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BENARD S. PERGERSON, JR.

LONG BINH, VIETNAM (AHTNC)—Army Major Benard S. Pergerson, Jr. (right), son of Mr. and Mrs. Benard S. Pergerson, Sr., Ramey's Circle, Franklinton, N.C., receives the Legion of Merit in ceremonies near Long Binh, Vietnam, November 15.

Congratulating him is Major General Robert R. Williams, commanding general, 1st Aviation Brigade.

Major Pergerson was honored for exceptionally meritorious service from November 1968 to Movember 1967 while serving consecutively as operations officer and secretary of the general staff at Headquarters, 1st Aviation Brigade, in Vietnam.

His citation reads in part: "Major Pergerson con-

JAMES F. GREEN

CAMP PICKETT, VA.
(AHTNC)-- Army Specialist
Four James F. Green, 20,
son of Mr. and Mrs. J.O.
Green, Jr., 104 William St.,
Franklinton, N. C., participated in three months of
field training exercise at
Camp Pickett, Va., with the
8th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Field training conditions resembled those of combat. Soldiers used camouflage and tactical movement, and employed ambush and counterambush planning as well as perimeter defense.

Prior to the regiment's return to its home station at Ft. George G. Meade, Md., it underwent live fire exercises and squadron training tests.

Spec. Green is a cannoneer in Howitzer Battery of the regiment's 1st Squadron.

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HEDGEPETH CASTALIA, N. C. tributed significantly to the development and refinement of tactics, techniques and doctrine in Army aviation support of field units. . .

"Major Pergerson's detailed study of the required aviation command and control structure, and his briefings on the subject of major commanders, initiated actions to provide effective and efficient control of the still expanding aviation forces in the combat zone."

His wife, Jane, lives at 506 Jamestown Ave., Fayetteville, N.C. The major graduated in 1954 from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C. He received his commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps program at the university.

GEORGE M. CRUDUP

OKINAWA, Ryukyu Islands—Airman First Class Geoge M. Crudup, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Crudup of Rt. 2, Franklinton, N.C., is taking part in the 10,000-mile airlift of 101st Airborne Division units to Vietnam—the largest and longest aerial troop deployment in history.

Airman Crudup is an air operations specialist assigned to the 603rd Military Airlift Support Squadron at Kadena AB, Okinawa. The 603rd is supporting the airlift of units of the 101st—the famed Screaming Eagles—from Ft. Campbell, Ky., to Vietnam.

/ Airman Crudup is a 1963 graduate of B.F. Person-Albion High School. He studied at Kittrell (N.C.) Junior College and Vitoria (Tex.) College.

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