

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 DBTB APO SF 96240	
1. NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL): MORRISON, MICHAEL G.		2. SSAN: Eh1519		3. GRADE: SOT	
4. BRANCH/ROS: RNZIR		5. MONTHS: 10		6. DATE(S) OF ACTION: 30 Nov 72	
7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: () YES (X) NO		8. DUTY POSITION/TITLE: CHIEF CLERK			
9. ORGANIZATION AT THE TIME OF ACTION: FANK TC AAG DBTB, APO SF 96240			10. DATE(S) OF SERVICE ON ACTION: 1 February - 30 November 1972		
11. CURRENT UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: FANK TC AAG DBTB, APO SF 96240			12. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: NZATCV SAIGON, SOUTH VIETNAM		
13. AWARD RECOMMENDED:					
<input type="checkbox"/> DCM <input type="checkbox"/> SM <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> SS <input type="checkbox"/> BS PVN <input type="checkbox"/> ACM PVN <input type="checkbox"/> ACHIEVEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> IM <input type="checkbox"/> BSM <input type="checkbox"/> NSCCM <input type="checkbox"/> OAK LEAF STUDENT <input type="checkbox"/> DFC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM PVN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AWARD OF AIR MEDAL <input type="checkbox"/> FM					
14. PREVIOUS 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 MICHAEL E. MORRISON, EM1519, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, attached to the 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 the Chief Clerk, New Zealand Army Training Team, from February 1972 through November 1972. SGT MORRISON, while performing in this key slot for the New Zealand Training Team, also performed as a vital liaison link between the New Zealand, Vietnamese and United States forces at Dong Ba Thin. His duties in the personnel field were of paramount importance to the successful completion of the mission of the FANK Training Command. Through many long hours of work and his sincere dedication to the men whom he supported, he was able to contribute immeasurably to the maintenance of the high morale of New Zealand forces, and thus, enabled them to successfully accomplish their roles in this extremely demanding and vital mission. As Dong Ba Thin is a Vietnamese compound, shared by the New Zealand and United States forces, a tremendous amount of coordination was required for all activities conducted at Dong Ba Thin. As a liaison, he coordinated between the Vietnamese staff and the United States staff on behalf of the New Zealand contingent. His detailed planning and coordination was evidenced on numerous occasions, when distinguished dignitaries from New Zealand, Vietnam and the United States arrived at Dong Ba Thin for official visits. His personable manner enabled him to develop outstanding rapport with all parties involved, and as a result of which, he was able to conduct well coordinated international activities. His participation in the FANK Training Program has indeed been meritorious, despite the multitude of complexities that inevitably exist in a quadripartite organization. By demanding high standards of performance of himself, SGT MORRISON was able to overcome all obstacles and, in so doing, inspire his fellow soldiers to also achieve outstanding results. SGT MORRISON'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. ENCLOSURES:</p> <p>1. Proposed Citation 2. 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> 23 OCT 1972</p>
<p>21. RECOMMENDATION OF THRU 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. COL, 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. MORRISON Michael G
- b. E 11519
- c. 6 Jul 48 New Zealand
- d. New Plymouth New Zealand
- e. Single
- f. NA

2. MILITARY DATA.

- a. 11 Jan 65
- b. NA
- c. Pte 11 Jan 65, Lcpl - 27 Aug 67, Cpl - 6 Mar 70, Sgt - 26 Apr 71
- d. Army Schools - 1 yr 8 mths, HQ 1 Inf Bde Gp - 1 yr 8 mths, 1 Bn Depot - 8 mths, 1 RNZIR - 1 yr, W Coy 1 RNZIR - 7 mths, Defence HQ - 1 yr 6 mths, 2 NZATTY - 9 mths
- e. Basic Inf, Inf Sigs, Jnr Clerks, Ledger Clerks, Combat Int, Security, Snr Clerks
- f. Vietnam Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal
- g. NA

3. CIVILIAN EDUCATION.

- a. Not known
- b. 12 yrs
- c. NA
- d. NA

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