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## **Sergeant Theodore R. Hamlin**



*Air Force Cross*

*Vietnam War*

Sergeant Theodore R. Hamlin distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as a radio operator on 25 October 1969. On that date, Sergeant Hamlin was on the ground operating his radio during a Vietcong mortar attack and in dense ground fog. Despite being wounded, Sergeant Hamlin continued to use his radio to call in rescue helicopters for his more-seriously wounded companions. Once he established radio contact, he made his way to the landing strip where he helped illuminate the area. After helping carry the wounded to the arriving helicopters, the tenacious radio operator refused to leave, instead, Sergeant Hamlin stayed at the site the entire night so he could help his comrades fight off the North Vietnamese assault. His actions aided in the successful evacuation of seven wounded men. Through his extraordinary heroism, superb airmanship, and

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aggressiveness in the face of the enemy, Sergeant Hamlin reflected the highest credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.