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CMD Advisor Receives Hero's Award

'The Wake-Up Man'

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CMAC IO—"Go-o-o-o-od Morning, Vietnam!" Anyone who's been in country for a while knows that the AFVN "Dawnbuster" greeting has been around for some time. Captain Edward Steward of CMAC Signal Section knows exactly how long - he was the first "Dawnbuster."

"I was an EM at the time and stationed in Laos," he recalled, "when I came down with Dengue Fever. They shipped me to Saigon for treatment and then didn't know what to do with me." The year was 1962 and Sp4 Steward was at loose ends. "Someone noticed that I had a secondary MOS as a Broadcast Specialist; so they sent me over to AFRS (now AFVN) for an audition."

"I passed, but the audition was so bad that they wouldn't let me read written copy on the air for quite a while." The young Sp4 eventually got his own show, and started the first "Dawnbuster."

"The operation was a little different then," Cpt. Steward says. "Our studio was on top of the Rex Hotel and we had an old French two-kilowatt transmitter out on (Continued on Page 9, Column 2)

CMAC IO—The Soldier's Medal is a unique award in the U.S. Army. It is presented to men for heroism displayed off the battlefield. Sergeant First Class Charles N. Brown, CMD Advisory Team #100, is such a man.

The light weapons-infantry advisor to the 30th ARVN Ranger Battalion was in the Cholon district of Saigon when, as he stated, "I heard a loud explosion and felt the ground tremble." Sgt. Brown sprinted towards a large cloud of smoke that he spotted two blocks away. "Terrorists had blown up a Vietnamese Information Office" related Brown. "It was a masonry building and had collapsed on the people inside."

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