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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR

NAME: Rodney J. Evans

STATUS: Squad Leader, Sergeant, US Army

ORGANIZATION: Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Phuoc Vinh, RVN

NEXT OF KIN: Mr and Mrs John C. Evans (Parents)

PERSONS WHO ASSISTED: None

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT PERFORMED:

LOCATION: Coordinates XT435645, Tay Ninh Province, RVN

DATE: 1030 Hours, 18 July 1969

TERR/.IN: Dense Vegetation with high bamboo

WEATHER: Clear with high temperatures

- ENEMY CONDITION: The enemy was firmly entrenched in bunkered positions with exceptional cover provided by thick vegetation. Their strength was estimated to be a security company. Morale was high due to nature of terrain.
- DEFENDER'S CONDITION: To make contact with and destroy an enemy force entrenched in a bunker complex. Unit morale was excellent.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF GALLANT CONDUCT:

On 18 July 1969 Sergeant Evans' unit was participating in a bomb damage assessment mission. Sergeant Evans' platoon was moving as the front element of the operation. About 150 meters from the company night ambush position, they heard movement to their front. Reconnaissance by fire was employed as the platoon continued to move forward. After proceeding about 25 meters forward, the point squad was hit by a command-detonated chicom claymore mine and suffered several casualities. As Sergeant Evans was directing his squad about ten meters to the left of the point element, he observed a second mine to his right. Crawling forward on the ground, he yelled, "Mine" to his comrades, leaped on the claymore, and covered it with his body. The muffled explosion lifted Sergeant Evans about a foot off the ground and despite emergency first aid treatment he succumbed to his critical wounds. On the order of the Company Commander contact was broken, the wounded were pulled back to the NAP in order that the target area could be raked with air strikes. Detailed questioning of all eye-witnesses to the incident (including the medic who treated Sergeant Evans) established to the satisfaction of all present that Sergeant Evans sighted the mine and jumped on it, thus sacrificing his life to protect his men.

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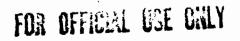
TO: The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPB-AB, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C. 20314

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FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHEEP:

l Incl ac W. J. DURRENBERGER Major General, GS Acting Chief of Staff

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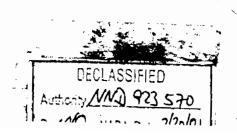
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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSETANCE COMMAND, VETRAM, APO 66283 3 8 JAN 1978

TO: Commander In Chief, Pacific, 7PO 96610

Recommend approval.

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Commander In Chief United States Army, Pacific APO 96558

Forwarded in accordance with Section II, para 24b(3), AR 672-5-1.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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B. G. LEWIS Major, USA Asst AG

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ten meters to the left of the point squad. On impact, Sergeant Evans observed a second Chicom claymore mine about five feet to his right. Crawling forward on the ground and yelling "minel" to his comrades, Sergeant Evans leaped on the explosive device, and was jolted by a muffled explosion which lifted him a foot off the ground. Even with the administering of emergency first aid treatment, Sergeant Evans succumbed to his critical wounds. The company commander ordered the wounded pulled back to the NAP for Medevac; the Second and Third platoons were directed to break contact and return to the NAP, for the purpose of raking the target area with air strikes. Upon detailed questioning of all eyewitnesses to the incident (including the medical aidman who treated Sergeant Evans), it was established to the satisfaction of all present that Sergeant Evans had sighted a Chicom claymore mine and had jumped on it - sacrificing his life to protect his comrades.

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DA, HQ, 1st Bde, 1st Cav Div (AM), APO 96490 18 August 1969 TO: Commanding General, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), ATTN: AVDAAG-AD, APO 96490

Recommend approval.

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BA, MEADQUARTERS, 1ST CAVALET DIVISION (AIRMOBILE), APO 96490 $= 3.1 \pm 1$

TO: Commanding General, II Field Force Vistnam, ATTN: AVFE-AGD, APO 96266

1. The recommendation for porthemous award of the Medal of Hener has been reviewed by the 1st Cavelry Mivision (Airmobile) Awards and Decorations Heard, which recommended approval of the sward.

2. Recommand approval of the sward of the Nedal of Honor to Sergeant Rodamy J. Dvans, , Waited States Army.

3. All essential items of personnel data have been verified. This recommendation is not in contrevention with AR 600-31.

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E. B. ROBERTS Major General, USA Commanding

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AVFB-AG Evens, Rodney J. 4th Ind (12 Aug 69)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award - Medal of Honor

DA, HEADQUARTERS, II FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, APO 96266 1 5 NOV 1969

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

Recommend approval. Sergeant Evans' conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity, at the sacrifice of his own life, merits award of the Medal of Honor.

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JULIAN J. EMELL Lieutenant General, USA Commanding

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AVHAG-PD EVANS, Rodney J. 5th Ind (12 August 1969) SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO 96375

TO: Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, APO 96222

1. Recommend approval.

2. Sergeant Evans distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity, at the cost of his life, above and beyond the call of duty.

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FRANK T. MILDREN Lieutenant General, US Army Deputy Commanding General

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WITNESS STATEMENT ON 18 JULY 1969, COMPANY D WAS GIVEN THE MISSION TO ASSESS BOMB DAMAGE OF AN AREA WHERE THE PREVIOUS DAY WE ENCOUNTERED A CHICOM CLAYMORE, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, AND SMALL-ARMS FIRE. THE 3RD PLATOON AND 2ND PLATOON WERE GIVEN THE MISSION TO SEADEH.OUT AND CLEAR THE AREA WITH THE 3RD PLATOON DEPLOYED IN 3 SQUAD FILES LEADING, AND THE 2ND PLATOON FOLLOW ING AND REIN-FORCING THE 3RD PLATOON. THE PLATOONS MOVED FROM THE NAP (XT-430649) ON AN AZIMUTH OF 240 DEGREES FOR 150 METERS, WHERE THE 3RD PLATOON CAME UPON A TRAIL HEADING NORTHEAST TO WEST. AT THIS TIME THE KIT CARSON SCOUT INFORMED THE PLATOON THAT THE TRAIL WAS BOOBY-TRAPPED, AND THEY BEGAN A MOVE SHORT OF BUT PAR-ALLEL TO THE TRAIL IN A NORTH-NORTHEAST DIRECTION. THE 3RD PLATOON HAD JUST BEGUN THEIR MOVE IN THE NEW DIRECTION WHEN THEY HEARD HEAVY MOVEMENT TO THEIR FRONT. RECON BY FIRE WAS EMPLOYED WITH M-79 AND M-60 MACHINE GUN, AND THE PLATOON CONTINUED ITS MOVE, KNOWING THAT THEY WERE FACED WITH AN ENEMY THAT WAS BOTH CUNNING AND PROFESSIONAL IN THE DEFENSE OF THEIR (NVA) POSITIONS. THE PLATOON HAD MOVED ABOUT 25 METERS WHEN THE POINT SQUAD WAS HIT BY A COMMAND-DETONATED CHICOM CLAYMORE CAUSING CASUALTIES TO THE SQUAD FORWARD TO PROVIDE SECURITY FROM THE LEFT FLANK WHEN THE SECOND COMMAND-DETONATED CHICOM CLAYMORE WAS DETONATED AGAINST HIS SQUAD. AT THIS TIME FIRST AID WAS ADMINISTERED TO THE WOUNDED AND LIFE-SAVING STEPS TAKEN TO SAVE THE LIFE OF SGT. EVANS. I ORDERED THE WOUNDED PULLED BACK TO THE NAP FOR MEDEVAC, AND THE 2ND AND 3RD PLATOONS TO BREAK CONTACT AND PULL SGT. EVANS. I ORDERED THE WOUNDED PULLED BACK TO THE NAP FOR MEDEVAC, AND THE 2ND AND 3RD PLATOONS TO BREAK CONTACT AND PULL BACK TO THE NAP SO THAT I COULD PUT AN AIR STRIKE ON THE TARGET AREA.

Paul E. Reanne

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PAUL E. REAUMF CPT, CO D, ISI BN, 12TH CAV 1ST CAV DIV (AM)

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ON THE MORNING OF THE 18TH OF JULY, OUR ELEMENT WAS MOVING IN THREE FILES ON A SEARCH AND CLEAR MISSION INTO THE BUNKER COMPLEX WHERE THE COMPANY, COMPANY D, 1ST BN, 12TH CAV, HAD MADE CONTACT THE PREVIOUS DAY. THE AREA THAT WE WERE MOVING THROUGH HAD BET RECEIVED AN AIR STRIKE. I WAS WALKING POINT FOR THE CENTER SQUAD. SGT. EVANS' SQUAD WAS ON LINE WITH ME ABOUT TEN METERS TO MY LEFT. PFC HAMABATA AND SGT. DERIGNE WERE WALKING IN FRONT OF SGT. EVANS AND PFC BURNS, HIS RTO, WAS WALKING IN BACK OF SGT EVANS. WE HAD PROGRESSED ONLY A SHORT DISTANCE WHEN I SPOTTED A BUNKER. I HALTED THE ENTIRE ELEMENT AND CALLED UP THE DOG HANDLER, WHO WAS IMMEDIATELY BEHIND ME, AND TOLD HIM TO CALL IN HIS DOG, WHO WAS WORKING TO MY FRONT. I ALSO CALLED UP SP/4 ROGGE TO TELL HIM TO HAVE THE M-60 BROUGHT UP FOR A RECON BY FIRE. WHEN SP/4 ROGGE GOT TO MY POSITION THE FIRST EXPLOSION OCCURRED, ABOUT 5 OR 10 FEET TO MY RIGHT. I WAS KNOCKED TO TH GROUND AND IMMEDIATELY BEGAN CRAWLING TO MY LEFT. IT WAS THEN I WAS KNOCKED TO THE IT WAS THEN THAT I NOTICED SGT. EVANS ON HIS HANDS AND KNEES. HE CRAWLED ABOUT FIVE FEET TO HIS RIGHT, THEN HE YELLED "MINE" AND JUMPED TO THE GROUND. AS SOON AS HE DROPPED THERE WAS A SECOND MUFFLED EXPLOSION THAT LIFTED SGT. EVANS ABOUT A FOOT OFF THE GROUND. IT IS MY OPINION THAT SGT. EVANS' ACTION SAVED THE LIVES OF THE REST OF HIS SQUAD BY JUMPING ON THE MINE AND GIVING HIS OWN LIFE

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Sgt Rodney Evans was back up man (2nd man) for our squad on 18 July 1969. I was walking point about 3 feet in front of Sgt Evans, when I heard a claymore go off to my right and looked in that direction. We were moving in the loft file to provide security for the point squad which was hit by the first blast when Sgt Evans yelled "claymore." I hit the ground just as I heard the blast and turned to see Sgt Evans jump on the ground. He had jumped on the claymore to save my life and the lives of the rost of the squad.

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I, PFC Leluron was the machine gunnor for Sgt Evans. At the time, I was the 2nd man in back of Sgt Evans, when I heard his familiar voice scream "mine". I hit the ground and heard a muffled explosion. I moved up to put security in front of us. After security was put out, the point man and the RTO both went over to the wounded man to see what they could de. I was looking to see how badly Sgt Evans had been wounded and saw that right under him was the place where the mine was. It was noticeable by the way the ground was tern up.

Thore is no doubt in my mind that Sgt Evans did jump on the mine in order to save his comrades from being hurt.

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IN MY OPINION, AND THAT OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF MY COMPANY, ESPECIALLY SGT EVANS' SQUAD, BECAUSE OF THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AT THE EXPLOSION SITE, CONDITION OF THE BODY AND PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF SGT EVANS' CHARACTER, SGT EVANS SACRIFICED HIS LIVE TO SAVE HIS MEN, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST PRICE A MAN CAN PAY FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS COMRADES.

> /s/ Paul E. Reaume /t/ PAUL E. REAUME CPT, INF Commending

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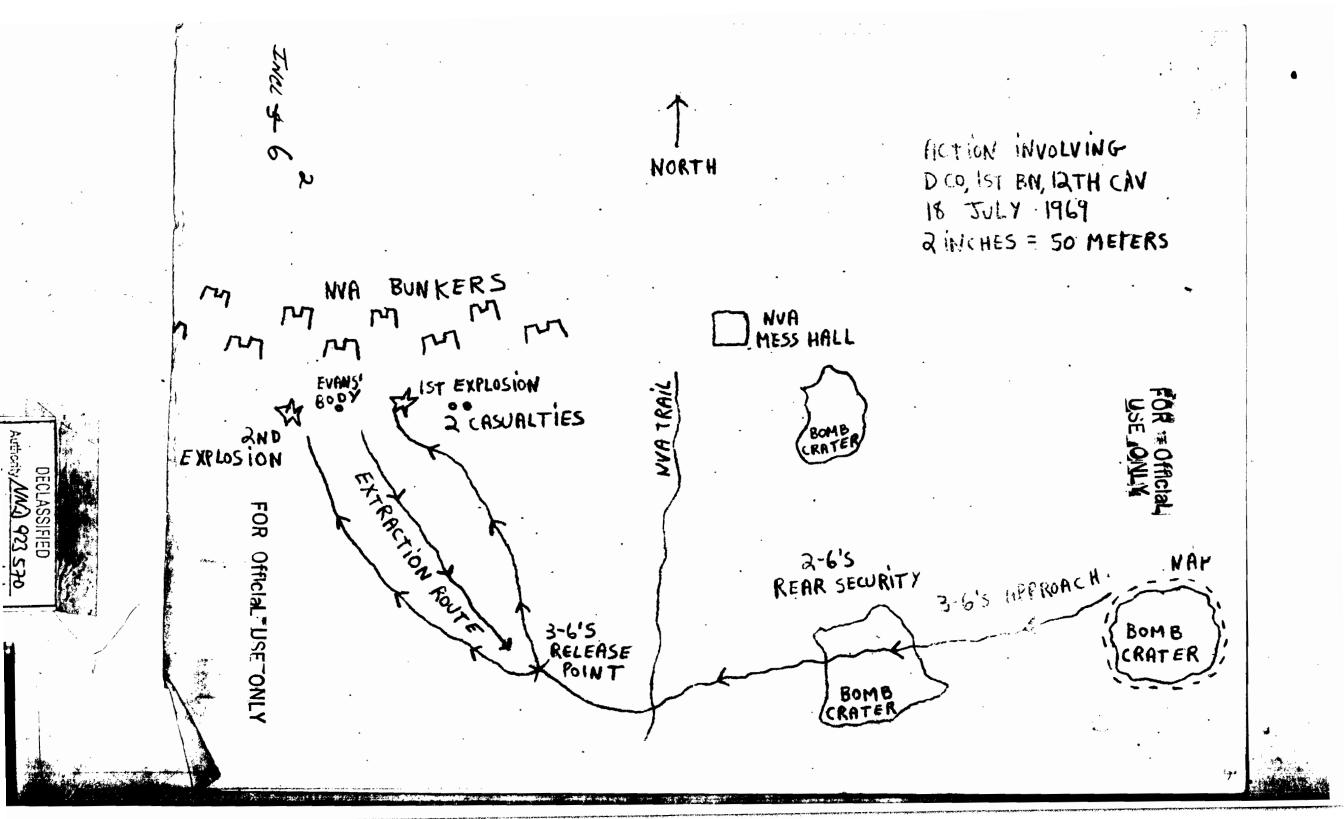
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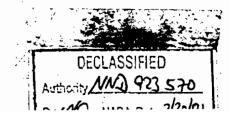


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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR

NAME: Rodney J. Evans

STATUS: Squad Leader, Sergeant, US Army

ORGANIZATION: Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Phuoc Vinh, RVN

NEXT OF KIN: Mr and Mrs John C. Evans (Parents)

PERSONS WHO ASSISTED: None

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT PERFORMED:

LOCATION: Coordinates XT435645, Tay Ninh Province, RVN

DATE: 1030 Hours, 18 July 1969

TERR .IN: Dense Vegetation with high bamboo

WEATHER: Clear with high temperatures

ENEMY CONDITION: The enemy was firmly entrenched in bunkered positions with exceptional cover provided by thick vegetation. Their strength was estimated to be a security company. Morale was high due to nature of terrain.

DEFENDER'S CONDITION: To make contact with and destroy an enemy force entrenched in a bunker complex. Unit morale was excellent.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF GILLANT CONDUCT:

On 18 July 1969 Sergeant Evans' unit was participating in a bomb damage assessment mission. Sergeant Evans' platoon was moving as the front element of the operation. About 150 meters from the company night ambush position, they heard movement to their front. Reconnaissance by fire was employed as the platoon continued to move forward. After proceeding about 25 meters forward, the point squad was hit by a command-detonated chicom claymore mine and suffered several casualities. As Sergeant Evans was directing his squad about ten meters to the left of the point element, he observed a second mine to his right. Crawling forward on the ground, he yelled, "Mine" to his comrades, leaped on the claymore, and covered it with his body. The muffled explosion lifted Sergeant Evans about a foot off the ground and despite emergency first aid treatment he succumbed to his critical wounds. On the order of the NAP in order that the target area could be raked with air strikes. Detailed questioning of all eyewitnesses to the incident (including the medic who treated Sergeant Evans) established to the satisfaction of all present that Sergeant Evans sighted the mine and jumped on it, thus sacrificing his life to protect his men.

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF GALLANT CONDUCT (CONT °D):

During the encounter in Tay Ninh Province, Sergeant Evans:

- 1. Saved the members of both platoons from serious harm by leaping upon the explosive device.
- 2. Indirectly allowed the several other casualities to be extracted promptly, and made air strikes possible against the insurgents 'stronghold.

Sergeant Rodney J. Evans was killed in action on 18 July 1969. The facts as contained in the proposed citation and this narrative account have been substantiated by the statements of eyewitnesses.

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