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IN REPLY REFER TO:

In the name of the President of the United States, the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific takes pleasure in presenting the BRONZE STAR MEDAL to

SERGEANT FREDERICK WAYNE WILSON

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for service as set forth in the following
CITATION:

"For meritorious achievement in connection with operations against insurgent communist (Viet Cong) forces in the Republic of Vietnam while serving with Headquarters and Service Company and Company A, First Reconnaissance Battalion from February to August 1966. As a Squad Leader, Sergeant Wilson consistently displayed exceptional professional skill and courageous leadership while participating in twenty long range patrols deep within Viet Cong controlled territory. These patrols not only gathered invaluable intelligence but also inflicted severe casualties among the enemy. During Operation Double Eagle, Sergeant Wilson displayed his expert knowledge of supporting arms when he observed a thirty man patrol near his position and directed artillery fire upon them with such devastating effect that 100 percent casualties were inflicted. On another occasion, after having directed artillery fire on a ten man enemy patrol with deadly effect, Sergeant Wilson's position was discovered by a second enemy patrol whose members were in the process of recovering the bodies of their dead comrades. Despite the possibility of enemy entrapment, Sergeant Wilson calmly directed another artillery mission which inflicted additional casualties upon the enemy and scattered the remainder of the patrol. Further, he remained in this position with his squad throughout that day and night. His patience was rewarded when he observed additional groups of Viet Cong and again directed artillery fire upon them with devastating effect. On another mission, Sergeant Wilson moved his squad to within 100 meters of a village into which fifty-eight armed Viet Cong had moved, thereby more accurately observing their actions. The following morning he moved his squad to a position 500 meters from the enemy, courageously climbed an exposed tree and directed artillery upon the enemy with excellent coverage. Not until the artillery mission was completed did he evacuate his position. In addition to his daring and expert use of artillery, Sergeant Wilson's use of ambush tactics was responsible for killing three

of the enemy and capturing valuable documents. Once, when his squad was compromised by an enemy patrol, he unhesitatingly exposed himself on a barren ridgeline, shot the enemy patrol leader from 150 meters, killing him instantly and causing the remainder of the Viet Cong to disperse. As Assistant Battalion Operations Chief, his exceptional professional skill and profound knowledge of reconnaissance tactics proved to be of inestimable value in planning future operations. Sergeant Wilson's exceptional professional skill, daring leadership, selfless devotion to duty and courageous actions throughout were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service."

Sergeant WILSON is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

FOR THE PRESIDENT,



V. H. KRULAK

LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
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