

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

THRU: Commanding Officer FANK TC AAG APO SF 96227		TO: Chief, AAG ATTN: AAG-AD APO SF 96222		FROM: Commanding Officer DBTB, FANK TC AAG APO SF 96240	
1. NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL): HOKIANGA, SAM P.		2. SSAN: L-552286		3. GRADE SGT E5	
4. BRANCH/MOS: RNZIR		5. DATES: 30 Nov 72		6. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: () YES (X) NO	
7. DUTY POSITION TITLE: TACTICS INSTRUCTOR		8. RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS TIME OF ACTION: FANK TC AAG, DBTB, APO 96240		9. DATE(S) OF SERVICE ON ACTION: 1 March 1972 - 30 November 1972	
10. CURRENT UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: FANK TC AAG, DBTB, APO 96240		11. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: NZATGV SAIGON, South Vietnam			
12. AWARDS RECOMMENDED:					
() DSC		() SM		() AM	
() SS		() BS "V"		(X) SERVICE	
() IM		() BSM		() ACHIEVEMENT	
() DFC		() AM "V"		() JSCOM	
				() OAK LEAF CLUSTER	
				() AWARD OF AIR MEDAL	
				() FH	
13. PREVIOUS US AWARDS (Purple Heart and higher):					
DECORATION		DATE (S) OF ACTION/SERVICE		AUTHORITY	
NONE					
14. OTHERS RECOMMENDED FOR AN AWARD FOR THE SAME ACTION (NAME & AWARD):					
N/A					
15. NAMES OF WITNESSES:					
N/A					

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17. WARRANT DISPOSITION:

SERGEANT SAM P. HOKIANGA, 1552286, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, attached to Forces Armee' Nationale Khmere (FANK) Training Command, Army Advisory Group, Dong Ba Thin Training Battalion, distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force during the period March 1972 until November 1972. SERGEANT HOKIANGA was assigned as an instructor with Tactics Committee, which covered the full range of tactics instruction from squad tactics to battalion tactics. He undertook his duties in a highly efficient and professional manner, spending long hours in the field in all conditions to ensure the maximum effectiveness of instruction. His varied background, which includes both operational and training experience, was ideally suited to the training of the Cambodian battalions leaders, and he carried out these duties with distinction. SGT HOKIANGA has spent much of his spare time in preparing training aids, sandmodels and the like to ensure the best form of instruction was given to the battalions in training. He has accompanied the Cambodian troops on Field Training Exercises, in an advisory capacity, to correct and advise them on the tactical aspects of the training. His attention to detail won him the respect and admiration, not only of the United States and New Zealand personnel, but also of the Cambodian leaders and troops. SGT HOKIANGA is an extremely well motivated and liked Noncommissioned Officer, who is highly competent in his work and a tremendous asset to the successful accomplishment of the Forces Armee' Nationale Khmere Training Command's Mission. SGT HOKIANGA's duty performance was in keeping with the highest traditions of the New Zealand Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

<p>18. ENCLOSURES:</p> <p>1. Proposed Citation 2. BIO Sketch</p>	<p>19. NAME/RANK/POSITION OF ORIGINATOR:</p> <p>ROBERT E. DOWNEN LTJG, Infantry Commanding</p>	<p>20. SIGNATURE AND DATE:</p> <p><i>Robert E Downen</i> 21 OCT 1972</p>
<p>21. RECOMMENDATION OF THIS COMMAND:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER</p>	<p>22. NAME/RANK/POSITION:</p> <p>JOHN V. HEMLER JR. Colonel, FA Commanding</p>	<p>23. SIGNATURE AND DATE:</p> <p><i>John V. Hemler Jr.</i> 5 NOV 72</p>

BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH

1. PERSONAL DATA.

- a. HOKIANGA Hami (Sam) P
- b. L 552286
- c. 8 Mar 35 New Zealand
- d. Burnham New Zealand
- e. Married
- f. Mrs Kaa M HOKIANGA, 5

2. MILITARY DATA.

- a. 14 Jul 66
- b. NA
- c. Cpl - 14 Jul 66, Sgt - 30 Oct 70
- d. 1 Bn Depot - 1 yr 4 mths, 1 RNZIR - 4 mths, W Coy 1 RNZIR - 12 mths, 1 RNZIR - 8 mths, W Coy 1 RNZIR - 5 mths, NSTU - 2 yrs 2 mths, 2 NZATTV - 9 mths
- e. First Aid, Inf/Tank Co op, Jnr NCO's Minor Tactics, BAA Instrs, Snr Minor Tactics, GPMG and Rangefinder, Blinds Disposal, Assault Pioneer Instr, Starlightscope
- f. Vietnam Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal
- g. NA

3. CIVILIAN EDUCATION.

- a. Not known
- b. 11 yrs
- c. NA
- d. NA

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