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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96222



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28 FEB 1967

Mrs. Harvey M. Carkin
2956 Monticello Drive
Falls Church, Virginia 22042

Dear Mrs. Carkin:

I am deeply distressed to learn of the death of your husband, Sergeant Harvey M. Carkin, United States Army, while assigned to this command. I always have a feeling of close personal loss when informed of the death of members of this command who have died while serving their country here in Vietnam. I know that it must be especially difficult for you because of the fact your husband was serving so far from home and family.

Your husband made the supreme sacrifice in the service of his country for the cause of freedom. The circumstances surrounding his death and information concerning the memorial services held in this command will be forwarded to you by his commanding officer.

Please accept the deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences of all personnel of this command, which I hope will be of some consolation at this time of personal sorrow and bereavement. You may rest assured that all of us will continue to do our utmost to bring eventual victory so that your husband's sacrifice will not have been in vain.

Sincerely,


W. C. WESTMORELAND
General, United States Army
Commanding

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96262

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced posthumously:

CARKIN, HARVEY M RA13800445 SERGEANT E-5 United States Army
Co B, 1st Bn, 12th Inf, 4th Inf Div, APO 96262

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 15 February 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Sergeant Carkin distinguished himself by heroic actions on 15 February 1967, in the Republic of Vietnam. At this time, Sergeant Carkin was the squad leader of the Second Platoon's right flank squad. When his squad started receiving heavy machine gun and automatic weapons fire, Sergeant Carkin began maneuvering his men into a position where they could best put suppressive fire on the enemy. During the ensuing fire fight, Sergeant Carkin displayed complete disregard for his own safety, continuously exposing himself to intense machine gun and automatic weapons fire while shouting encouragement to his men and giving directions to them while trying to maneuver against the hostile force. Sergeant Carkin was killed by the hostile fire when he was only twenty meters from the enemy positions. Sergeant Carkin's exceptional leadership so inspired his men that they were able to eliminate the enemy positions, thereby preventing additional loss of life. This outstanding display of courage, devotion to duty and personal bravery is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:



HERBERT A. ROBINSON
LTC, AGC
Adjutant General

JUDSON P. MILLER
Colonel, GS
Chief of Staff

Korea Veteran

**Sgt. Carkin
Of Vienna
Dies in Action**

Army Sgt. Harvey M. Carkin, 22, a resident of Vienna, was killed Feb. 15 by small arms during combat fire near the Cambodian border of South Vietnam, the Defense Department announced yesterday.

Sgt. Carkin was born and raised in Vienna. He was a graduate of James Madison High School.



He took his basic training at Ft. Gordon, Ga., and had served one previous overseas assignment in Korea, from January 1964 to 1965.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, and a daughter, Maria Ann, both of the home address, 375 Courthouse rd. sw., Vienna; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carkin, and a brother, Kenneth R., all of Vienna.