



# Golden Dragon Earns Bde's 1st Medal of Honor

The Medal of Honor—the highest award that can be bestowed on an American soldier — was posthumously awarded to 1LT Joseph X. Grant, formerly with the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry's "Golden Dragons".

The medal was presented to his widow, Korean-born Mrs. Hak Soon Grant, by Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor during a November 31 ceremony in Washington D.C.

The Medal of Honor is the first to be earned by a member of the 3rd Brigade during the Vietnam conflict.

The action in which Lt. Grant sacrificed his life and earned our nation's highest award for valor occurred on November 13, 1966. While serving as executive officer of Company A, Lt. Grant was maneuvering an element of two platoons in the mountainous, thickly jungled central highlands near Plei Djereang.

Shortly after noon his element engaged a company of NVA. That firefight lasted fifteen minutes and resulted in eight enemy killed.

Three hours later, Lt. Grant's element again became heavily engaged with a numerically superior force of enemy armed with automatic weapons, mortars and small arms. Reacting immediately Lt. Grant established favorable defensive positions while his unit was hammered by intense fires of all calibers.

Following a heavy bombardment by 60mm and 82mm mortars on the American position, the NVA attacked in suicidal "human waves" with almost overwhelming numbers.

Moving amidst this intense fire, Lt. Grant coolly established his defensive positions, directed fire and insured the redistribution of ammunition. Inspired by his bravery, the American infantrymen held their positions through several attacks by the vastly larger NVA force. Their position was never penetrated.

As the battle raged, Lt. Grant learned that a platoon leader was seriously wounded and exposed to enemy fire. Braving the intense storm of fire directed at him, Lt. Grant raced across the

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# Lt. Grant's MOH Cont.

battlefield to carry the wounded officer to safety. As he did this, he suffered a wound in the shoulder.

After returning the wounded officer to safety, Lt. Grant returned to the northern side of the perimeter and went about re-establishing positions. While attempting to evacuate another wounded man from this position of the battlefield, Lt. Grant was taken under fire by a well placed enemy machine gun. Recognizing the fact that the wounded man could not be evacuated while the enemy machine gun dominated the ground, Lt. Grant calmly collected a supply of grenades and, despite his earlier wounds crawled forward of the friendly positions and single-handedly wiped out the enemy machine gun crew. The threat effectively eliminated by his personal heroism, Lt. Grant then successfully pulled the wounded man to safety.

As he placed the wounded man down in a sheltered position Lt. Grant was told that another officer and three men were trapped on the northern edge of the

perimeter.

Once again ignoring his untreated wound, Lt. Grant organized a force of five rescuers and led them through a hail of automatic weapons fire to the four wounded infantrymen. As they carried the four wounded Americans into the perimeter, four mortar rounds landed in their midst, killing all ten.

After the death of Lt. Grant, the battle lessened in intensity. The American positions were secure. The 1/14 counted 108 enemy bodies, although many more were known to have been evacuated by the enemy. Friendly losses were 16 killed.

The success of the American defense was primarily due to the conspicuous gallantry and fearless example provided by Lieutenant Grant in the battle against a well-armed, numerically superior and determined enemy.

Colonel James G. ... commander of the 3rd Brigade at the time of Lt. Grant's extraordinary display of valor, provided what is perhaps the best description of the action, when he said that, "While commanding combat infantry units in three wars, I have not known greater heroism."

## WELCOME

11th Light Infantry Brigade

# Valorous Broncos Decorated

## SILVER STAR

MAJ John H. Cavendor  
CPT James Scott  
CPT Lloyd Yoshina  
1LT Anthony Canale  
1LT Thomas Murphy  
SGT Russell Dynas  
SGT James Hull  
SP4 Tommy Lathan  
SP4 Kenneth Stovons

C 1/35  
B 1/14  
A 1/35  
C 1/14  
C 1/35  
C 1/14  
HHC 1/35  
B 1/14  
B 2/35

SP4 Michael Stepanek HHC 1/14  
PFC Glen Bartley A 2/35  
PFC Albert Santillo HHC 1/14  
SILVER STAR (Posthumous)  
1SG Clifton Bergman C 1/35  
SSG Freddie Thomas A 1/35  
PFC Eugene Naylor E 1/35  
DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS  
CPT Michael Casp A 2/9

BRONCO BUGLE

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# 100,000th Round Another Milestone in 2/9th History

"Kulia-i-ka-nuu" is Hawaiian meaning "onward", still higher, win the day, gain the victory!" Living up to this proud motto, the 2nd Battalion, 9th Artillery recently fired its 100,000 round in support of 3rd Brigade operations in the Duc Pho area.

In a brief ceremony conducted at LZ Jan in the Song Ve Valley, the Battalion commander, LTC Gerald B. Bobzien, pulled the lanyard on a C Battery howitzer sending a 105mm round rumbling across the valley to shatter Viet Cong positions.

The history of the Ninth Artillery is a long and distinguished one, covering 51 years and four wars. Organized in 1916 at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii, the unit was the first completely mobilized artillery unit.

Its stay in Hawaii was short, for war had broken out in Europe and the Ninth Artillery joined the 19th Infantry Division on the mainland. In 1921 the unit was inactivated and was not reactivated until 1939.

Shortly after its reactivation, the Ninth found itself participating in World War II where it served through French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples, Rome, Southern France, across the Vogges Mountains, into Germany and through the liberated towns of Schweinfurt, Nuremberg, Munich, Salzburg and finally Berchtesgaden.

The decorations earned by the unit in those operations are themselves sufficient to justify the Ninth Artillery's prominent position in military history.

The grateful French Government awarded the French Croix-de-Guerre with palm and the Fourragere, while the Distinguished Unit Streamer was awarded by the American Government.

The peace years were brief for the unit which soon—in early August, 1950—was in Korea supporting the 1st Cavalry and the 1st ROK Divisions. In this action, the Ninth's guidon was further decorated with the campaign streamers of the UN defensive, UN Offensive, CCF Intervention, First UN Counter-Offensive, CCF Spring Offensive, UN Summer-Fall Offensive, Second Korean Winter, Korean Summer-Fall 1952, Third Korean Winter, and Korean Summer-Fall 1953.

More decorations were added to the unit's history in Korea. Among them were the Republic of Korea Presidential unit citation (PUC) embroidered IRON TRIANGLE, as well as the Chryssoun Aristion Andrias Streamer (Bravery Gold Medal of Greece).

Following the hostilities in Korea, the 2nd Battalion, 9th Artillery moved to Hawaii as part of the 25th Division where it exercised extensively in the difficult mountain jungle.

August, 1962 found the unit airlifting to Thailand where it supported the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry in field training exercises that included a 1,000 mile road march taking them from the Mekong River up to within 40 miles of Vietnam and Laos.

Returning to the 25th Division in Hawaii, the Ninth continued to perfect its role as  
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# 2/35th Fights To Eliminate Viet Cong

Just another day in Vietnam.

Just another patrol.

A hot day of walking and looking along the section of beach north of here known as the Gaza Strip, a desolate area of abandoned hamlets bleaching under the scorching sun.

For the infantrymen of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry, it was a familiar scene. They had walked this beach, struggling through the logs and snaring themselves on the thorny hedgerows many times.

There were many of them who had been here eight months ago in April when the Viet Cong ruled the area as malevolent despots. Until the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division arrived, the area was VC law as it had been for 20 years.

Many men died here. Over there, one remembers six VC with automatic weapons attempted to ambush an American platoon. They died right there unsuccessful.

It has been a long day, but now the sun is almost gone. Time to move to the night location. Take off your boots and lie down --500 more meters.

The company commander, 1LT Holner Kraut (Hopewell, Va.), notices a rice bin. Not much of a hiding place for Charlie, but then, it pays to be curious.

It does this time, too. A grenade arcs out of the bin, glancing off Lt. Kraut's helmet.

Men scatter. Lt. Kraut switches his rifle from safety and starts into the bin. The enemy has other thoughts. He's getting out.

The M-1 fires once, twice... five times. Lt. Kraut, startled, raises his M-16. A desperate, quick burst.

One VC killed in action. No friendly casualties.

Not a big day, just a routine patrol.

You should have been here in April. *c 1/25<sup>th</sup> cleaned out*

*the place before 2/35<sup>th</sup> came*  
**Mighty Ninth's  
100,000 Rd cont.**

King of Battle until it moved, with the Division to Vietnam in December, 1965. The 2nd Battalion, 9th Artillery fired its first round in the Vietnam hostilities during January, 1966 and since then has participated in Operations Garland, Lincoln, Longfellow, Paul Rovere I, II, III, IV, Thayer II, Pershing, and Baker. During these operations, the 3rd Brigade, 4th Division (the Brigade was transferred from the 25th to the 4th in August, 1967) was responsible for killing over 5,000 enemy soldiers. Certainly the artillery with its lethal fire power and precision accuracy accounted for many of these kills.

To the 2nd Battalion, 9th Artillery, "Kulia-i-ka-muu" is more than a motto--it is a habit formed during a half century of gallant service.

On October 7, 1967, there were 459,000 American servicemen and 59,000 members of other Free World Forces serving in the Republic of Vietnam.

# VALOR AWARDS CONT.

## BRONZE STAR (Valor)

COL James G. Shanahan	HHC 3Bde
MAJ Robert Drudik	HHC 1/35
CPT Douglas Johnson	HHC 2/9
CPT Carroll Osgood	HHC 1/35
1LT Thomas Blue	B 1/35
1LT Anthony Caggiano	HHC 1/35
1LT Thomas Fitzgerald	B 1/14
1LT James F. Hancock	B 1/35
1LT David Hockett	C 1/35
1LT Dean Johnson	B 1/14
1LT William Malenchek	C 1/35
1LT Bruce Shipley	HHC 1/14
1LT Earl Stout	A 2/9
1LT Roger Wray	B 1/14
2LT Anthony Hasna	C 1/35
2LT Gary Myers	C 2/35
2LT Wallis Rutledge	C 2/35
2LT James Smith	C 1/35
MSG Garfield Wells	C 1/35
SSG Daniel Percy	HHC 2/35
SSG Edwin Vera	C 1/35
SP6 Antonio Hernandez	A 1/14
SGT Raymond	B 2/9
SGT Daniel	A 1/35
SGT Charles Matich	C 1/14
SGT Teddy Moore	B 2/35
SGT Peter Shine	A 1/14
SP4 James Davis	C 1/35
SP4 Gregory Foley	C 1/35
SP4 Grover Gripper	HHC 1/14
SP4 James Howard	HHC 1/35
SP4 John Knoblauch	C 1/35
SP4 Thomas Malek	C 1/35
SP4 Joe Pugliese	A 1/14
SP4 George Koppo	A 1/14
SP4 Dwight Robinson	C 2/35
SP4 Jerry Stevens	HHC 1/14
SP4 Lawrence Silverstein	A 1/14
SP4 Neil Whisman	C 2/35
PFC Edward	B 1/14
PFC William	A 1/35
PFC James Crowder	C 1/35
PFC Robert	A 1/35
PFC Garrett	A 1/14
PFC Rocky Nicolais	C 2/35

## BRONZE STAR w/V (Valor)

SGT Peter	A 1/35
SP5 Tyrone Wright	A 1/35
PFC Richard Pratt	B 1/35
PFC Dennis Podgorny	A 1/35
PFC Rodger Romine	E 1/35
PFC Douglas Wingert	B 1/14
ARMY COMBATATION MEDAL w/V	
CPT Jerry Graul	D 4Med
1LT James Bainbridge	A 1/14
2LT Gary Myers	C 2/35
SFC Charles Neal	C 4Eng
SSG Harold Magee	C 4Eng
SGT Glenn Casey	A 1/35
SGT Thomas Conroy	HHC 2/35
SGT Coy Houston	A 1/14
SGT Michael O'Hara	B 1/14
SGT Jackie Young	A 1/14
SP5 Lawrence Hayashi	HHC 2/35
SP4 Daniel Beckman	A 1/14
SP4 Clifford Cutter	HHC 2/35
SP4 James Collins	HHC 2/35
SP4 Walter Davis	A 1/35
SP4 Stephan Friar	C 1/35
SP4 Richard Glynn	HHC 2/35
SP4 Lafayette Jennings	A 1/14
SP4 Wayne Mishler	C 1/35
SP4 Gerald Roland	A 1/14
SP4 Leroy Smith	HHC 1/14
SP4 Richard Siler	HHC 1/14
SP4 Orville Stanton	HHC 2/35
SP4 Junior Sovers	C 1/35
SP4 Eugene Turner	A 1/14
SP4 Hershel Vinson	HHC 1/14
PFC David Covert	A 1/35
PFC Ronald Ensor	A 1/35
PFC Robert Franklin	A 1/35
PFC Bernard Lovesque	A 1/14
PFC Mashoni Oshiro	A 1/14
PFC Thomas Pietro	B 1/14
PFC Howard Quandt	A 1/14
PFC Roger Warford	HHC 1/14
PFC Theodore Watkins	HHC 2/35

# Cacti Green Treat Kids To Thanksgiving Feast

"When one of these kids smiles, I know we're winning this war." So spoke CPT Donald Parrish, S-1 of the 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry, as he watched 30 orphans from nearby Duc Pho enjoying their picnic with the "Cacti Green."

For a small village, Duc Pho has a disproportionate share of orphanages and asylums. The struggle to feed, clothe and educate these young victims of the war is not easy. To provide funds for this work, most of the institutions operate laundries for the men of the 3rd Brigade.

The trip to the laundry can be a moving experience for an American soldier. Many of them vie for the opportunity to go to the orphanage, possibly to pick up the laundry but really to visit the little friends that just about every infantryman has selected as his Number One pal.

As the Thanksgiving holiday approached, CPT Parrish and several members of the battalion were discussing plans for the turkey dinner. "Why not," suggested one, "bring some of the kids from Duc Pho for the meal. That's what Thanksgiving is all about right?"

The idea was greeted with all the enthusiasm of an extra R&R, and CPT Parrish was busy building flags and teeter-totters in the battalion base camp, contacting the nuns who operate the orphanage and arranging the many details for the holiday.

Early in the morning of Thanksgiving Day, a 5 ton truck rumbled to a halt in the courtyard of the CPT Ronald Rod Memorial Orphanage. Thirty squeal-

ing, excited children escorted by the nuns clambered aboard for a ride to the battalion headquarters area.

It was a beautiful day for a picnic. The children, laughing and dashing about the play area especially built for the occasion, seemed to many infantrymen like any group of children at play anywhere. Lessons were provided in the complexities of operating a teeter-totter and tire swing. The children returned the favor with instructions and demonstrations of Vietnamese folk dances and songs.

Soon, SSG Henry Boykins, the mess sergeant, stepped out of the kitchen to announce, "chow time!" The nuns translated the call and ushered the children—all hungry after a morning of hard play -- into the mess hall.

The menu was typically American: turkey, cranberry, stuffing and whipped potatoes. One small boy who had been shy and bashful during most of the day, looked at his heaping plate. Turning to 2LT Johnny L. Carter, he smiled and exclaimed, "Beaucoup, chop, chop!", pidgin English for "Boy, that's a lot of food."

All too soon, dinner was ended and the trucks arrived to return the 1/35th's guests to Duc Pho. With smiles and waves, the new friends said good-bye to each other.

The swings and teeter-totters? They're in the backyard of the Ronald Rod Orphanage, a present from the infantrymen of the "Cacti Green."

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# NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## Eastern Conference

### Capital Division

Dallas	8	4	0	.667
Philadelphia	5	6	1	.455
Washington	4	5	3	.444
New Orleans	2	10	0	.167

### Century Division

Cleveland	8	4	0	.667
St. Louis	5	5	1	.545
New York	3	6	0	.300
Pittsburgh	3	6	1	.273

## Western Conference

### Central Division

Green Bay	9	2	1	.818
Chicago	6	6	0	.500
Detroit	3	7	2	.300
Minnesota	3	7	2	.300

### West Coast Division

San Francisco	10	0	2	1.000
Los Angeles	9	1	2	.900
San Francisco	5	7	0	.417
Atlanta	1	10	1	.091

# AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## Eastern Division

New York	5	1	.700
Houston	5	1	.700
Boston	3	8	.273
Buffalo	3	9	.250
Miami	2	9	.182

## Western Division

Oakland	10	1	.909
San Diego	8	2	.800
Kansas City	7	5	.583
Denver	3	10	.231

# NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

## Eastern Division

Boston	16	6	New York	11	14
Phila	17	8	Baltimore	9	12
Detroit	14	11	Cincinnati	9	13

## Western Division

St. Louis	19	7	Seattle	7	18
San Fran.	19	8	San Diego	7	18
Los Ang.	13	11	San Diego	5	22

# sports page

## \*\*NCAA BOWL LINE-UP\*\*

Indiana	vs.	Southern Cal
Oklahoma	vs.	Tennessee
Alabama	vs.	Texas A&M
Wyoming	vs.	Louisiana State
Penn State	vs.	Florida State
Miami	vs.	Colorado
No. Carolina St.	vs.	Georgia
Mississippi	vs.	UTex (El Paso)

# QUIZ

1. When was the last time the Detroit Tigers won an American League Pennant?
2. When did Notre Dame make its only Rose Bowl appearance?
3. What team holds the major college football record for pass defense?
4. When was the last time, prior to 1967, either the Yankees or Dodgers failed to play in a World Series?
5. What is the single game attendance record for Big Ten football?

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# RVN RIBBON

The Republic of Vietnam campaign ribbon, authorized for acceptance and wear by U.S. Forces in 1966 for service in Vietnam, may be worn only "with device."

The device is a small silver plate with the legend "1960 - ". Mine is 67-68 with *other meaning 2 year.*

Criteria for acceptance and wearing of the ribbon are six months service in South Vietnam since 1960 or six months service during that period outside the geographical boundaries of the country in direct combat support operations.

Also, individuals qualify for the ribbon who are wounded in combat action, captured and later released or rescued, or killed in the line of duty or in action against the enemy.

Only one award of the ribbon is made to an individual.

# Thanksgiving For The Kids <sup>cont.</sup>

The commander of the 1/35th ITC William W. Taylor, Jr., indicated that this person-to-person civic action would be planned again for the Christmas holidays.

## SPORTS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. In 1945.
2. In 1925. They beat Stanford 27-10.
3. Opponents of the 1938 Penn State team completed only 10 passes.
4. In 1954.
5. 103,234 watched Michigan State battle Michigan at Ann Arbor in 1959.

# RECORDINGS

Tape recordings going from Vietnam to stateside addressees are not subject to customs inspection and therefore do not require customs tags, according to a recent announcement by a MACV spokesman.

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