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BOMAR HALL DEDICATED

In a special dedication ceremony held August 8, Building 622 (Headquarters and Headquarters Company), at DLIWC officially became Bomar Hall.

The building is one of many permanent buildings at DLIWC scheduled to receive a name.

Col. John F. Hook, commandant, said at the dedication, "Chief Engineman Frank W. Bomar served with great distinction in Vietnam, being awarded the Bronze Star Medal in 1967, the Silver Star in 1968, the Navy Commendation Medal in 1969, and a second Bronze Star Medal in 1969."

Attending the ceremony were Mrs. Frank Bomar, the widow of Chief Engineman Bomar; their daughter, Noneen; parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bomar; and brother, Patrick Bomar. Chief Engineman Bomar's widow unveiled the



AT THE CEREMONY

... Mrs. Frank W. Bomar and her daughter, Noneen

plaque which bears her husband's name. Also present were men from the Naval Post-Graduate School who had served with Chief Engineman Bomar during his Navy career, as well as representatives from the Army, Air Force and Marines assigned to DLIWC.

Chief Engineman Bomar was killed Dec. 20, 1970 as a result of hostile action while serving in the Republic of Vietnam. All the former DLIWC student's awards were based upon acts or duty performed under extremely hazardous conditions.

The chief was born Feb. 18, 1940 in Washington, D.C. He enlisted in the Navy on Oct. 5, 1959. In addition to his other awards, Chief Engineman Bomar received two Purple Hearts (one posthumously) and the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star. He graduated from the Vietnamese language course here in 1967. **********

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COL Kibbey M. Horne Commandant Defense Language Institute, WC Presidio of Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Colonel Horne:

Your request for naming buildings 622 and 630 at the Presidio of Monterey for Engineman First Class Frank W. Bomar, USN, deceased, and Staff Sergeant Herbert Smith, Jr., USA, deceased, respectively, is approved. I agree that the memorialization of these buildings is a fitting recognition of the bravery performed by these men in the defense of their country.

The Director of Personnel and Community Activities of this headquarters has been instructed to communicate directly with you and furnish you with the necessary details concerning agencies that should be contacted in order to coordinate the dedication. I would like to see the final plan for the honoring ceremonies approximately 15 days prior to the scheduled date.

I trust that the memorializing of the buildings for Engineman First Class Frank W. Bomar, USN and Staff Sergeant Herbert Smith, Jr., will be a source of pride and inspiration to members of your command.

Sincerely yours,

H. G. MOORE

Major General, USA

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star Medal to

FRANK W. BOMAR
ENGINEMAN FIRST CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For conspicious gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong aggressors in the Mekong Delta Region of the Republic of Vietnam on the night of 18-19 July 1968. As Provincial Reconnaissance Unit (PRU) Advisor and leader of one platoon on a raid operation into an enemy controlled area, Petty Officer BOMAR distinguished himself by determining the location of the enemy and leading the PRU force across 3,000 meters of open rice paddies. When they were taken under heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from three sides, he ordered a withdrawal to better positions to direct return fire. He radioed for artillery support while adjusting each round until direct hits on the enemy were achieved. As the enemy volume of fire began to slacken, he organized the PRU force for a further withdrawal but discovered that his Vietnamese platoon leader was missing. Whereupon he ordered his force to provide covering fire, and with complete disregard for his own safety, Petty Officer BOMAR ran across 75 meters of exposed rice paddies into the village where the platoon leader was seriously wounded. He unhesitatingly carried the platoon leader to the PRU positions. With two squads he returned to the village, found nine Viet Cong killed in action and captured several weapons and documents left behind by the fleeing enemy. By calm clear thinking, he was able to capitalize on a dangerous situation, inflicting heavy losses to the enemy. Petty Officer BOMAR's exemplary leadership, uncommon valor and professional competence were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

For the President

JOHN J. HYLAND

Admiral, U. S. Navy

Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Bronze Star Medal to

FRANK WILLIS BOMAR ENGINEMAN FIRST CLASS UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For meritorious service while engaged in armed conflict against the Communist insurgent forces in the Republic of Vietnam from 22 November to 6 April 1967. Petty Officer BOMAR distinguished himself by his sustained high performance of duty during combat patrols on rivers and streams and on other clandestine combat patrols ashore in adverse natural conditions of mangrove swamps and jungle of the Rung Sat Special Zone. Assigned to SEAL Team ONE, Detachment "GOLF", Petty Officer BOMAR served as grenadier with a SEAL Fire Team. He participated in more than 35 ambush and reconnaissance patrols ashore in hostile territory and was involved in at least three highly successful operations and many fire fights with the enemy. Additionally, Petty Officer BOMAR participated in more than 30 extended combat river patrols in the Rung Sat Special Zone where the boats and the personnel embarked in them were constantly exposed to the threat of enemy ambushes and mining. Petty Officer BOMAR proved himself invaluable to his Fire Team in operations resulting in the capturing of weapons, ammunition and medical supplies vital to the Viet Cong. He played a vital role in an operation in which the SEAL team captured and destroyed the only natural source of potable water available to the Viet Cong in the Rung Sat Special Zone. Petty Officer BOMAR's devotion to duty, sense of responsibility and courage under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Petty Officer BOMAR is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the President

ROY L JOHNSON Admiral, U. S. Navy

Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet

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