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AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

~~GORMAN, PAUL F. 062379~~ LIEUTENANT COLONEL INFANTRY United States Army  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1st Infantry Division

Awarded: Distinguished Flying Cross

Date of action: 22 February 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

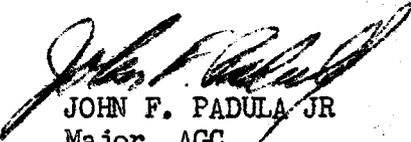
Reason: For heroism while participating in aerial flight: On this date, Colonel Gorman was serving as the Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 and was responsible for the planning and conduct of Operation Junction City. On this first morning of Phase I, Colonel Gorman was flying in a command and control helicopter to supervise the deployment of four infantry battalions by air mobile assault and one infantry battalion by airborne assault. Colonel Gorman was often exposed to intense hostile small arms and automatic weapons ground fire as he ordered his pilot to make several low level passes over the proposed landing zones and suspected Viet Cong troop positions. Responsible for the largest number of preparatory artillery fires and tactical air sorties used on a single operation, Colonel Gorman disregarded his personal safety to coordinate the preparation of the primary landing zones and the insertion of the combat units. He also directed the movement of two artillery battalions to forward fire support bases. When the maneuver elements were successfully on the ground and beginning their assigned missions, Colonel Gorman repeatedly landed in unsecured areas so that he could personally verify the mission limitations and unit boundaries with each individual commander. Returning to the air after each conference, Colonel Gorman ordered his pilot to fly low over the area of operations to fix the Viet Cong positions and mark them for artillery, air strikes and friendly ground units. Lieutenant Colonel Gorman's actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 1st Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

Authority:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

EDWARD B. KITCHENS, JR  
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