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Army Maj. Jerome L. Haupt, assistant professor of military science at the University of Montana, Missoula, recently received the Gallantry Cross with Silver Star from the Republic of Vietnam for heroic actions during a military engagement in South Vietnam on Feb. 21, 1967.

Haupt, who is stationed with the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (AROTC) unit at the Missoula school, was commanding officer of B Troop, 4th Cavalary, 25th Infantry Division, a year ago and it was during that time that he is credited with leading 200 troops in support of Vietnamese Army engineers.

During the military action, the engineers were constructing a supply route from Tay Ninh to Trai Bi in Operation Junction City near the Cambodian border. Haupt, who held the rank of captain at the time, and his troops provided security for South Vietnamese troops while they were engaged against the enemy.

The award from Vietnam is one of only several Haupt has received for military action. He received the U.S. Silver Star last fall for heroism he displayed while being engaged against the enemy ayear ago next month near Cu Chi, 35 miles north of Saigon.

Haupt, a 1960 graduate of Gonzaga University, Spokane, Wash., also has received the Bronze Star for gallantry and the Purple Heart for wounds he received during another military engagement in Vietnam.

Haupt is married to the former ReNell Jenkins of Helena, Mont. The couple has two sons, Paul, 6, and David, 5. The couple also has an adopted daughter, Jennifer, age 3 months.

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