY 1968

A. T. Pumphrey
A T PUMPHREY
Colonel, Armor
Director
Department of Advanced Fixed Wing Training



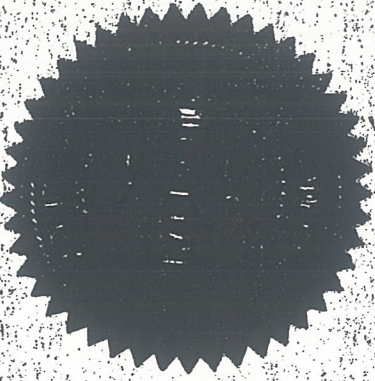


The President of the United States of America, authorized by Executive Order, 11 May 1942, has awarded the Air Medal (12th through 17th Awards) to

CAPTAIN NORMAN KNOFFS
UNITED STATES ARMY

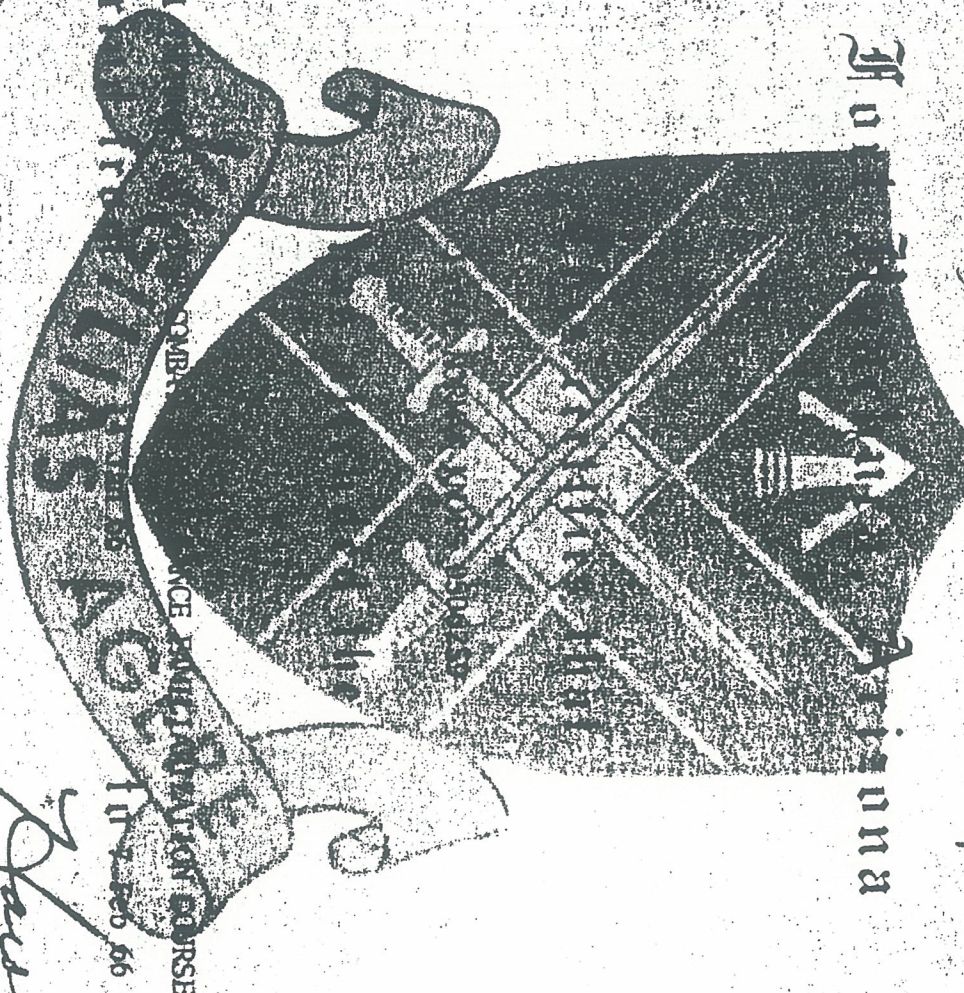
for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

Captain Norman Knoffs, Field Artillery, distinguished himself by meritorious achievement in the Republic of Vietnam during the period March 1967 to May 1967. During this time he actively participated in more than twenty-five aerial missions over hostile territory in support of counterinsurgency operations. During all of these missions he displayed the highest order of air discipline and acted in accordance with the best traditions of the service. By his determination to accomplish his mission in spite of the hazards inherent in repeated aerial flights over hostile territory and by his outstanding degree of professionalism and devotion to duty, he has brought credit on himself and the military service.



United States Army
Combat Surveillance School

Fort Huachuca, Arizona



during the period...

Cynthia J. Van Arken
Major
SECRETARY
MAC

Harold F. Via

HAROLD F. VIA
Colonel, Arty
COMMANDANT

OV-1
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