GENERAL ORDERS
No. 76

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D.C., *10 December 1968*

AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR

By direction of the President, under the Joint Resolution of Congress approved 12 July 1862 (amended by act of 3 March 1863, act of 9 July 1918 and act of 25 July 1963), the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty is awarded by the Department of the Army in the name of Congress to:

Specialist Five *Dwight H. Johnson*, US54953674, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty on 15 January 1968 near Dak To, Kontum Province, Republic of Vietnam. On that date, Specialist *Johnson*, a tank driver with Company B, 1st Battalion, 69th Armor, 4th Infantry Division, was a member of a reaction force moving to aid other elements of his platoon, which was in heavy contact with a battalion-size North Vietnamese force. Specialist *Johnson*'s tank upon reaching the point of contact, threw a track and became immobilized. Realizing that he could do no more as a driver, he climbed out of the vehicle, armed only with a .45-caliber pistol. Despite intense hostile fire, Specialist *Johnson* killed several enemy soldiers before he had expended his ammunition. Returning to his tank through a heavy volume of antitank rocket, small arms and automatic weapons fire, he obtained a submachinegun with which to continue his fight against the advancing enemy. Armed with this weapon, Specialist *Johnson* again braved deadly enemy fire to return to the center of the ambush site where he courageously eliminated more of the determined foe. Engaged in extremely close combat when the last of his ammunition was expended, he killed an enemy soldier with the stock end of his submachinegun. Now weaponless, Specialist *Johnson* ignored the enemy fire around him, climbed into his platoon sergeant's tank, extricated a wounded crewmember and carried him to an armored personnel carrier. He then returned to the same tank and assisted in firing the main gun until it jammed. In a magnificent display of courage, Specialist *Johnson* exited the tank and, again armed only with a .45-caliber pistol, engaged several North Vietnamese troops in close proximity to the vehicle. Fighting his way through devastating fire and remounting his own immobilized tank, he remained fully exposed to the enemy as he bravely and skillfully engaged them with the tank's externally mounted .50-caliber machinegun, where he remained until the situation was brought under control. Specialist *Johnson*'s profound concern for his fellow soldiers, his conspicuous gallantry, and his intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army. (This award supersedes the Distinguished Service Cross awarded to Specialist Five *Dwight H. Johnson* for extraordinary heroism on 15 January 1968, as announced in General Orders Number 2031, Headquarters, United States Army Vietnam, APO San Francisco 96375, dated 3 May 1968.)

GO 76

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

W. C. WESTMORELAND,
General, United States Army
Chief of Staff.

Official:
KENNETH G. WICKHAM,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

Distribution:
To be distributed in accordance with DA Form 12–4 requirements.