

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION FOR VALOR OR MERIT  
(Army 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): WATSON, RANGI K.		2. SSAN: F898707		3. GRADE (L. BRANCH/MOS): SSG RNZIR	
5. MOTIVE 9	6. DATES: 30 Nov 72	7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ( ) YES (x) NO	8. DUTY POSITION/TITLE: INSTRUCTOR		
9. ORIGINATOR OF THIS TYPE OF ACTION: FANK TC AAG DBTTB, APO SF 96240			10. DATE(S) OF SERVICE ON ACTION: 15 February 1972 - 30 November 1972		
11. CURRENT UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: FANK TC AAG DBTTB, APO SF 96240			12. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: NZATGV SAIGON, SOUTH VIETNAM		
13. AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS: <input type="checkbox"/> TEC <input type="checkbox"/> SM <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> SS <input type="checkbox"/> BS "V" <input type="checkbox"/> ACM "V" <input type="checkbox"/> ACHIEVEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> IM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BSM <input type="checkbox"/> JSOOM <input type="checkbox"/> OAK LEAF CLUSTER <input type="checkbox"/> DFC <input type="checkbox"/> AM "V" <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACM <input type="checkbox"/> AWARD OF AIR MEDAL <input type="checkbox"/> PH					
14. PREVIOUS US AWARDS (Purple Heart and higher):					
DECORATION		DATE(S) OF ACTION/SERVICE		AUTHORITY	
NONE					
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:

STAFF SERGEANT RANGI K. WATSON, P898707, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, attached to the Forces Armees' Nationales Khmère (FANK) Training Command, Army Advisory Group, Dong Ba Thin, distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force during the period February 1972 through November 1972, while serving as a weapons instructor. SSG WATSON was assigned as an instructor with Weapons Committee, specializing in the 81mm mortar. His background experience, both operational and training, was used to great advantage in his instructional role. SSG WATSON was regarded as an expert with the 81mm mortar, and his skills were used in both the training of Cambodian troops and in the defense of the Dong Ba Thin Compound. He was a highly efficient instructor and undertook his duties and responsibilities in a professional manner. Included in his duties was the training of the leaders in their roles within the Mortar Platoon. SSG WATSON has spent long hours in isolated areas in extremes of heat to ensure that sound knowledge and practice was imparted to the troops. He was always seeking new methods for streamlining the mortar instruction for Cambodian troops. The highest standards have been continuously reflected by the battalion mortar platoons as they progressed through the training cycle. SSG WATSON set a fine personal example and is highly motivated in all of his work. He is firm and fair but demanded and received the respect of all the personnel that worked with him. SSG WATSON is a highly competent Non-commissioned Officer and a dedicated soldier. SSG WATSON's outstanding duty performance is 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> 20 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>

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