

AWARDS/DECORATIONS

EXPERT BADGE WITH CARBINE AND PISTOL BARS, MARKSMAN BADGE WITH RIFLE BAR, VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL WITH 1 BRONZE SERVICE STAR, GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL 3RD AWARD, MASTER PARACHUTIST BADGE, ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL, ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, COMBAT INFANTRY BADGE, AIR MEDAL, BRONZE SERVICE MEDAL.

INFORMATION RELEASABLE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

NAME: DUNCAN DONALD WALTER
BRANCH OF SERVICE AND SERIAL/SERVICE NUMBER(S): UNITED STATES ARMY
DATES OF SERVICE: UNITED STATES ARMY FROM DECEMBER 28, 1954 TO SEPTEMBER 9, 1965
DUTY STATUS: DISCHARGED
RANK/GRADE: MASTER SERGEANT
SALARY: N/A
SOURCE OF COMMISSION: N/A
PROMOTION SEQUENCE NUMBER: N/A
ASSIGNMENTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS: SEE ATTATCHED
MILITARY EDUCATION: SEE ATTATCHED
DECORATIONS AND AWARDS: SEE ATTATCHED
TRANSCRIPT OF COURT-MARTIAL TRIAL: NOT IN FILE
PHOTOGRAPH: N/A
PLACE OF ENTRY: BUFFALO, NEW YORK
PLACE OF SEPARATION: OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
FOR DECEASED VETERAN ONLY
PLACE OF BIRTH TORONTO, CANADA
DATE OF DEATH N/A
LOCATION OF DEATH N/A
PLACE OF BURIAL N/A
NOTE: N/A denotes information is not available in the veteran's records

STATEMENT OF MILITARY SERVICE

of

DONALD WALTER DUNCAN, RA 51 337 577
Born 18 March 1930, Toronto, Canada

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MSG-E8

[REDACTED]
11 May 1965

SERVICE

Donald W. Duncan was inducted into the AUS 28 December 1954 at Buffalo, New York, and was ordered to report to 2048 SU RS, Ft. Knox, Kentucky. On 12 January 1955, he was assigned to Btry C, 43d AAA Bn, 10th Inf Div, Ft. Riley, Kansas. He departed the United States with his organization 12 July 1955 for duty in Germany and was selected as the Honor Graduate for Class Number III of the 10th Div Arty Non-Commissioned Officers Academy which terminated 30 September 1955. He was [REDACTED] discharged 27 December 1956; reenlisted 26 December 1956 at Kriangen, Germany for own vacancy and was reassigned to Btry C, 43d AAA Bn. He returned to the United States 11 November 1957 and was assigned to Btry B, 1st Howitzer Bn, 3d Arty, Ft. Hood, Texas. He was selected for the Honor Roll of the Ft. Hood Branch of Mary Hardin - Baylor College for the summer session ending 31 July 1959. On 15 December 1959, he was assigned to Reassignment Det (4052), US Army Air Def Center, Ft. Bliss, Texas. On 5 May 1960, while serving as a member of Btry B, 1st Gun Bn, 59th Arty, Ft. Bliss, Texas, he was given the second award of the Good Conduct Medal. After having completed a course of instruction in basic airborne technique at the USA Sp Warfare Cen, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, he was authorized the Parachute Badge on 2 August 1961. On 19 November 1961, he was commended for his service as an instructor with

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CIVILIAN EDUCATION

1 Year College (GED)

1957

APTITUDE TESTS

Type	Score
Armed Forces Qualification Test	[REDACTED]
Reading and Vocabulary	[REDACTED]
Arithmetical Reasoning	[REDACTED]
Shop Mechanics Test	[REDACTED]
Pattern Analysis	[REDACTED]
Army Clerical Speed	[REDACTED]
Automotive Information Test	[REDACTED]
Mechanical Aptitude	[REDACTED]
Electronic Information Test	[REDACTED]
Army Radio Code Aptitude	[REDACTED]
Army Language Aptitude Test	[REDACTED]
Motor Vehicle Driver Selection Battery	[REDACTED]

Score

Duncan, Donald W., RA 51 337 577

the Operations and Intelligence Committee, Repl Ing Co (Prov), Spec Warfare Center, during the period 1 June 1961 to 21 September 1961 and was later selected Honors Graduate of the 82d Airborne Div Jump Master School. While serving with Hq and Hq Co, 7th Special Forces Group, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, he was [REDACTED] discharged 27 December 1962. He reenlisted 28 December 1962, at that station, for a six-year period. He departed the United States 13 March 1964 for duty in Vietnam where he served with Hq and Hq Co, 5th Special Forces Gr (Airborne), 1st Special Forces. He returned to the United States 5 September 1965 and was [REDACTED] discharged 9 September 1965 at US Army Personnel Center, Bellwood, California, by reason of dependency.

AWARDS

He was authorized the Bronze Star Medal; Army Commendation Medal; Air Medal; Combat Infantryman Badge; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Vietnam); Parachutist Badge; Master Parachutist Badge; Expert Badge with Pistol and Carbine Bars; Marksmen Badge with Rifle Bar; and the Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award).

ACTIVE SERVICE

He is credited with active service as an enlisted man from 28 December 1954 to 9 September 1955.

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

J. G. LAWRENCE
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

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C I T A T I O N

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT
THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

IS PRESENTED TO

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS DONALD V. DUNCAN

UNITED STATES ARMY

For distinguishing himself by outstanding meritorious service in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam during the period

MAY 1964 TO JUNE 1965

Through his untiring efforts and professional ability, he consistently obtained outstanding results. He was quick to grasp the implications of new problems with which he was faced as a result of the ever changing situations inherent in a counterinsurgency operation and to find ways and means to solve those problems. The energetic application of his extensive knowledge has materially contributed to the efforts of the United States Mission to the Republic of Vietnam to assist that country in ridding itself of the communist threat to its freedom. His initiative, zeal, sound judgment and devotion to duty have been in the highest tradition of the United States Army and reflect great credit on him and on the military service.

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM
APO San Francisco 96307

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 1991

16 December 1965

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

DUNCAN, DONALD W. RA51337577 MASTER SERGEANT E8 United States Army
Det B-52, 5th SFG (Abn), 1st SF, APO US Forces 96240

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 19 June 1965 to 21 June 1965

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Master Sergeant Duncan distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action during the period 19 June 1965 to 21 June 1965 while serving as an American advisor to a joint Vietnamese and American long range patrol operating deep in Viet Cong controlled territory in the Republic of Vietnam. During this period of time Master Sergeant Duncan and the patrol were in constant contact with the Viet Cong forces. More than once he crawled to within 5 meters of the insurgents to perform reconnaissance of their positions. Sergeant Duncan not only called in air strikes against these positions, but directed them himself. When he was ordered to exfiltrate, he requested to stay, relocate the insurgents and maintain contact for a longer period of time. Because of his determination, permission was granted. On the final day when the patrol reached the landing zone they were ambushed by a Viet Cong force. As the helicopters landed, with total disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Duncan fought rear action against the Viet Cong to allow his patrol to board the aircraft. Because of his bravery, courage, and devotion to duty the patrol was highly successful in its mission and was extracted safely. Sergeant Duncan's heroic 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.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

James D. Clifton
JAMES D. CLIFTON
1st Lt, AGC
Asst Adj General

JOHN D. MC LAUGHLIN
Colonel, GS
Chief of Staff

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1. Recommend approval.
 2. MSG E8 Donald W. Duncan has served in the United States Army and United States Special Forces with distinction and honor. His service with the 5th Special Forces Group during the past eighteen months has been outstanding. MSG Duncan has received three decorations for his superior accomplishments during his present tour of duty in Vietnam.
 3. After close examination of the facts and circumstances surrounding MSG Duncan's request for separation from the active military service, I strongly recommend approval and expeditious processing of this request. If MSG Duncan is not released from military it will create further undue hardships for his dependents and himself.

WILLIAM A. MCKEAN
Colonel, Infantry
Commanding

CITATION

ARMY CORRESPONDENCE MEDAL

Sergeant First Class DONALD W. DUNCAN, RA 51337577, United States Army, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service as an Instructor with the Operations and Intelligence Committee, Special Forces Training Group, (Provisional), Fort Bragg, North Carolina, from 15 September 1961 to 3 October 1962. Displaying outstanding military knowledge, initiative and ingenuity, he contributed significantly to maintaining the high standards of the Operations and Intelligence Committee. He demonstrated outstanding skill, professional competence and exceptional ability as an instructor by aiding students in achieving a thorough knowledge of all aspects of Special Forces and in resolving the many complex problems confronting the Operations and Intelligence Committee. His aggressive and forceful leadership resulted in his being selected Honor Graduate of the 82nd Airborne Division Jump Master School and won him the respect and admiration of all with whom he came in contact. Particularly noteworthy was the manner in which he devoted many of his normal off-duty hours in voluntarily assisting the Branch Training and Demolitions Committees during their frequent field training exercises. Sergeant First Class DUNCAN'S outstanding performance, loyalty and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

PROPOSED CITATION

FOR THE AIR MEDAL

DURING THE PERIOD 21 MARCH 1964 TO 16 JUNE 1964, SPC DONALD W. DUNCAN, RA 51337577, UNITED STATES ARMY SPECIAL FORCES, VIETNAM, DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE ENGAGED IN AERIAL COMBAT SUPPORT AND DIRECT AND BACK UP SUPPORT OF ARMY AVIATION UNITS IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. DURING THE CITED PERIOD HE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED AS A TECHNICAL OBSERVER/GUNNER ON AN ARMY AIRCRAFT IN AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE (25) COMBAT OPERATIONAL OR AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS IN THE COMBAT ZONE OR OVER HOSTILE TERRITORY IN SUPPORT OF COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATIONS. ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS HIS AIRCRAFT WAS THE TARGET OF HOSTILE SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. AT ALL TIMES HE DISPLAYED THE HIGHEST ORDER OF AIR DISCIPLINE AND ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE. BY HIS OUTSTANDING DEGREE OF PROFESSIONALISM AND STRICT ATTENTION TO DUTY, HE HAS BROUGHT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

SPC DUNCAN ENTERED THE FEDERAL SERVICE FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

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APTITUDE AREA

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MILITARY EDUCATION AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Type	Completed
Non-Commissioned Officers Academy (Honor Graduate)	Sep 1955
Course B, Military Justice	Jun 1956
Code of Conduct	Mar 1960
Basic Airborne Training	Aug 1961
Special Forces Training	May 1962
Course A, Non-Judicial Punishment	Mar 1963
Chemical, Biological and Radiological Training	Oct 1963
Jump Master Course (Bronze Certificate)	Feb 1965

PROFESSIONAL COURSES

Missile Course	Dec 1954 to Dec 1956
Operations and Intelligence Specialist	Dec 1956 to Mar 1957
Light Weapons Infantryman	Mar 1954 to Sep 1955

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Bronze Star Medal
Army Commendation Medal
AIR Medal
Combat Infantryman Badge
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Vietnam)
Parachutist Badge
Master Parachutist Badge
Expert Badge with Pistol and Carbine Bars
Marksmen Badge with Rifle Bar
Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award)

SERVICE

Inducted into ARS, Buffalo, N. Y.	28 Jun 1954
Co A, 204th Inf, 53, Ft. Knox, Ky.	29 Dec 1954

Denzau, Dennis L., RA 51 377 577

Btry C, 43d AAA Bn, Ft. Riley, Kansas.
Assigned Btry C, 25th FA Bn, Ft. Riley,
Kans., 7 Dec 55 to 26 Feb 57
Leave and Return to Overseas, Jun 57
Jul 57
Patient, 16th Field Hospital,
Dec 57 to Feb 58

Reenlisted, RA, Erlangen, Germany,
23 Dec 58

Temporary Duty (Overseas) 57th AA Bn,
Army Training Test, Munich,
Germany, 20 Oct to 26 Oct 77

Re and HQ Btry, 1st Bn Bn, 3d Arty,
2d Arty Div, AFM 2d and Ft. Hood, Tex.,
Temporary Duty, 43d AA Bn (A Wmn Sp),
9 Nov to 27 Nov 77
Retrained to U. S., 27 Dec 77

Btry M, 1st Inf Bn (105mm) (SP), 2d
Inf, (3/7) Ft. Hood, Tex.
HQ Btry, 1st Inf Bn (105mm) (SP),
(3/7) Ft. Hood, Tex.

Re and HQ Co, 83d Inf Regt (SP),
(3/7) Ft. Hood, Tex.

Btry D, 1st Inf Bn, 59th Arty, (V/P)
Ft. Hood, Tex.

7th Special Forces Group (Abn)
Trained, Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Co A, 7th Special Forces Group (Abn),
1st SF (V/P) Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Special Forces Detachment Group (Abn),
U. S. Army Sp Warfare Center,
Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Hq and Hq Co (Co-S220) U. S. Army Sp
Warfare Center (7/7) Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Embarc to U. S. Army Pacific

Sp Det, 7th Special Forces Group (Abn),
1st SF, Vietnam

Retrained to U. S.

12 Jan 1955 to 4 Nov 1957

9 Nov 1957 to 19 Jan 1958

20 Jan 1958 to 16 Mar 1959

27 Mar 1959 to 5 Dec 1959

6 Dec 1959 to 9 Dec 1960

10 Dec 1960 to 30 Jun 1961

1 Jul 1961 to 5 Nov 1961

6 Nov 1961 to 15 Feb 1962

16 Feb 1962 to 18 Nov 1962

19 Nov 1962 to 12 Mar 1964

13 Mar 1964 to 14 Mar 1964

15 Mar 1964 to 7 Sep 1965

8 Sep 1965

9 Sep 1965

DODDING, Donald W., RA 51 237 577

ACTION SERVICE

He is credited with active service as an enlisted man from
25 December 1954 to 9 September 1965.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

J. C. JAGGARD
Major General, USA
~~The Adjutant General~~

File in USAAG
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DUNCAN, DONALD W.

RA 51 337 577

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2. GRADE 3. DATE OF RANK 4. PPD 5. ADD PAY ELIG 6. DATE OF BIRTH 7. RACE 8. DUTY MOS

RECORD OF ASSIGNMENTS

