

School Dedicated To Capt. McBride

The widow of a recently decorated Army captain helped dedicate Fort Benning's newest elementary school this morning.

Mrs. Anne McBride, wife of the late Capt. Morris R. McBride, accompanied by her two children Charmaine, 12, and Kiesten, 3, unveiled a plaque honoring her husband who was killed in action in Viet Nam.

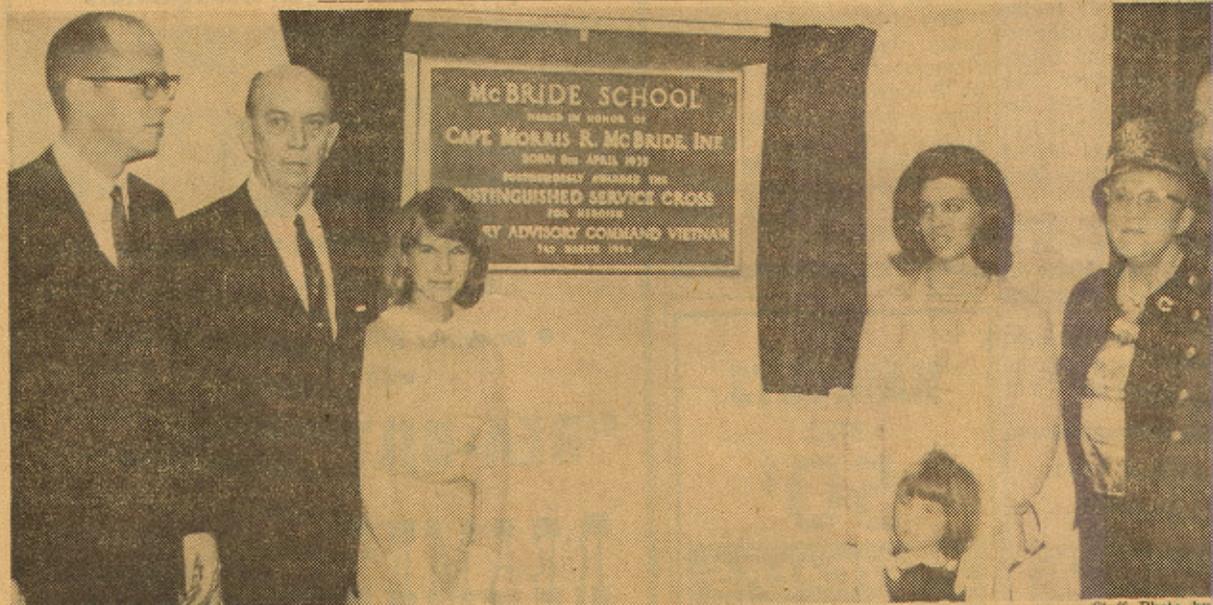
Maj. Gen. Robert H. York, commanding general of Fort Benning, accepted the traditional key to the school from Col. John W. Williams and officially named the new structure the McBride Elementary School.

"We are proud of this building and of the man to whom it pays tribute," he told an audience of students, teachers and guests present for the ceremonies.

Among the guests present were Capt. McBride's parents, Col. (ret.) and Mrs. Otto McBride and the captain's brother, Otto McBride II.

The 29-year-old officer was a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy and was stationed at Fort Benning twice during his military career. As a youngster he attended post schools while living at the fort with his parents.

He was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions while in Viet Nam.



GEN. ROBERT YORK (RIGHT) STANDS WITH CAPT. McBRIDE'S FAMILY
Left to Right Are McBride's Brother, Father, Two Children, Wife and Mother

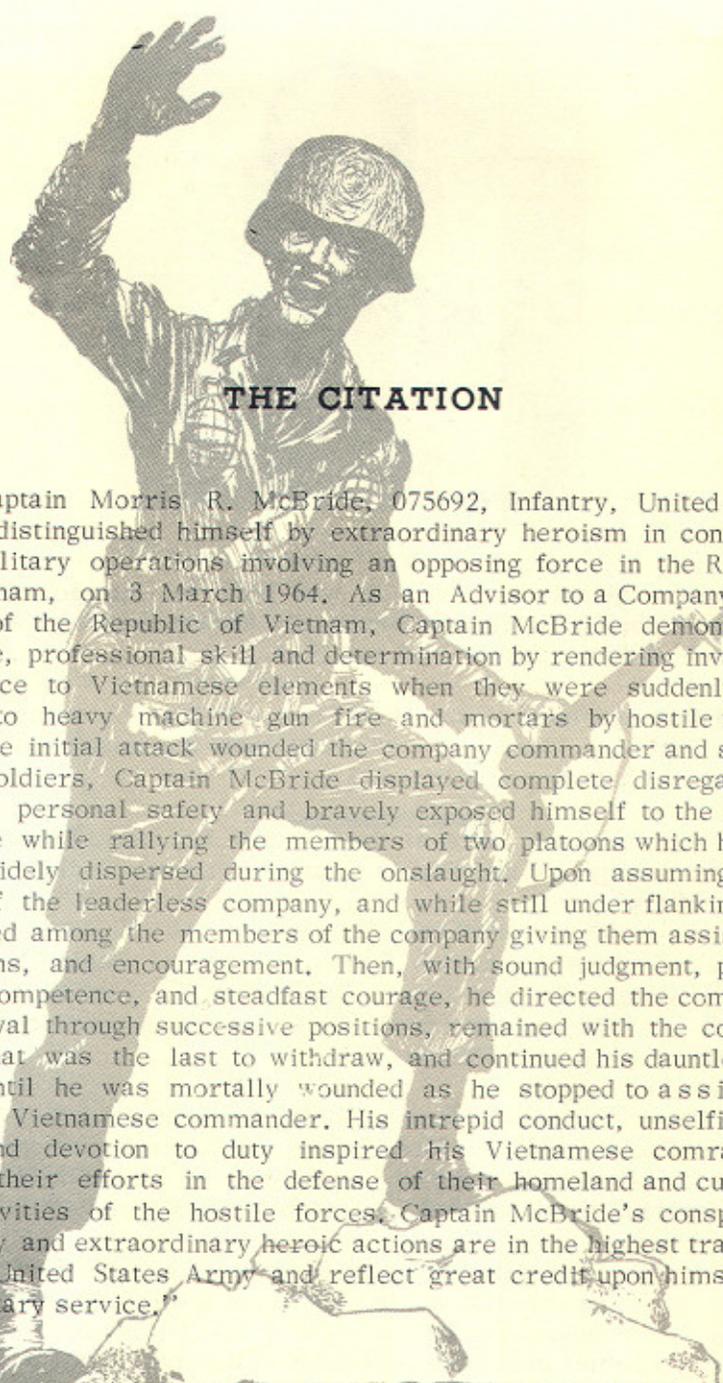
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DEDICATION CEREMONY



0915 Hours -- 7 January 1966

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA



THE CITATION

"Captain Morris R. McBride, 075692, Infantry, United States Army, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving an opposing force in the Republic of Vietnam, on 3 March 1964. As an Advisor to a Company in the Army of the Republic of Vietnam, Captain McBride demonstrated fortitude, professional skill and determination by rendering invaluable assistance to Vietnamese elements when they were suddenly subjected to heavy machine gun fire and mortars by hostile forces. When the initial attack wounded the company commander and several other soldiers, Captain McBride displayed complete disregard for his own personal safety and bravely exposed himself to the intense gun fire while rallying the members of two platoons which had become widely dispersed during the onslaught. Upon assuming command of the leaderless company, and while still under flanking fire, he moved among the members of the company giving them assistance, directions, and encouragement. Then, with sound judgment, professional competence, and steadfast courage, he directed the company's withdrawal through successive positions, remained with the covering force that was the last to withdraw, and continued his dauntless efforts until he was mortally wounded as he stopped to assist the wounded Vietnamese commander. His intrepid conduct, unselfish actions and devotion to duty inspired his Vietnamese comrades to pursue their efforts in the defense of their homeland and curtailed the activities of the hostile forces. Captain McBride's conspicuous gallantry and extraordinary heroic actions are in the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service."

WHOSOEVER BELIEVES THIS ... AND SEE THE EVIDENCE
THEY WILL FIND ME ... ON MY BROTHER ... NOW AND FOREVER
I AM THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF AMERICA
MORRIS R. MCBRIDE

PROGRAM

SELECTIONS--U S Army Band

INVOCATION--Colonel Maury Hundley, Jr., Post Chaplain

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL BUILDING TO COMMANDING GENERAL,
U S ARMY INFANTRY CENTER--Colonel John W. Williams

ACCEPTANCE AND NAMING OF SCHOOL--Maj Gen Robert H. York

UNVEILING OF PLAQUE AND COMMENTS--Mrs. Morris R. McBride
(Widow)

NATIONAL ANTHEM--U S Army Band

BENEDICTION--Colonel Maury Hundley Jr., Post Chaplain

SELECTIONS--U S Army Band

REFRESHMENTS--School Cafeteria

COMMANDING GENERAL

U S Army Infantry Center - Maj Gen Robert H. York

DEPUTY POST COMMANDER

U S Army Infantry Center - Colonel Earl F. Holton

PRESIDENT

Fort Benning School Board - Colonel John W. Williams

SUPERINTENDENT

Fort Benning Dependent Schools - Mrs. Hazel J. Scudder

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE

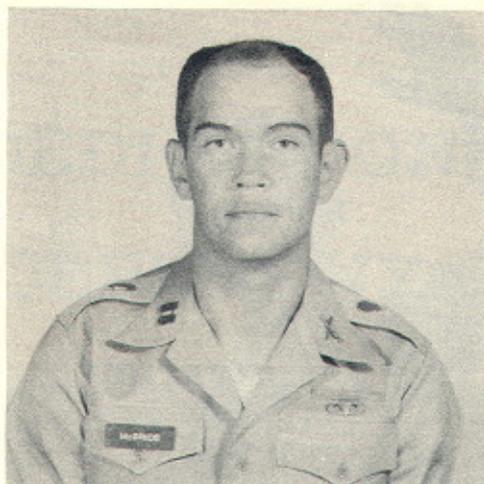
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Captain Morris R. McBride was born in Chicago, Illinois, on 8 April 1935. He lived with his family at Fort Benning and attended grade school on the post in 1943 and 1944.

He was appointed to the United States Military Academy from the Illinois National Guard in 1953 and was commissioned a second Lieutenant of Infantry on 4 June 1957.

During his four years at the Military Academy, Cadet McBride was consistently on the Dean's List and graduated close to the top quarter of his class.

Following his graduation from the Officers Basic Course; the Airborne Course and the Ranger Course at Fort Benning, Georgia in the fall of 1957 and spring of 1958, he was assigned to the United States Army, Europe at Verona, Italy.

While in Europe Captain McBride became an active Skydiver and was decorated at the International Air Show in Germany in 1961 for his free-fall night jumping. At the time of his death he had completed over 125 jumps and held an instructor's rating.

After his European assignment he returned to Fort Benning, Georgia and graduated from the Officers Advanced Class in 1963. During this assignment he lived with his family on Fort Benning where his daughter also attended school on the post.

Following a Special Warfare Course at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Captain McBride was assigned to Vietnam in August of 1963. On 3 March 1964, while serving as an advisor in connection with military operations involving an opposing force in the Republic of Vietnam, Captain Morris R. McBride was killed in action. For his conspicuous gallantry and extraordinary heroic actions, he was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.