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AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

MC GEE, SAMUEL E. III 228-64-0092 CAPTAIN INFANTRY 134th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter) APO 96316

Awarded: Distinguished Flying Cross
Date of service: 24 October 1970
Theater: Republic of Vietnam
Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926, AR 672-5-1 and USARV Supplement 1 to AR 672-5-1 dated 10 August 1970.
Reason: For heroism while participating in aerial flight evidenced by voluntary actions above and beyond the call of duty: Captain McGee distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions while serving as aircraft commander of a troop carrying helicopter during a combat mission near Tuy Hoa. Operating in an area of much enemy activity, he inserted thirty Allied troops on five trips into the landing zone. On several occasions his ship was the target of enemy fire and on the last sortie into the landing zone, an enemy soldier stood up out of the tall grass and pointed his weapon at the approaching aircraft. When the enemy soldier then hid in the high grass, Captain McGee hovered over the enemy's location in an attempt to capture him. When the enemy soldier made an aggressive move with his weapon, Allied troops on board were forced to fatally wound him. Through his outstanding flying ability and devotion to duty Captain McGee placed the friendly soldiers in the best location to perform the mission. Displaying undaunted courage and professionalism in the face of hostile fire, he was highly instrumental in the success of the mission. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

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Captain Samuel E. McGee is awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism while participating in aerial flight evidenced by voluntary actions above and beyond the call of duty in the Republic of Vietnam while serving as Aircraft Commander with the 134th Aviation Company (Assault Helicopter), 1st Aviation Brigade. Captain McGee distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 24 October 1970, while commanding a troop carrying helicopter during a combat mission near Tuy Hoa. Operating in an area of much enemy activity, he inserted thirty Allied troops on five trips into the landing zone. On several occasions his ship was the target of enemy fire and on the last sortie into the landing zone, an enemy soldier stood up out of the tall grass and pointed his weapon at the approaching aircraft. When the enemy soldier then hid in the high grass, Captain McGee hovered over the enemy's location in an attempt to capture him. When the enemy soldier made an aggressive move with his weapon, Allied troops on board were forced to fatally wound him. Through his outstanding flying ability and devotion to duty, Captain McGee placed the friendly soldiers in the best location to perform the mission. Displaying undaunted courage and professionalism in the face of hostile fire, he was highly instrumental in the success of the mission. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. Captain McGee returned from the Republic of Vietnam in February 1971, and is presently assigned to the 208th Military Police Company, Headquarters Command, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.