

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION FOR VALOR OR MERIT (Directive 672-1)			
THRU: Commanding Officer FANK TC AAG APO SF 96227		TO: Chief, AAG ATTN: AAG-AD APO SF 96222	
FROM: Commanding Officer FANK TC AAG DETTB APO SF 96240			
1. NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL):	2. SSAN:	3. GRADE:	BRANCH/ROS:
KIWIKIWI, RICHARD W.	M303887	SGT/E6	RN/IR
4. MONTHS:	5. DEDUCTIONS:	7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD:	8. DUTY POSITION TITLE:
9	30 Nov 72	( ) YES (X) NO	INSTRUCTOR
9. ORGANIZATION AT THE TIME OF ACTION:		10. DATE(S) OF SERVICE ON ACTION:	
FANK TC AAG DETTB, APO SF 96240		1 March 1972 - 30 November 1972	
11. CURRENT UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT:		12. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS:	
FANK TC AAG DETTB, APO SF 96240		NZATGV SAIGON, SOUTH VIETNAM	
13. AWARD RECOMMENDED:			
( ) DGC	( ) SM	( ) AM	(X) SERVICE
( ) BS	( ) BS "V"	( ) ACM "V"	( ) ACHIEVEMENT
( ) IM	( ) RSM	( ) JSCOM	( ) OAK LEAF CIGSTER
( ) DFC	( ) AM "V"	(X) ACM	( ) AWARD OF AIR MEDAL
( ) EH			
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 WITNESSES:			
N/A			

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17. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

SERGEANT RICHARD W. KIWIKIWI, M303887, 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, while serving as a tactics instructor. SGT KIWIKIWI was assigned as an instructor with the Tactics Committee from March 1972 until November 1972. He was responsible for the varied tactical training required for the Cambodian battalions including squad, company, and battalion tactics. The breadth of his past military background ideally suited him to the task and he imparted his knowledge and experience in a highly efficient and professional manner. SGT KIWIKIWI spent long hours in adverse conditions to ensure that sound tactical doctrine and practice was given to the Cambodian soldiers. His intense desire to ensure high standards of performance quickly won him the respect, not only of his superiors, but also of the Cambodian troops. These standards were reflected continuously in the battalions as they progressed through the training cycle. SGT KIWIKIWI sets a fine personal example and is extremely well motivated. SGT KIWIKIWI's outstanding 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. INCLOSURES:</p> <p>Proposed Citation BIO Sketch</p>	<p>19. NAME/RANK/POSITION OF ORIGINATOR:</p> <p>ROBERT E. DOWNEN LTC, Infantry Commanding</p>	<p>20. SIGNATURE AND DATE:</p> <p><i>Robert E Downen</i> 20 OCT 1972</p>
<p>21. RECOMMENDATION OF THRU COMMAND:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL</p> <p><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. KIWIKIWI Richard W
- b. M 303887
- c. 5 Mar 37 New Zealand
- d. Burnham New Zealand
- e. Married
- f. Mrs E.M. Kiukidui, h

2. MILITARY DATA.

- a. 2 Nov 59
- b. NA
- c. Pte - 2 Nov 59, Lcpl - 2 Nov 60, Cpl - 1 Jan 63, Sgt - 1 Oct 70
- d. ND Sig Tp - 8 mths, 1 NZ Regt - 2 yrs, 1 Bde Sigs - 1 yr 2 mths, 1 Ranger Sqn - 1 yr 8 mths, 7 RNZIR - 9 mths, 1 Ranger Sqn - 6 mths, NSTU - 2 yrs 2 mths, 1 Bn Depot - 1 yr 2 mths, 2 NZATTV - 9 mths
- e. Dvrs, BAA Instrs, Parachute, Basic Dems, Med Specialist, Adv Med, SAS Minor Tactics, Small Boating, Shooting Coaches, Jnr NCO's Minor Tactics, Inf Assault Pioneers, GPMG and Rangefinder
- 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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