

RECOMMENDATION FOR RECOGNITION FOR VALOR OR MERIT. (MACV 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, DBTTB APO SF 96240			
1. NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL):	2. SSAN:	3. GRADE:	4. BRANCH/NOB:
PEPPER BARRY J.	C-34318	CPT	RNZIR
5. REGIONS:	6. DATES:	7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD:	8. DUTY POSITION/TITLE:
9	30 Nov 72	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	BATTALION TRAINING OFFICER
9. ORGANIZATION AT THE TIME OF ACTION:	10. DATE(S) OF SERVICE OR ACTION:		
FANK TC AAG, DBTTB, APO SF 96240	1 March 1972 - 30 November 1972		
11. DUTY ASSIGNMENT:	12. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS:		
FANK TC AAG, DBTTB, APO, SF 96240	NZATGV-SAIGON, SOUTH VIETNAM		
13. AWARD RECOMMENDED:			
<input type="checkbox"/> DGM	<input type="checkbox"/> SM	<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SERVICE
<input type="checkbox"/> SS	<input type="checkbox"/> PS "VV"	<input type="checkbox"/> ACM "VV"	<input type="checkbox"/> ACHIEVEMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> IM	<input type="checkbox"/> BSM	<input type="checkbox"/> JSCOM	<input type="checkbox"/> OAK LEAF CLUSTER
<input type="checkbox"/> DFC	<input type="checkbox"/> AM "VV"	<input type="checkbox"/> ACM	<input type="checkbox"/> AWARD OF AIR MEDAL
<input type="checkbox"/> FM			
14. PREVIOUS US AWARDS (Purple Heart and higher):			
DESCRIPTION	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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MACV Form 200-R Replaces edition of 22 May 68 and MACV Form 127, 22 May 68
15 Mar 72 which are obsolete

17. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

CAPTAIN BARRY J. PEPPER, C34318, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, attached to Forces Armee' Nationale Khmère (FANK) Army Advisory Group, Dong Ba Thin Training Battalion, distinguished himself by his exceptionally meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam during the period March through November 1972. While serving with the U. S. Army Advisory Group, CPT PEPPER was the Chief of the Operations and Training Section, and Officer-In-Charge of the Training Committee of the Dong Ba Thin Training Battalion. Essentially, Dong Ba Thin Training Battalion exists for the sole purpose of training Cambodian soldiers and for organizing them into combat effective battalions. As Operations Officer, CPT PEPPER was obliged to supervise all training and organization of Khmère units in Dong Ba Thin. With immense responsibilities and in a position crucial to the success of the Dong Ba Thin Training Battalion, CPT PEPPER performed his duties with great personal force and direction, maintaining control over an ever changing, ever tense situation. During his tenure as Operations Officer at Dong Ba Thin, CPT PEPPER earned the respect of every NCO and officer alike for his personal ability to handle so many diverse operations simultaneously, and his quick attention to the details and personal interests of each of the personnel assigned to him. When a more senior CAPTAIN came to Dong Ba Thin, CPT PEPPER exclusively directed his attention to the Training Committee. As OIC of the Training Committee, CPT PEPPER was solely responsible for the preparation of all instruction and for the maintenance and construction of all training areas, facilities, and training aids. With a mixed force of US and NZ instructors organized into three subcommittees, the Training Committee conducted all formal instruction at Dong Ba Thin. With over 1700 Cambodian troops in training at any time, and up to 24 separate classes being conducted simultaneously, CPT PEPPER's duties and responsibilities were as demanding, requiring even greater personal supervision, as they were in the Operations Section. CPT PEPPER's energies never lagged. While performing his duty as OIC of the Training Committee, he worked long, arduous hours monitoring the training presented. He was constantly conceiving and planning new concepts to improve training. Due to the debilitating effect on the strength and morale of Vietnamese units after the North Vietnamese Army's major spring offensive, several key instructors from the FANK Training Command were sent to training sites all over Vietnam to retrain, refit and reorganize Vietnamese divisions. This resulted in a twofold increase in the instructor work load. CPT PEPPER spent long hours carefully scheduling instructor schedules and reorganizing troop schedules to allow training to continue unabated. His hard work and personal efforts

<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> 20 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. Colonel, FA Commanding</p>	<p>23. SIGNATURE AND DATE:</p> <p><i>John V. Hemler Jr.</i> 5 Nov 72</p>

17. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (Cont'd):

contributed appreciably to the continued success of Dong Ba Thin's operation, and to the continued quality performance and great individual efforts of his instructors. CPT PEPPER epitomizes the highly motivated professional soldiers; the respect and esteem he earned from his US associates is commensurate with his steadfast and exemplary performance of his duties. He personally has had a great effect on the training mission of Dong Ba Thin and on the success of the overall mission of the FANK Training Command. CPT PEPPER's outstanding duty performance was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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