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1ST AVIATION BRIGADE  
APO San Francisco 96307

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"NGUY HIEM"

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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.

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