

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST AVIATION BRIGADE  
APO San Francisco 96384

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 7340

"NGUY HIEM"

21 July 1970

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

TC 439. The following AWARDS are announced.

Awarded: As indicated in standard name line.

Date of service: 1 April 1970

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926, AR 672-5-1 and USARV Reg 672-1, dated 1 July 1969.

Organization: 334th Aviation Company (Aerial Weapons), APO 96289

Reason: For heroism while participating in aerial flight evidenced by voluntary actions above and beyond the call of duty: These men distinguished themselves by exceptionally valorous actions while flying aboard an aircraft responding to an urgent plea for aerial fire support from an Allied armored element who was pinned down by extremely effective anti-tank and automatic weapons fire. They responded immediately and upon reaching the contact area they were subjected to intense automatic weapons fire. The lead aircraft received several hits in its fuselage and the wing aircraft boldly and skillfully rolled in on the enemy positions to provide the lead aircraft with rocket and minigun protection. They continued to suppress enemy fire while the lead aircraft broke from the intense ground fire. As a result of their actions, the automatic weapons positions were silenced and the fire team was able to give complete and accurate support to the endangered friendly forces. On numerous occasions they placed extremely accurate and effective fire power into the well established hostile positions. With undaunted courage and skillful aerial maneuvering, they ~~provided~~ extremely valuable ~~aerial~~ coverage to evacuate the wounded personnel. Their actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon themselves, their unit and the United States Army.

LEE, JOHN 568-70-1547 FIRST LIEUTENANT ARMOR United States Army

Awarded: Distinguished Flying Cross (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

SCHERB. STEVEN C. 477-58-4804 WARRANT OFFICER W1 United States Army

Awarded: Distinguished Flying Cross

BASHAM, WILLIAM G. 405-64-7287 WARRANT OFFICER W1 United States Army

Awarded: Distinguished Flying Cross

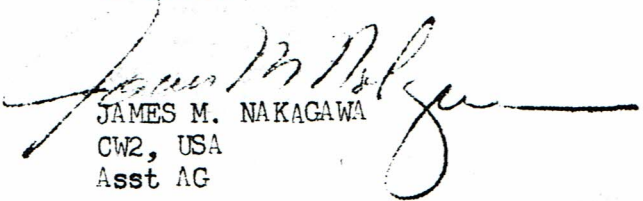
FUGLER, WALTER H. 462-78-9318 WARRANT OFFICER W1 United States Army

Awarded: Distinguished Flying Cross (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

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