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AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR

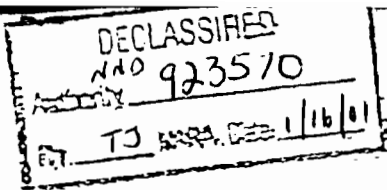


By direction of the President, under the Joint Resolution of Congress approved 12 July 1862 (amended by act of 3 March 1863, act of 9 July 1918 and act of 25 July 1963), the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty is awarded by the Department of the Army in the name of Congress to:



Sergeant *Allen J. Lynch*, (then Specialist Four), United States Army, who distinguished himself on 15 December 1967 while serving as a radiotelephone operator with Company D, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 12th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam. While serving in the forward element on an operation near the village of My An (2), his unit became heavily engaged with a numerically superior enemy force. Quickly and accurately assessing the situation, Sergeant *Lynch* provided his commander with information which subsequently proved essential to the unit's successful actions. Observing three wounded comrades lying exposed to enemy fire, Sergeant *Lynch* dashed across fifty meters of open ground through a withering hail of enemy fire to administer aid. Reconnoitering a nearby trench for a covered position to protect the wounded from intense hostile fire, he killed two enemy soldiers at pointblank range. With the trench cleared, he unhesitatingly returned to the fire-swept area three times to carry the wounded men to safety. When his company was forced to withdraw by the superior firepower of the enemy, Sergeant *Lynch* remained to aid his comrades at the risk of his own life rather than abandon them. Alone, he defended his isolated position for two hours against the advancing enemy. Using only his rifle and a grenade, he stopped them just short of his trench, killing five. Again disregarding his own safety in the face of withering hostile fire, he crossed seventy meters of exposed terrain five times to carry his wounded comrades to a more secure area. Once he had assured their comfort and safety, Sergeant *Lynch* located the counterattacking friendly company to assist in directing the attack and evacuating the three casualties. By his conspicuous gallantry at the risk of his own life in the highest traditions of the military service, Sergeant *Lynch* has reflected great credit on himself, the 12th Cavalry and the United States Army. (This award supersedes the Distinguished Service Cross awarded to Sergeant *Lynch* for extraordinary heroism on 15 December 1967, as announced in United States Army, Vietnam, General Orders Number 1090, 1969.)





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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

Official:

KENNETH G. WICKHAM,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

W. C. WESTMORELAND,
General, United States Army,
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SIXTH ENDORSEMENT on DA Form 638 of 20 October 1968

From: Commander in Chief Pacific
To: Secretary of the Army
Via: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Subj: Medal of Honor; recommendation for Award of, case of
Sergeant Allen J. LYNCH, USA

1. Readdressed and forwarded concurring in COMUSMACV's recommendation that the Medal of Honor be awarded to Sergeant LYNCH.

JOHN S. McCAIN, Jr.

Copy to:
COMUSMACV

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GPAG-PA Lynch, Allen J. 1st Ind
(4 May 69)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Medal of Honor

HQ, US Army, Pacific, APO San Francisco 96558

TO: The Adjutant General, ATTN: AGPB-AB, Department of the
Army, Washington, D. C. 20310

Recommend approval of award of the Medal of Honor.

FOR THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF:

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MICHAEL S. DAVISON
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Commander in Chief

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COMUSMACV
ATTN: MACAG-PD
APO 96222

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AVDAAG-AD LYNCH, Allen J. 2d Ind
[20 Aug 68]

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Medal of Honor.

DA, HEADQUARTERS, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION [AIRMOBILE], APO 96290
1 MAR 1969

TO: Commanding General, II Field Force Vietnam, ATTN: AVFE
AOD, APO 96264

1. The recommendation for award of the Medal of Honor has been reviewed by the 1st Cavalry Division [Airmobile] Awards and Decorations Board, which recommended approval of the award.
2. Recommend approval of award of the Medal of Honor to Sergeant Allen J. Lynch, RA16612051, United States Army.
3. Personnel data have been verified. This recommendation is not in contravention with AR 600-31.

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GEORGE I. FORSYTHE
Major General, USA
Commanding

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**AVMAG-PD LYNCH, Allen J. 4th Ind
(29 Oct 68)**

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM, APO 96375 6 APR 1969

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

1. Recommend approval.

2. Sergeant Lynch distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity, at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty. His heroism in combat has been recognized by the interim award of the Distinguished Service Cross.

SIGNED

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

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Interim DSC**

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SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award of the Medal of Honor

**Commander in Chief
United States Army, Pacific
APO 96354**

**Issued in accordance with Department of the Army message UNCLAS
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FOR THE COMMANDER:

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**R. W. VINTON
Major, USA
Asst AG**

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MACAG-PD LYNCH, Allen J. 3A Ind
(30 Oct 68)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award

HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND,
VIETNAM, APO 9622 8 MAY 1969

TO: Commander in Chief, Pacific, FPO 96610

- 1. Request approval of the Medal of Honor.
- 2. Request this headquarters (ATTN: MACAG-PD) be advised when final action has been taken.

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Signed
CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS
General, United States Army
Commanding

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RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD		PREPARE TO REACH APPROVING AUTHORITY IN DUPLICATE.		DATE
<input type="checkbox"/> HEROISM <input type="checkbox"/> MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE <small>(AR 673-6-1)</small>				30 August 1968
THRU: [Handwritten: 1st Lt. [Name], 1st Lt. [Name], 1st Lt. [Name]]	TO: [Handwritten: 1st Lt. [Name], 1st Lt. [Name]]	FROM: (Unit) [Handwritten: 1st Lt. [Name], 1st Lt. [Name]]		
PART I - STATUS AT TIME OF RECOMMENDATION				
1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME		2. SERVICE NO.	3. GRADE	4. BRANCH (Or MOS if WO)
[Handwritten: [Name]]		[Handwritten: [No.]]	[Handwritten: [Grade]]	[Handwritten: [Branch]]
5. ORGANIZATION		6. LEGAL RESIDENCE (Number, Street, City, and State)		
[Handwritten: [Org.]]		[Handwritten: [Residence]]		
7. RECOMMENDED AWARD	8. POSTHUMOUS AWARD	9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN		
[Handwritten: [Award]]	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	[Handwritten: [Kin Name & Address]]		
PART II - STATUS AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE				
10. SERVICE NUMBER	11. GRADE	12. BRANCH (Or MOS if WO)	13. ORGANIZATION	
[Handwritten: [No.]]	[Handwritten: [Grade]]	[Handwritten: [Branch]]	[Handwritten: [Org.]]	
14. HAS ALL SERVICE BEEN HONORABLE SUBSEQUENT TO THIS ACT OR SERVICE (If not, summarize on reverse side.)				
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
15. IF PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THIS ACT OR SERVICE, INDICATE TYPE OF AWARD RECOMMENDED, BY WHOM, WHEN, ACTION TAKEN, AND HEADQUARTERS.				
[Handwritten: [Details]]				
16. OTHER U. S. DECORATIONS RECEIVED (Include date and authority) (Do not list service medals; list foreign decorations only when same period as this recommendation.)				
[Handwritten: [Decorations]]				
17. DID YOU HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACT OR SERVICE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
PART III - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM				
18. WERE YOU AN EYE WITNESS TO THE ACT	19. IF CERTIFICATES OR AFFIDAVITS OR EYE WITNESSES OR PERSONS HAVING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS ARE NOT INCLUDED, GIVE REASONS			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	[Handwritten: [Reasons]]			
20. PERSONS IN IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY OR WHO ASSISTED IN ACT OR SHARED IN SAME HAZARD				
a. FULL NAME	b. SERVICE NO.	c. GRADE	d. UNIT	
[Handwritten: [Name]]	[Handwritten: [No.]]	[Handwritten: [Grade]]	[Handwritten: [Unit]]	
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21. IF ANY OF ABOVE PERSONS HAVE BEEN AWARDED OR RECOMMENDED FOR AN AWARD FOR HEROISM FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS ACT, GIVE NAME AND TYPE OF AWARD				
[Handwritten: [Awards]]				
22. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ACT WAS PERFORMED				
a. LOCATION	b. INCLUSIVE DATES	c. TIME OF DAY		
[Handwritten: [Location]]	[Handwritten: [Dates]]	[Handwritten: [Time]]		
d. CHARACTER AND CONDITIONS OF TERRAIN AND WEATHER				
[Handwritten: [Terrain/Weather]]				
23. DESCRIBE ENEMY CONDITIONS (Morale, Proximity, Fire, Observation, Casualties, and Action; what the enemy was doing and what it did as the result of the act.)				
[Handwritten: [Enemy Conditions]]				

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24. UNIT NUMBER, CHARACTER OF ASSIGNMENT, INDICATE WHAT THE UNIT WAS DOING AT TIME OF ACT
 1st Airborne Div., 1st Airborne Div., to block an attack on enemy forces in the village of My An (2). Mission, as amended: to close with and destroy the enemy forces in the village of My An (2). Casualties inflicted on Co. B amounted to 6 KIA, 13 MIA, and 1 MIA. Mission during act: to extract casualties.

25. WHAT WERE COMRADES WHO WERE IN IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY DOING - HOW DID THEY PARTICIPATE IN THE ACT
 Comrades in immediate proximity were attempting to extract casualties and break contact with a numerically superior enemy force.

PART IV - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

26. UNIT, HEADQUARTERS, OR SECTION IN WHICH DUTY WAS PERFORMED

27. INCLUSIVE DATES FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED
 28. SERVICE COMPLETED YES TO BE COMPLETED ON OR ABOUT
 29. NOW IN SAME OR RELATED ASSIGNMENT
 NO TO BE REASSIGNED ON OR ABOUT
 TO BE RETIRED ON OR ABOUT
 TO BE RELIEVED FROM AD ON OR ABOUT

PART V - TO BE USED FOR ALL RECOMMENDATIONS

30. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF DEED OR ACT ACHIEVEMENT PERFORMED OR SERVICE RENDERED
 FOR AWARD FOR HEROISM: WAS ACT VOLUNTARY? DESCRIBE WHY ACT WAS OUTSTANDING AND IF IT WAS MORE THAN WAS NORMALLY EXPECTED, EXPLAIN HOW. IF IN AERIAL FLIGHT, DESCRIBE TYPE AND POSITION OF AIRPLANE, CREW POSITION OF INDIVIDUAL, AND ALL UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE: TITLE AND DUTIES OF ASSIGNMENT, INCLUDING CHARACTER OF SERVICE DURING PERIOD FOR WHICH RECOMMENDED (Give complete description of technical or specialized positions, including dates of assignment and rates); WHAT DID THE INDIVIDUAL DO THAT MERITS THE AWARD? WHY WAS THIS OUTSTANDING WHEN COMPARED TO OTHERS OF LIKE RANK AND EXPERIENCE IN SIMILAR POSITIONS?
 Awarded to (Rank E-4) Allan J. Lynch, United States Army, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of death above and beyond the call of duty in action against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam while serving as a Radio Telephone Operator with Company 7, 1st Airborne Div., 1st Air Cavalry Division, Company 6, approaching the objective from the southwest, on approximately 11:05 hours, engaged by an enemy force consisting of elements of the 2nd NVA Regiment. The enemy had strength in excess of a battalion, and was initially able to engage the soldiers of Company 6 and maintain a fire superiority. A number of casualties were taken immediately. With the forward elements of the company, Sgt Allan J. Lynch, E-4, for the second platoon observed these wounded soldiers well forward of the friendly lines. Realizing their need for assistance, he exposed himself to enemy fire, shifting success 50 meters of cover ground to their aid. Ignoring intense enemy fire, he moved to a nearby trench, taking the trench enemy occupied, he used his M16 rifle to allow the position, killing the enemy soldiers. Remaining in the trench, he moved each one of them to the cover of the enemy position he had just cleared. Sgt Lynch proposed to give (over)

31. DESIRED EFFECTS OR RESULTS
 During the battle of My An (2), Sgt Lynch (E-4) killed a number of enemy soldiers, (2.) extracted three wounded soldiers to safety, (3.) saved these soldiers by killing NVA who were about to kill them.

32. RELATED POSITION OF PERSON INITIATING RECOMMENDATION TO PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED
 Superior

33. IF APPROVED, FORWARD AWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO
 R/A

34. INCLOSURES (Include proposed citation, sketches, and eye witness statements when required.)

35. TYPED NAME, GRADE, BRANCH, AND TITLE OF PERSON
 John R. Smith, 1st Lt, Infantry
 101st Airborne Division

36. SIGNATURE


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aid and comfort to his three wounded comrades, persisting on a number of occasions to repulse enemy attacks on his position, in the process killing at least five enemy soldiers. During the following three hours that Company B remained in contact with the enemy, numerous attempts were made to relieve the beleaguered position. Due to the strength of the enemy positions surrounding Sgt. Lynch and his comrades, all attempts failed, with the enemy wounding eight and killing one of the members of the relief forces, in addition to disabling one American Personnel Carrier with machine rifle fire. Over three hours after the action had begun, Company B was forced to withdraw, abandoning Sgt Lynch and his comrades in the midst of the enemy. In the following two hour period, Sgt Lynch continued to defend his small position against repeated enemy attempts to dislodge him. He repelled all attackers with the desperate but accurate fire of his rifle, taking a further toll of enemy killed and wounded. In the two hour period immediately following the withdrawal of Company B, the contact area was saturated by artillery and air strikes. When the friendly air strikes ended, Sgt Lynch again exposed himself to the enemy, making three trips to enemy east of the wounded to cover severely wounds to the rear of the position in which he had defeated them. Seeing to their comfort he then returned to the position into which the company had withdrawn and led a rescue party forward to successfully extract his three wounded comrades.

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(20 Aug 68)

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award - Medal of Honor

DA, HQDA, BZ, 11 FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, APO 96266 22 MAR 1969

TO: Commanding General, United States Army Vietnam, ATTE: AVNAG-11.
APO 96375

Recommend approval for award of the Medal of Honor.

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WALTER T. KENNIE, JR.
Lieutenant General, USA
Commanding

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AVDABR-CO LYNCH, ALLEN J. 1st Ind
(20 October 1968)
SUBJECT: Recommendation for Award "CMP"

HEADQUARTERS, 1ST BRIGADE, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE), APO 96490
11 February 1969
TO: Commanding General, 1st Cav Div (AM), ATTN: AVDAAG-AD, APO 96490

- Recommend approval.
- Recommend disapproval.
- Recommend upgrade to:
- Recommend downgrade to:

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Robert J. Baer
ROBERT J. BAER
Colonel, Armor
Commanding

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STATEMENT

Sergeant Allen J. Lynch, Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry performed three acts of exemplary valor and personal heroism on 15 December, 1967 near the village of My An (2), South Vietnam. His unit (Company D) had been directed to move to the west of the village and serve as a blocking force while another unit (Company C) was to sweep through the village from the southeast. As D Company, with Sergeant Lynch's 2D Platoon leading, moved toward the position area it was to occupy, it came under heavy, intense automatic weapons and recoilless rifle fire. Sergeant Lynch, a Platoon Radio Telephone Operator, was well forward in the platoon formation and, as a result, immediately recognized the tactical significance of this heavy fire and accurately and expeditiously reported a description to the Company Commander. The information from this report provided a basis for both the Company and the Battalion's subsequent successful actions. Having made this report, Sergeant then moved forward with his Platoon Leader, Lieutenant Southerland. They observed three wounded soldiers lying in an area exposed to and receiving enemy fire. They moved to assist these soldiers. Lieutenant Southerland was struck and killed by the heavy enemy fire. Undaunted, Sergeant Lynch moved quickly through the fire to aid the wounded. He selected a nearby trench as being the best place to move them and moved the recoiler to it. He found it occupied by the enemy and killed the occupants a point-blank range. Still under fire, he then returned to the wounded and moved them individually to the trench where he treated their wounds and simultaneously single handedly defended them -- killing several more enemy both at close range and in hand-to-hand combat. The unit made several attempts to reach and assist Sergeant Lynch. For several hours, Sergeant Lynch continued to care for the wounded soldiers and repulsed repeated enemy efforts to kill or capture him. An inspection of the trench occupied by Sergeant Lynch after the fight revealed 8 enemy dead; all of them either at or within a few feet of Sergeant Lynch's position.

The Company and the Battalion continued to pound the enemy defensive positions with artillery, helicopter rocket and close air support fires prior to launching an assault. Sergeant recognized the significance of this fire and positioned the wounded in the trench so as to better protect them. While doing so, he once again repeatedly exposed himself to both the enemy and the high volume of friendly fires. When the preparatory friendly fires shifted prior to the assault, he carried the wounded men one at a time toward friendly positions, making three trips across 75 meters of fire-swept area to a more secure position. He then moved to meet the advancing friendly forces and led them to the location of the wounded men. He then joined the attacking force. His actions resulted in saving the lives of three wounded soldiers and the death of at least 10 enemy soldiers. Additionally, his early, rapid and accurate assessment of the enemy situation enabled the Battalion to successfully destroy most of the enemy 22D NVA Regiment.

/s/ Daniel W. French
/t/ DANIEL W. FRENCH
LTC, Armor
Commanding

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THOMAS W. KJOS
LTC, Infantry
Liaison Officer

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On 15 December 1967 near the village of My An (2) in the Republic of Vietnam, Sergeant Allen J. Lynch distinguished himself while in contact with a hostile force, by action above and beyond the call of duty. The Company had the mission of setting up a blocking force but received word that one of the other companies were in heavy contact. We moved toward the village. Almost immediately we began receiving sniper and automatic weapons fire. The point platoon took the majority of the casualties inflicted by the withering enemy fire. Sgt Lynch was serving as radio telephone operator for the second platoon when he saw three of his comrades fall about 50 meters to his front. Dropping his radio and showing total disregard for his own safety and life he dashed across the 50 meters of open ground to aid his fallen comrades. Upon reaching the wounded men he pulled them in a trench the enemy was occupying, thus getting them out of the enemy fire. Sgt Lynch aided and comforted the wounded as best he could. Several attempts were made by the enemy to eliminate this courageous group of men but Sgt Lynchs accurate rifle fire repelled these attempts and resulted in three enemy KIA. Aerial Rocket artillery and air strikes were called in to silence the enemy, many of them falling only 100 meters from Sgt Lynch and his comrades. After the air strikes had ceased Sgt Lynch began to pull each man to a safe position. After ensuring the men would be all right he returned to the Company where he obtained volunteers to help bring the wounded back to the evacuation area. Sergeant Allen J. Lynchs gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

END OF STATEMENT

Don L. A. Orsini
DON L. A. ORSINI
CAPTAIN INFANTRY
COMPANY COMMANDER

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On 15 December 1967 near the village of My An (2) in the Republic of Vietnam Sergeant Allen J. Lynch distinguished himself while in contact with an armed enemy force, by action above and beyond the call of duty. On this date the Company had the mission of setting up a blocking force on the south of the village. We received word that one of the companies participating in this mission were in heavy contact. We left our position and moved toward the village. Almost immediately we began receiving sniper and automatic weapons fire. The point elements of the Company took the brunt of the withering fire, suffering several casualties. Sergeant Lynch was serving as radio telephone operator for his platoon. The fire began to increase, pinning down the point platoons. Sergeant Lynch saw three of his comrades fall about 50 meters away and dashed across the open area to the trench line the enemy was occupying. Then with total disregard for his own safety he left the trench to pull each of his comrades into the trench and safety. He administered first aid and comforted the men as best he could. All attempts to reach him had failed because of the intensity of the enemy fire. Sgt Lynch then fought valiantly to save his comrades by killing three of the enemy who had attempted to eliminate his position. Air strikes and aerial rocket artillery were then called in, many of the rounds hitting only 100 meters from his position. After the air strikes had ceased, Sgt Lynch pulled the men back to a safe position near the Company. Near exhaustion and over come by emotion, Sgt Lynch dashed to the Company to get stretchers for the wounded soldiers and then returned with the volunteers to help bring the wounded back. Sergeant Allen J. Lynch's gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

///////END OF STATEMENT///////

Rudolph H. Ford
SGT RUDOLPH H. FORD
Co D, 1/12th Cav

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On 15 December 1967 while serving with Delta Company, 1st Battalion 12th Cavalry, Sergeant Allen J. Lynch distinguished himself when the company came under heavy enemy fire. Sgt Lynch, radio telephone operator for his platoon, was with the point element. When they came under fire the point element was pinned down far ahead of the rest of the Company. As enemy fire increased there were casualties taken. When Sgt Lynch saw three of his comrades fall about 50 meters away he dashed through open terrain to give aid to the wounded men. As the fighting continued most of the point element was able to pull back. Sgt Lynch chose to stay and give as much aid and comfort to the wounded as possible. The enemy fire again increased and the Company was told to pull back. Still Sgt Lynch chose to stay and try and get the wounded out. After the Company had pulled back numerous air strikes were called in. Also there was a continuous artillery bombardment. After about three hours of this all hope was about abandon for Sgt Lynch and his wounded comrades. As a search party was organized Sgt Lynch came walking into the perimeter. Sgt Lynch, without regard to his own life or safety, had stayed deep in enemy territory and endured hardship unknown to most men. He had given as much aid and comfort as possible to the wounded. Even though exhausted and over come by emotion, Sgt Lynch had carried the wounded back from the danger area. The wounded were recovered and make it alright thanks to the bravery of Sgt Lynch. Many times during the day Sgt Lynch had risked his life for others. His gallantry and bravery reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.//

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Sgt. Barry D. Brewer

SGT BARRY D. BREWER
Co D, 1/12th Cav
Squad Leader

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On 15 December 1967 while serving as his platoon radio telephone operator sergeant Allen J. Lynch without regard for his own safety ran across an open area of fifty meters, while under heavy enemy fire to aid three of his wounded comrades. After reaching the wounded, and all attempts to reach him and the wounded failed, Sgt Lynch chose to stay with his comrades. Several more attempts were made to reach him but all failed. The Company Commander ordered him to pull back but he refused. The Company pulled back, again Sgt Lynch chose to stay until the wounded were med evacuated. Sgt Lynch stayed with them for three hours during which time numerous air strikes and artillery barrages were called in, many of them falling only 100 meters from Sgt Lynch's position. While with his comrades Sgt Lynch fought a one man battle resulting in three enemy KIA. When the air strikes were over, Sgt Lynch carried the wounded men as far as he could, and then made way to the Company to get help in bringing the wounded back in. Sgt Allen J. Lynch's actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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William E. Gorges

WILLIAM E. GORGES
SGT E5 Co D, 1/12th Cav

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Sergeant Allen J. Lynch, radio telephone operator, ~~first~~ ^{second} platoon, Company D, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry showed great courage, loyalty, and devotion to duty. On December 15, 1967 the Company was moving into the village of My An (2) when we started receiving heavy sniper fire. The point platoon took the majority of the casualties. Sgt Lynch seeing three of his wounded comrades fall, went to their aid immediately. Without regard for his own safety, he dashed across an open area and pulled each man to the safety of a near by trench. He administered first aid to the wounded men and tried to comfort them the best he could. Attempts were made by the enemy several times to reach this courageous group of soldiers. Each time they were beat off by Sgt Lynch's accurate fire. Several attempts were made to rescue Sgt Lynch and the wounded but failed because of the intensity of enemy fire. Finally the Company had to pull back. Air strikes were called in and artillery pounded the area 100 meters from where Sgt Lynch and his wounded comrades lay. After the air strikes and artillery ceased, Sgt Lynch made several trips and helped the wounded men to a safer position. He then returned to the Company to get help to bring the wounded men the last few meters. Sgt Lynch then returned with these men to bring the wounded back. Sergeant Allen J. Lynch's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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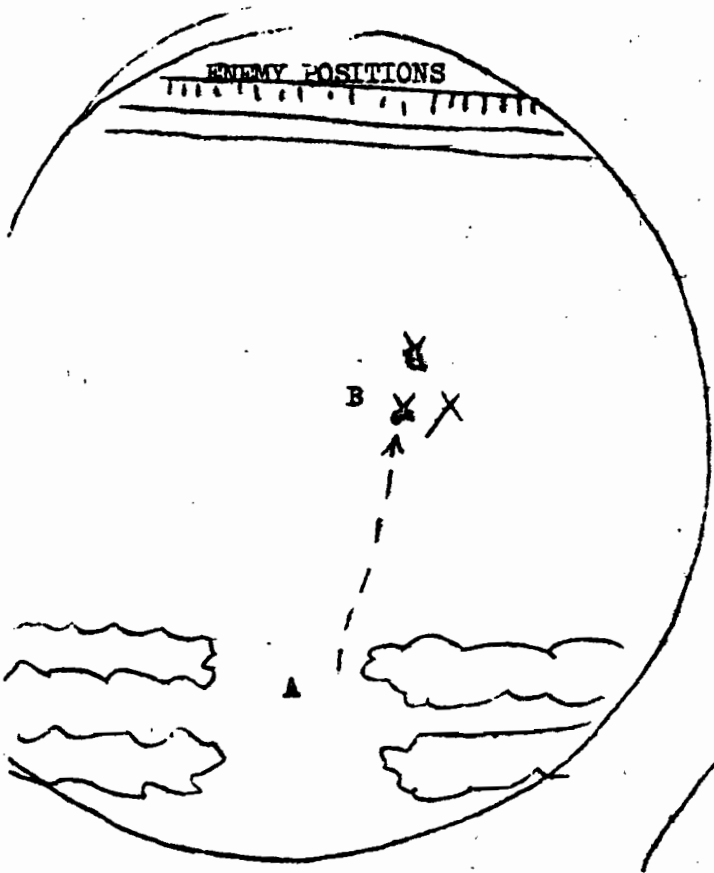
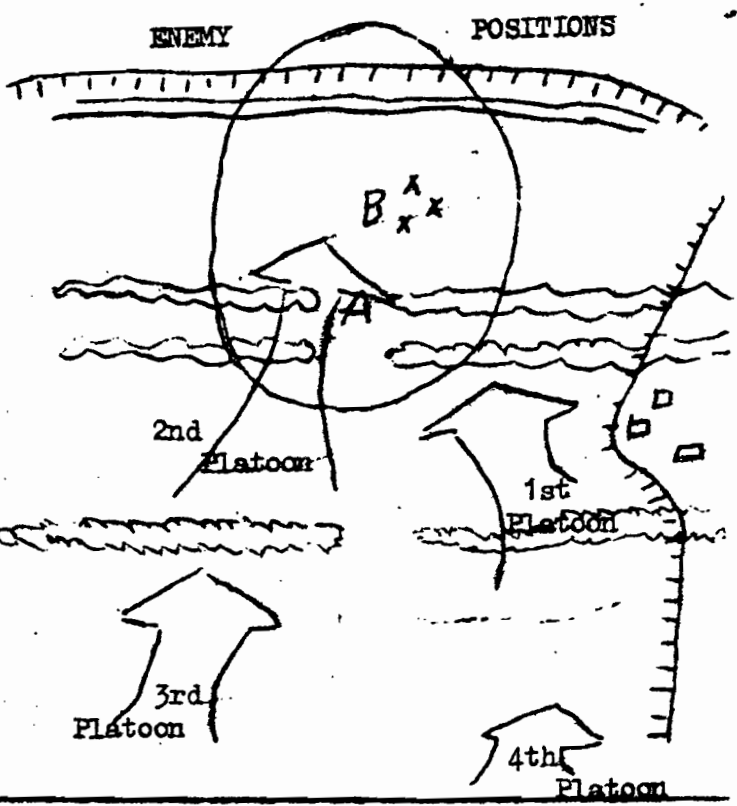
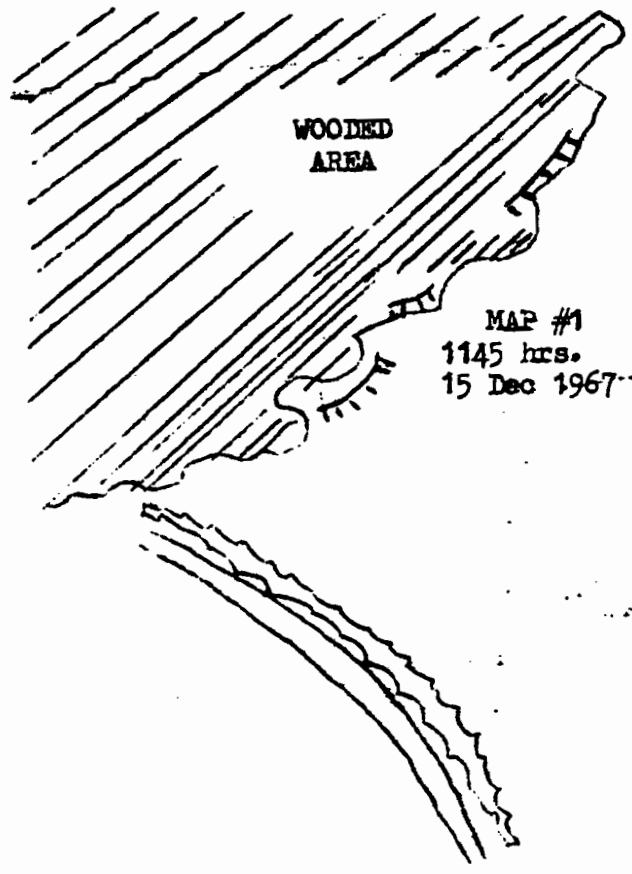
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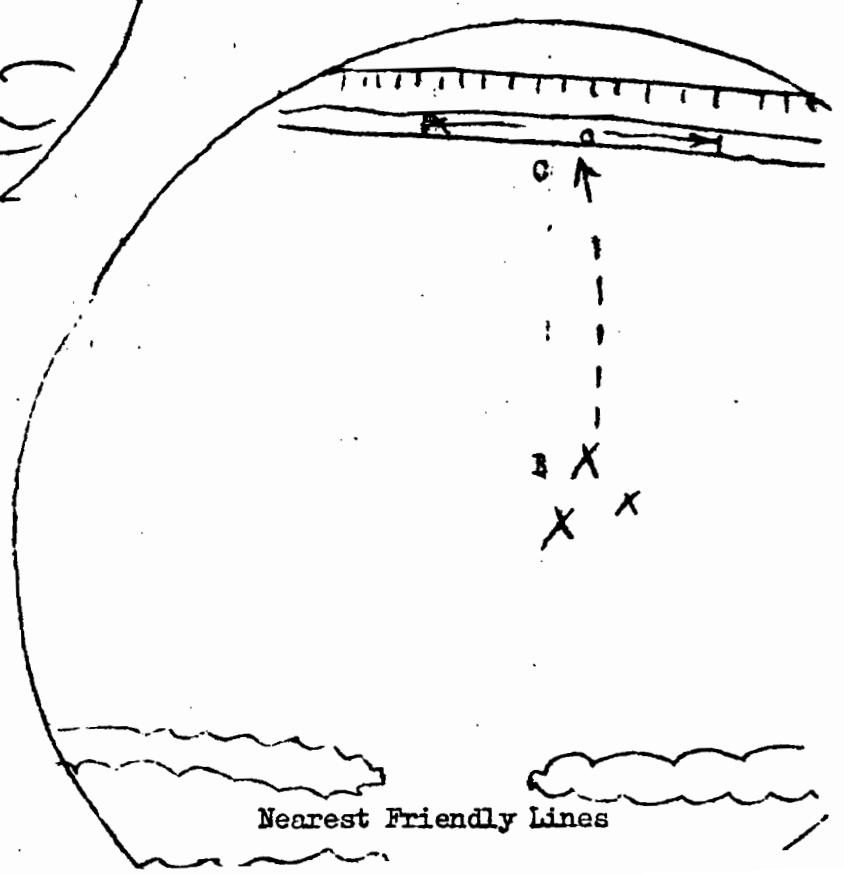


MAP #2
 1150 hrs

Sergeant Lynch goes to the aid of his wounded comrades. Point A to Point B

MAP #3
 1152 hrs.

Sergeant Lynch assaults and clears enemy position. Point C



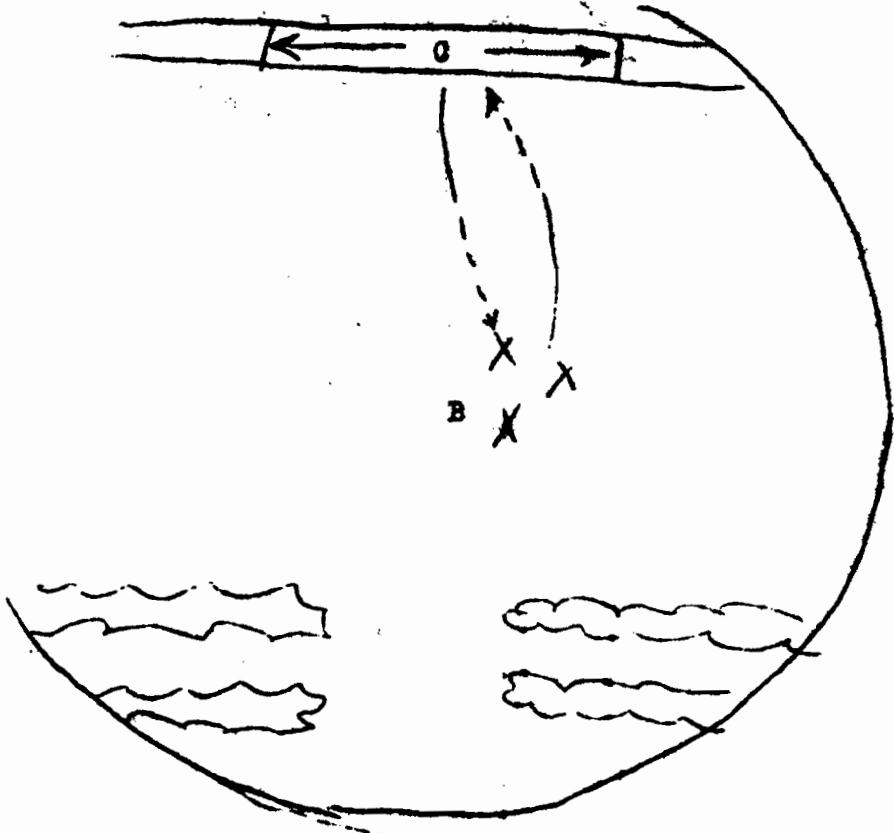
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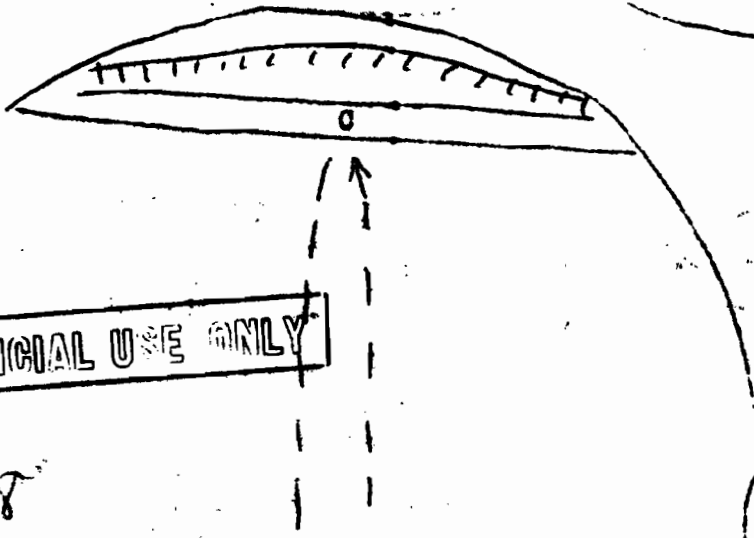
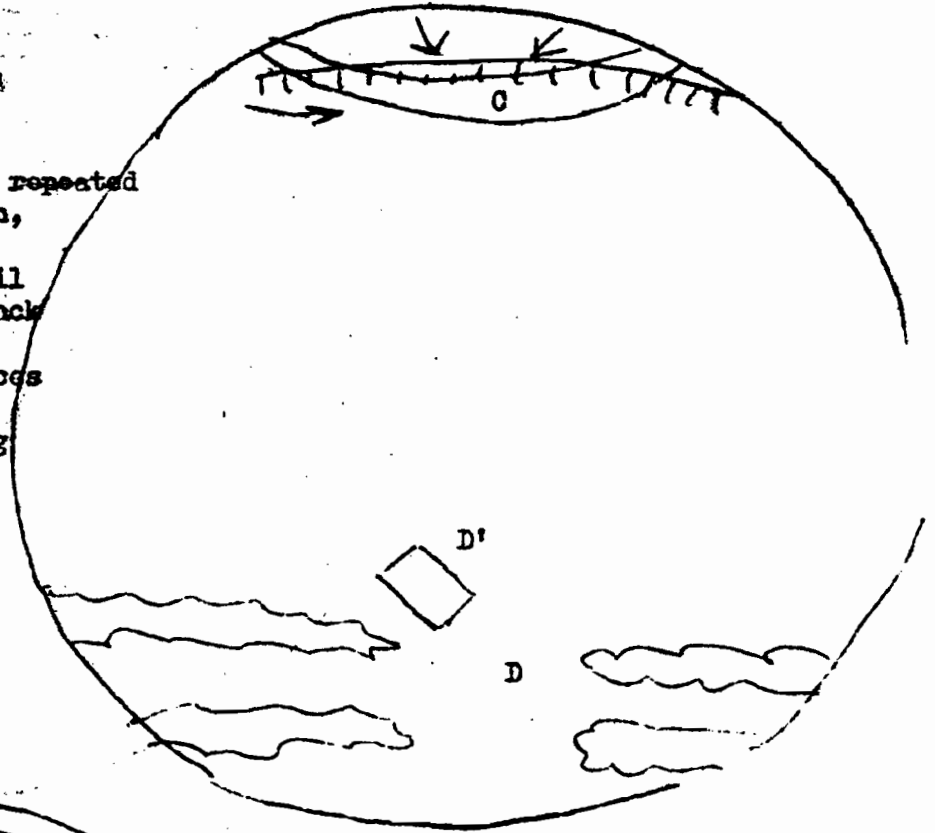
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MAP #4
 1155 hrs.
 Seargeant Lynch makes three trips point C to B and back to move three wounded soldiers

MAP #5
 1200-1530 hrs.

Seargeant Lynch repels repeated attacks on his position, point C, as numerous attempts to relieve fail at point D. Final attack prior to forced withdrawal of friendly forces results in armored personnel carrier being disabled by enemy recoilless rifle fire, point D'

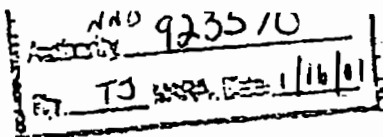


MAP #6
 1630 hrs.
 Sgt Lynch makes three trips from point C to point D carrying each of the wounded following air strikes and artillery preparatory fires.

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR:

Name: Allen J. Lynch

Status at time of Action: Radio-telephone operator, Specialist Four, U.S. Army.

Organization at time of Action: Company D, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 12th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile).

Next of Kin: Mr. Leroy J. Lynch (Father)

Persons who assisted and Awards Received:

Captain Donald A. Orsini - Distinguished Service Cross
1st Lt Roy B. Southerland - Silver Star (posthumous)
Sergeant William B. Gorges - Silver Star
Sergeant Rudolph H. Ford - Silver Star

Conditions under which act performed:

Location: My An (2), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam.

Date: 15 December 1967

Terrain: Large village surrounded by rice paddies and small, numerous, heavily grown hedgerows restricting visibility considerably.

Weather: Clear and warm.

Enemy situation: Enemy force exceeds a Battalion in size. He is well equipped with Recoilless Rifles, light and heavy machine guns, and ammunition. His position is carefully chosen and heavily fortified. Intent seems to be to defend in place. Enemy morale is extremely high.

Friendly situation: Morale high following brief stand down. Extremely under strength (65 infantrymen).

Narrative description of gallant conduct:

Sergeant E5 (then SP4) Allen J. Lynch, United States Army, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty in action against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam while serving as a Radio Telephone Operator with Company D, 1st Bn, 12th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). Company D, approaching the objective from the Southwest, was engaged by an enemy force consisting of elements of the 22d IWA Regiment at approximately 11:45 hours. The enemy had strength in excess of a battalion, and was initially able to engage the entirety of Company D and maintain fire superiority. A number of friendly casualties were taken immediately. With the forward elements of the company Sgt Allen J. Lynch, R.T.O. for the second platoon, observed three wounded comrades well forward of the friendly lines. Realizing their need for assistance, he exposed himself to enemy fire and dashed across 50 meters of open ground to their aid. Ignoring intense enemy fire, he moved to a nearby trench. Finding the trench enemy occupied, he used his M-16 rifle to silence the position by killing two enemy soldiers. Returning to the wounded, he moved each one of them to the cover of the enemy position he had just cleared. Sgt Lynch proceeded to give aid and comfort to his three wounded comrades, pausing on a number of occasions to repulse enemy attacks on his position. In the process, he killed at least five enemy soldiers. During the following three hours that Company D remained in contact with the enemy, numerous attempts were made to relieve the beleaguered position. Due to the strength of the enemy positions surrounding Sgt Lynch and his comrades, all attempts failed, with the enemy wounding eight and killing one of the members of the relief forces in addition to disabling one Armored Personnel Carrier with recoilless rifle fire. Over three hours after the action had begun, Company D was forced to withdraw, abandoning Sgt Lynch and his comrades in the midst of the enemy. In the following two hour period, Sgt Lynch continued to defend his small position against repeated enemy attempts to dislodge him. He repelled all attackers with the desperate but accurate fire of his rifle, taking a further toll of enemy killed and wounded. In the two hour period immediately following the withdrawal of Company D, the contact area was saturated by artillery and air strikes. When the friendly air strikes ended, Sgt Lynch, with complete disregard for his own safety, again exposed himself to the enemy fire to carry the three wounded men to cover. The distance to the relatively

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SERGEANT LYNCH DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY AT THE RISK OF LIFE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY ON 15 DECEMBER 1967 WHILE SERVING AS A RADIO TELEPHONE OPERATOR WITH COMPANY D, 1ST BATTALION (AIRMOBILE), 12TH CAVALRY, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE), IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. WHILE SERVING IN THE FORWARD ELEMENT ON AN OPERATION IN BINH DINH PROVINCE, HIS UNIT BECAME HEAVILY ENGAGED WITH A NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR ENEMY FORCE. QUICKLY AND ACCURATELY ASSESSING THE SITUATION, HE PROVIDED THE COMPANY COMMANDER WITH INFORMATION WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY PROVED ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESSFUL ACTION BY THE UNIT. UPON OBSERVING THREE WOUNDED COMRADES LYING EXPOSED TO ENEMY FIRE, SERGEANT LYNCH DASHED ACROSS FIFTY METERS OF OPEN GROUND THROUGH A WITHERING HAIL OF ENEMY FIRE TO ADMINISTER AID. BECAUSE OF THE INTENSITY OF THE HOSTILE FIRE, HE RAN TO A NEARBY TRENCH WHICH HE INTENDED TO USE AS COVER FOR HIS COMRADES BUT FOUND IT OCCUPIED BY TWO ENEMY SOLDIERS, WHOM HE PROMPTLY ELIMINATED WITH HIS RIFLE. WITH THE TRENCH CLEARED, HE RETURNED TO THE EXPOSED AREA AND THREE TIMES BRAVED THE DEVASTATING HAIL OF ENEMY FIRE TO CARRY THE WOUNDED MEN TO THE SAFETY OF THE TRENCH. AS THE COMPANY WITHDREW BEFORE THE SUPERIOR FIREPOWER OF THE ENEMY, SERGEANT LYNCH REMAINED FORWARD AMONG THE ATTACKING ENEMY AND CONTINUED TO ADMINISTER AID TO THE WOUNDED RATHER THAN ABANDON THEM AS HIS COMPANY COMMANDER HAD ORDERED. WITH REINFORCEMENTS, INCLUDING AN ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER, UNABLE TO REACH HIM, HE WAS FORCED TO DEFEND HIS ISOLATED POSITION AGAINST THE ADVANCING ENEMY ALONE. ON ONE OCCASION, USING ONLY HIS RIFLE AND A GRENADE, HE STOPPED THEIR ADVANCE JUST SHORT OF HIS TRENCH, KILLING FIVE ENEMY SOLDIERS. BECAUSE OF HIS DETERMINED RESISTANCE, WHICH AT TIMES INVOLVED HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT, HE WAS ABLE TO HOLD HIS POSITION SINGLE-HANDEDLY FOR THREE HOURS UNTIL FRIENDLY FORCES BEGAN ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES PREPARATORY TO A COUNTERATTACK. REALIZING THE INCREASED DANGER TO HIS COMRADES FROM THIS FRIENDLY FIRE, HE POSITIONED THEM CAREFULLY WITHIN THE TRENCH. WHEN THE ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKES ENDED TWO HOURS LATER, SERGEANT

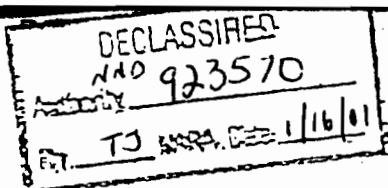
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LYNCH, DISREGARDING HIS OWN SAFETY, AGAIN EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY FIRE WHILE FIVE TIMES CROSSING SEVENTY METERS OF EXPOSED TERRAIN TO CARRY HIS WOUNDED COMRADES TO A MORE SECURE AREA. ONCE HE HAD SEEN TO THE WOUNDED MEN'S COMFORT AND SAFETY, HE AGAIN EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE HOSTILE FIRE TO LOCATE THE WITHDRAWN FRIENDLY COMPANY. AFTER REJOINING HIS UNIT, HE RETURNED TO THE FRONT AND ASSISTED IN DIRECTING THE ATTACK AND EVACUATING THE THREE CASUALTIES. SERGEANT LYNCH'S GALLANTRY IN THE FACE OF IMMINENT DANGER AND PERSEVERENCE ON THE BEHALF OF HIS WOUNDED COMRADES WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

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secure area was approximately seventy meters. Thinking only of the welfare of his comrades, Sgt Lynch traversed this dangerous terrain on three separate occasions to accomplish his voluntary mission. Once he had seen to the wounded men's comfort and security, Sgt Lynch again exposed himself to the hostile fire to locate the withdrawn Company D. After rejoining his company, he went to the front once more and assisted in the direction of the attack and the evacuation of his three wounded comrades. Sgt Lynch's gallantry in the face of death and perseverance on behalf of his wounded comrades was an inspiration to all concerned and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. His actions bring great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

LYNCH, ALLEN J SSAN NVAL SERGEANT United States Army, Company D, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 12th Cavalry, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), APO 96490

Awarded: Distinguished Service Cross

Date action: 15 December 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam: Sergeant Lynch distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 15 December 1967 while serving as a telephone operator with the lead platoon of his company during a mission in Binh Dinh Province. When contact was made with a numerically superior North Vietnamese Army force, Sergeant Lynch quickly radioed vital information to his company commander and moved forward with his platoon leader. They spotted three wounded comrades lying exposed to the enemy fusillade and advanced to rescue them, but the platoon leader was killed by the intense hostile fire. Sergeant Lynch decided to bring the wounded men to the safety of a nearby trench and, finding it occupied by two North Vietnamese soldiers, killed them both with a burst of rifle fire. He then carried the casualties to the trench, making three trips through a hail of bullets. As his company withdrew before the communists' superior fire power, Sergeant Lynch remained among the attacking enemy, administering aid to his comrades and killing five more North Vietnamese who assaulted his position. When artillery and air strikes ended several hours later, he went five times across seventy meters of exposed terrain to carry the casualties to a more secure area. After locating his company, he returned with volunteers and stretchers, successfully extracting the three injured men. Sergeant Lynch's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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1. PURPOSE. To obtain signature of COMUSMACV on the forwarding indorsement at Tab A to the recommendation for award at Tab B.

2. DISCUSSION.

a. At Tab B is a recommendation for award of the Medal of Honor to Sergeant Allen J. Lynch, RA16812051, United States Army.


b. The recommendation has been reviewed by the Awards and Decorations Board, this headquarters, and the proposed indorsement is in accord with the recommendation of the Board, which was concurred in by the ACofS, J1 (Tab C).

c. The recommendations of intervening headquarters are as follows:

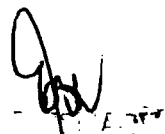
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d. The Deputy Commanding General, United States Army, Vietnam has approved the Distinguished Service Cross as an interim award.

3. RECOMMENDATION. That indorsement at Tab A be signed by COMUSMACV and correspondence returned to this office for dispatch.


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