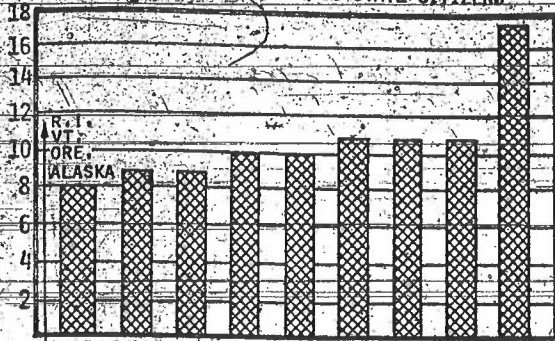


VIETNAM DEATHS PER 44,000 STATE CITIZENS



NEBR., S.DAK., IA., KAN., COLO., MO., N.DAK., HAWAII
Vietnam fatality death rate per state computed from latest Pentagon figures on state-by-state deaths (through March, 1968) and on latest census estimates available (1966). Figures approx. due to rounding.

Nebraska Men Lead Medal of Honor List

By ED ICENOGLA

If heroism can be reflected in statistics, Nebraska servicemen have distinguished themselves.

While the state has not contributed Vietnam war fatalities in numbers proportionate to population, Nebraska now holds a numerical advantage over the other states in producing winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award.

The state's two homegrown honorees of the Vietnam conflict, one from Omaha and one from Lincoln, put Nebraska among the 21 states to claim Medal of Honor winners.

Nebraska on Top

Moreover, when per capita winners are computed from Department of Defense figures, Nebraska emerges on top.

The two honorees make Nebraska's ratio one Medal winner to every 743,000 people, as compared to second-place Iowa with one for every 918,000 people and California, last in the list of states with one honoree for every 9,170,000 of the populace.

But when it comes to casualties, Nebraska, fortunately, is "behind" all but four of the states.

149 Fatalities

Proportionately, since the outbreak of large-scale military involvement in 1962, Nebraska fatalities total 149, according to the Pentagon's latest available figures on combat and non-combat death tolls in Vietnam. The state has recorded, then, one death for approximately every 10,000 citizens.

The only states with fewer fatalities are Vermont, Rhode Island, Alaska and Oregon. They have recorded one Vietnam death for every

death rate of servicemen in Vietnam may be partly due to the smaller percentage of men eligible for service than in other states.

This, of course, makes the Medal of Honor winners even more remarkable.

3 Lincoln Residents

Although two Medal winners have birthplaces listed in Nebraska, three of the 33 winners from the Vietnam war have been Lincoln residents.

One native Nebraskan — and the lone Lincoln-born winner — is S.Sgt. Charles Hagemeister, 21, who was recently honored by Lincoln civic organizations for his heroic deeds in action.

The other native Nebraskan, Omaha-born Army 2nd Lt. Robert J. Hibbs, was awarded the medal posthumously in November, 1966. Lt. Hibbs attended Lincoln Southeast High School from 1954 to 1957.

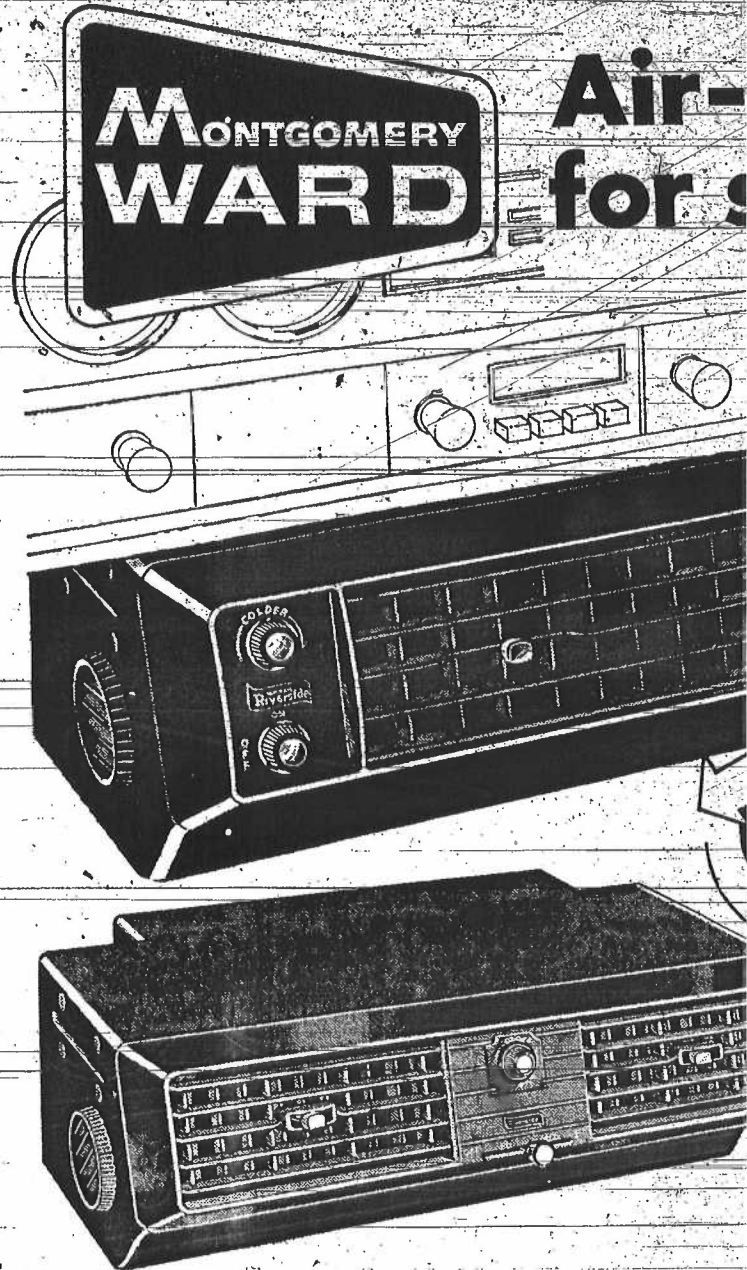
Air Force Capt. Gerald O. Young, who was born in Chicago, Ill., lived in Lincoln as a child from 1930 to 1933 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orren V. Young, who were born in the Capital City.

Recognized in Speech

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At the other end of the scale, the proportion for Hawaii is one for each 5,000 persons and for New Hampshire, Oklahoma, West Virginia, New Mexico and Alabama, one for every 6,000.

But important in this statistical comparison is the fact that the number of service-age young men in each state can vary greatly in proportion to the state's population. Therefore, one reason for Nebraska's low

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"Army officials estimated the medic killed six or seven enemy soldiers, using a .45-caliber pistol, an M-16 rifle, and an M-79 grenade launcher, which he picked up off the battlefield," Denney said. "He exposed himself to enemy fire repeatedly to treat and evacuate the wounded of his 1st Air Cavalry Division platoon."

Hagemeister has also been awarded the Silver Star for action in another battle, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Combat Medical Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. He is also a graduate of Lincoln Southeast High School.

Heroism Told

Young was commander of a helicopter rescue unit downed in November, 1967. He pulled himself and a wounded companion from the burning helicopter, evaded the enemy and observed them setting up automatic weapons as a trap around the downed craft.

"For more than 17 hours, despite severe pain, Young refused offers of help until it was safe for rescuers to land in the sea," Denney noted in the Congressional Record.

Lt. Hibbs' heroics occurred in March, 1966. While leading 14 members of a platoon on a secret mission in Vietnam, he and his men were surrounded by 500 Viet Cong. Lt. Hibbs directed the placement of mines that killed more than 100 of the enemy.

Wounded twice, Lt. Hibbs held off the enemy while the other members of the platoon escaped. He then crawled forward and pulled a wounded comrade to safety.

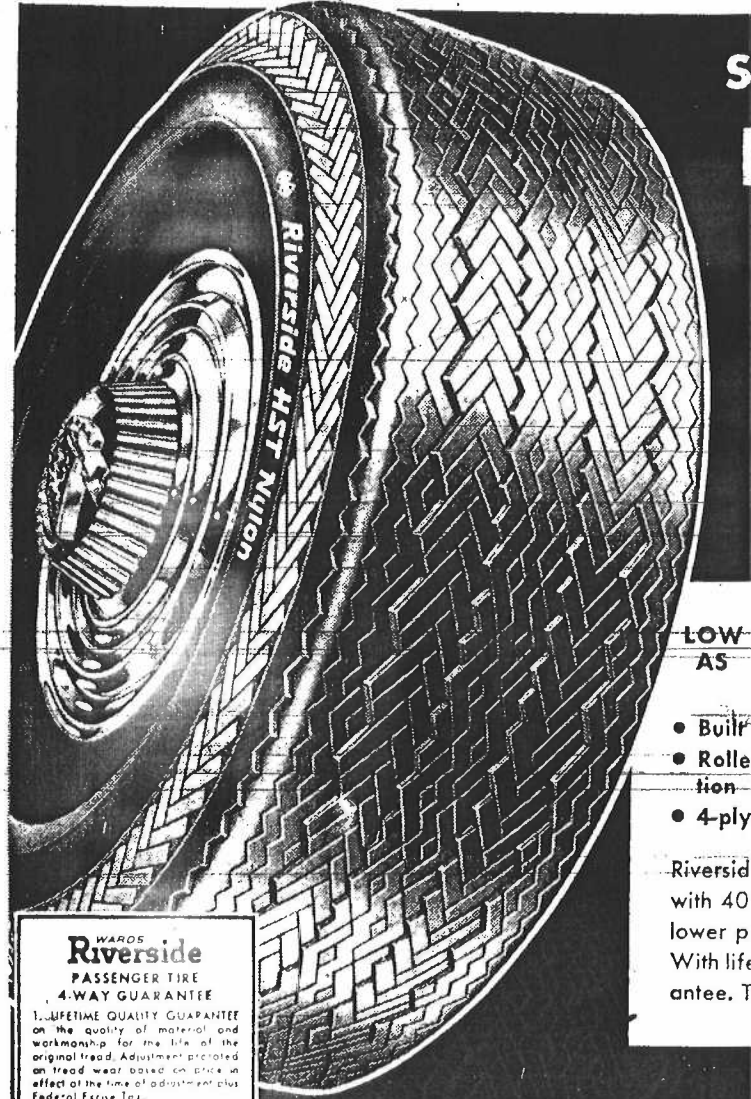
Then, while smashing a secret night gunsight to keep it from enemy hands, Lt. Hibbs was killed by Viet Cong fire.

Whether or not heroism can be reflected in figures, Nebraska through these three men has been well represented in Vietnam war heroics.

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