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UNCLAS DA578636 From DCSPER :

1. References:

- a. DA 574033 (Notal)
- b. DA 577766
- c. ATCS 815300 (Notal)

2. Ref 1 a authorized the beret for Special Forces. Ref 1 b prescribed basis for issue and manner of procurement. Ref 1 c recommended conditions for, and manner of wearing beret.

3. Eligibility and conditions for wear. The beret may be worn by all personnel assigned to Special Forces Units, active Army and reserve components, and the Special Warfare Center and School when prescribed by commanders thereof, under following conditions:

- a. With service (Class A) uniform on or off duty.
- b. With field uniform when wear of steel helmet is not required or appropriate.
- c. With work uniform except cooks and mechanics.
- d. It will not be worn with Army blue, white, white mess, blue mess and evening dress uniforms.

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4. Manner of Wear. Hesi band (edge binding) straight across forehead, one inch above eyebrows. Top of beret draped over right ear; and stiffener for affixing insignia positioned over left eye. Ends of adjusting ribbon will be cut off and the ribbon knot secured inside the edge binding at rear of head.

5. Insignia. Distinctive unit insignia only will be worn on the beret. Insignia will be centered on stiffener above left eye.

6. Distinctive marking. A shield shaped felt flash with semi circular bottom, approximately one and five eighths inches wide by two inches high, centered upon the stiffener, is authorized for "3" qualified personnel assigned to groups. Distinctive unit insignia will be worn centered on the shield. Shield colors: Fifth Group, black; Seventh Group, Red; Tenth Group, lt green; First group, gold; Reserve and NG, Teal blue.

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REF DA MESSAGE 578636 27 OCTOBER 1961.

1. Above ref prescribes the criteria and manner of wearing the beret authorized for Special Forces Personnel.

2. Para 5, ref msg, is changed as follows:

Para 5. Insignia for wear on the beret. Distinctive unit insignia only will be worn by enlisted men. Officers will wear only the insignia of grade. Insignia will be centered on stiffener above left eye.

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Recommended regulations for wearing of the beret:

a. Eligibility for wear. All personnel assigned to Special Forces units, active or reserves.

b. Conditions under which worn.

(1) Class A uniform, on and off duty.

(2) Field uniform when wear of steel helmet is not required nor appropriate. Work uniform except for coaks' whites.

(3) Not to be worn with dress uniforms.

(4) In lieu of cap garrison.

c. Manner of wear. The beret will be worn with the head band straight across the forehead approximately one inch above the eyebrows. The adjusting ribbon will be centered in the rear of

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the head; the top of the beret will be draped over the right ear.

d. Insignia to be worn on beret.

(1) Officers and WOs with "J" prefix: On a shield shaped felt flash approximately one inch wide by two inches long, parachute badge centered above insignia of rank.

(2) Enlisted men with "J" suffix: Felt flash as for officers, parachute wings.

(3) Officers and WOs assigned to special forces units but not "J" qualified: Parachute badge, if entitled thereto, above and centered over insignia of rank.

(4) Enlisted men assigned to special forces units but not "J" qualified: Parachute badge if entitled thereto.

(5) Felt flash shields to be of color designated by commanding officers of special forces groups, will denote "J" qualification and differentiate personnel of one group from those of another.

(6) Insignia to be worn on beret centered on beret above right eye.

→ Should be left eye.
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1. REFERENCE TELECON BETWEEN GENERAL'S HEWITT, ODCSPER AND TRUMAN, CONARC. THE BERET IS AUTHORIZED AS AN ITEM OF THE UNIFORM FOR ALL SPECIAL FORCES.
2. DETAILED INFORMATION PERTAINING TO ISSUE AND WEAR OF THIS ITEM WILL BE FORTHCOMING.
3. SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL PARTICIPATION IN DEMONSTRATION OF ARMY CAPABILITIES PLWNNED FOR OCTOBER WILL, REPEAT WILL, WEAR THE

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TEXT OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S DEDICATION SPEECH

Kennedy Hall Dedication

May 29, 1965

"Secretary Ailes, Colonel Grieves, Mrs. Stilwell, Congressman Marsh, Mr. Rostow, ladies and gentlemen: I want to express my appreciation to Secretary Ailes and to General Yarborough, who contributed so much to Special Forces for such a long period of time. I express our appreciation to both of them on behalf of all members of the Kennedy family and to General Stilwell, who we all miss today.

"We meet today on what would have been President Kennedy's 48th birthday, a fitting day to mark the special bond that existed between him and the Special Forces. It is also fitting that we meet on the day before Memorial Day. The men of the Special Forces are the men who go first, who fight not in the great battles which draw front page attention, but in places with strange, unknown names, and sometimes with no names at all. Men who live in discomfort and hardship, while their countrymen live in peace and happiness and ease. Men who live and fight and die in loneliness and far away from home. You men of the green beret, you men who wear what President Kennedy called the symbol of excellence, the badge of courage, the badge of distinction in the fight for freedom, you know the special character of the dangers that you face. In Vietnam alone you have won more than 400 Purple Hearts, as well as every other military decoration a grateful nation can bestow. Captain Donlon won the Medal of Honor. Two of his sergeants who are with us only in spirit won the Distinguished Service Cross. Four others of his team won Silver Stars. Five others Bronze Stars with V for valor. This was a great team, but it was not an unusual team. I believe that any other Special Forces team in that situation would have shown the same dedication and the same heroism and would have earned the same recognition.

"Courage is common in your ranks. You brought it here with you as did Captain Lee Mize, who won the last Medal of Honor in Korea, and you have shown it in every situation in which you have found yourselves in, but you give to your country more than just courage. Ernest Hemingway said of the post-war era, 'We have come out of the time when obedience and acceptance of discipline, intelligence, courage and resolution were most important, into the most difficult time when it is a man's duty to understand the world rather than to simply fight for it.'

"You fight for what President Kennedy called 'another kind of war.' New in its intensity, ancient in its origin, ^{was} walled by guerrillas, subversive insurgents and assassins, ^{was} walled by ambush instead of by combat, by infiltration rather than by aggression, seeking victory by eroding and exhausting the enemy rather than by engaging him. It requires in those situations where we must counter it, he said, 'A whole new kind of strategy, a wholly different kind of force and therefore, a new and wholly different

kind of military training!" There are in your Tables of Organization no missileers, no 2,000 mile an hour pilots. Your equipment includes no atomic weapons, no tanks and not even heavy artillery. Instead there are medics who treat not just the wounds of battle, but the many diseases in a tropical village. Engineers whose knowledge is not limited to fortifications, but extends to the building of schools, clinics, hospitals and housing in the areas where many of these things never existed. Soldiers who see their duty not as the destruction of people, but as the destruction of the ignorant and the diseased and the disorganization in which discontent and rebellion flourish.

"As Sergeant Major Ruddy tells you, this new kind of war is won not when a great battle results in the death of many enemies, it is won on the day when no one dies, because your work has isolated the insurgents and stripped them of their support and thus rendered them helpless. This task is not clean and antiseptic. It cannot be done with logic and mathematics by men who sit in offices and work out grand strategy. This is a job that must be done in detail, in the heat and in the dirt and in the isolation of a rural village, and it must be done by individuals. It requires patience and unremitting effort to explain the same fact over and over to teach peasants enough about agriculture and government and literacy and sanitation to make their lives more bearable, to teach them enough about politics to allow them to choose the path of true progress and freedom, and to teach them enough about self defense so that the preservation of their freedom requires their commitment. This job requires the greatest of abilities. The ability to teach by example, the ability to teach without compulsion, to give without condescension, to share poverty and hardship with those you help, to show them that they have the power in their own hearts to shape their own destiny, and above all, serve as living proof that our aim for these people is not domination but cooperation, not an American empire, but a world of free and independent states, not sterile anti-communism but a better and freer world and life for all of the people.

"We know and the world knows that this will be a struggle for the coming decade. It is not like other wars. We cannot win with mere military force, for guns cannot fill empty stomachs. Napalm cannot cure the sick, and bombs cannot teach a child how to read. Neither can our air wings or our divisions give to the disposed people of the world a sense of individual dignity or self sufficiency for a promise for their children's future. For these things men will fight to the death, and they will never stop fighting. No one knows this better than the Special Forces. You have met the test. You have shown what the qualities are that all of us need. So it is now our responsibility, the responsibility of the rest of this nation, to back up your efforts. You build on faith and we must keep that faith. You ask for commitments and we must meet these commitments.

"Perhaps most of all, however, you built on hope. The hope that we, the wealthy, and the comfortable, and the educated part of the world will meet our obligations to those less fortunate than we are. The hope that we will stand not for the status quo, but for progress. In the hope that we work in these far-off places not just to preserve our advantages, but

to insure that these advantages are spread to everyone everywhere. To be effective, you must impart these hopes; for the United States to be effective, we must fulfill them. If we do this, if in Vietnam and elsewhere, we fulfill the hopes that your work must bring, if we, remembering our own revolutionary heritage, seize the chance to lead the world revolution now in progress rather than to try and block it in its path, we need not fear for the future.

"This was President Kennedy's belief, and it is the measure of his belief in you and the great respect and affection that he bore for you that he thought you equal in every way to the great and unique challenge. It was because of this belief, because he saw in you men a different kind of warrior, a fitting response to the world of youth and to change, that he increased your numbers and functions in 1961 and 1962. He, President Kennedy, took great pride in all of you. In your courage, in your dedication, and in your understanding. So in November 1963, it was right that you should stand in Arlington as you now stand in Freedom Gates all around the world.

"All of us are proud that he should be remembered here, that this Center and this hall should be named in his honor. The green beret lies on my desk because of his affection for all of you.

"The green beret and the men who have worn it will stand always in the hearts of free men everywhere."