

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION FOR VALOR OR MERIT
(MACV Directive 672-1)

T H R U	Commanding Officer FANK TC AAG APO SF 96227	T O	Chief, AAG ATTN: AAG-PA APO SF 96222	F R O M	Commanding Officer FANK TC AAG, DETTB APO SF 96240
	1. NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) CAMERON, CECIL		2. SSAN: W-18052	3. GRADE: CPO	4. BRANCH/POS: RNZN
	5. MONTHS IN RVN: 9	6. DEROS: 30 Nov 72	7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: () YES (X) NO	8. DUTY POSITION TITLE: X-RAY TECHNICIAN/WARDMASTER	
	9. ORGANIZATION AT THE TIME OF ACTION: FANK TC AAG, DETTB, APO SF 96240		10. DATE(S) OF SERVICE OR ACTION: 1 March 1972 - 30 November 1972		
11. CURRENT UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: FANK TC AAG, DETTB, APO SF 96240			12. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: NZATGV-SAIGON, SOUTH VIETNAM		
13. AWARD RECOMMENDED:					
<input type="checkbox"/> DSC <input type="checkbox"/> SM <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> SS <input type="checkbox"/> BS ¹¹ V ¹¹ <input type="checkbox"/> ACM ¹¹ V ¹¹ <input type="checkbox"/> ACHIEVEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> LM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BSM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACM _____ OAK LEAF CLUSTER <input type="checkbox"/> DFC <input type="checkbox"/> AM ¹¹ V ¹¹ <input type="checkbox"/> PH _____ AWD OF AIR MEDAL					
14. PREVIOUS US AWARDS (Purple Heart and higher):					
DECORATION		DATE(S) OF ACTION/SERVICE		AUTHORITY	
N/A					
15. OTHERS RECOMMENDED FOR AN AWARD FOR THE SAME ACTION (NAME & AWARD):					
N/A					
16. NAMES OF EYEWITNESSES:					
N/A					

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17. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

Medical Chief Petty Officer Cecil Cameron, W18052, Royal New Zealand Navy, distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force, while serving as Ward Master and X-ray Technician for the Forces Armees' Nationales Kmhers (FANK) Training Command, Army Advisory Group, Dong Ba Thin Training Battalion, during the period March 1972 to November 1972. During his tenure at Dong Ba Thin Training Center. Chief Petty Officer actively set about training indigenous employees in the use of available equipment. He went on to collect materials needed for special X-ray contrast studies, thereby greatly increasing the diagnostic capability of the Dong Ba Thin X-ray facility. He then assumed responsibility for the 40 bed hospital at Dong Ba Thin. He quickly noted the indigenous staff to be lacking in several necessary skills and proceeded to discharge and recruit until he had attained a carefully screened and talented group of ward employees. He trained the indigenous staff himself, in ward techniques, and established, with no assistance from others, the standard operating procedures of the ward. He continued on to assume responsibility for the day to day care of his patients. He personally examined and prescribed treatment for all admissions, regardless of the day or time of admission, and tirelessly made rounds late in the evening. His tireless efforts have resulted in the creation of a first class hospital. His contributions and achievements have tremendously aided the successful accomplishment of the mission of the Training Command. Chief Petty Officer Cameron has been an invaluable asset to the Dong Ba Thin Training Battalion. Medical Chief Petty Officer Cameron's performance of duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the New Zealand Navy and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

<p>18. INCLOSURES:</p> <p>1. Proposed Citation 2. BIO Sketch</p>	<p>19. NAME/RANK/POSITION OF ORIGINATOR:</p> <p>JOHN V. HEMLER, JR. COL, FA Commanding</p>	<p>20. SIGNATURE AND DATE:</p> <p><i>John V. Hemler, Jr.</i> 5 Nov 72</p>
<p>21. RECOMMENDATION OF THRU COMMAND:</p> <p>() APPROVAL () DISAPPROVAL () OTHER</p>	<p>22. NAME/RANK/POSITION</p>	<p>23. SIGNATURE AND DATE:</p>

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