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7, and a boy, 8, but was unable to reach his brother Jaime, who lost his life.

Servando Cardenas, a Pioneer, was a temporary resident of Boulder, Colorado, the spring of 1985. His parents were attending the University of Colorado. Servando and his cousin, age 5, had gone fishing at Boulder Creek, a snow-fed stream. His cousin went to retrieve a stick. The river current swept him downstream and into the rapids. He swirled in a large pool, and was about to be swept into another rapid when Servando jumped in, grabbed him by the shirt, and pulled him to a large rock.

Commander William Stumpp is a longshoreman in Carson, California. Heavy equipment had overturned, remained in an unstable condition, and pinned a man underneath. Stumpp removed the man from the rig, and discovered he was cut near his armpit with a severed brachial artery. He applied a tourniquet and treated the man for shock. Paramedics said the man would have probably bled to death without first aid by Stumpp.

Ronnie Thomas, an 11-year-old Pioneer from Akron, Ohio, was on his way to Sunday school when he stopped at the corner before crossing to the church. Coming toward him was a 7-year-old girl who started into the street, decided she couldn't make it, and went back. Realizing the danger, Ronnie ran toward her and knocked her away from the oncoming car. He saved her but lost his own life. Ronnie received the Medal of Valor posthumously.

If you thought the only heroes are the Green Berets, the Army Rangers, and the Navy Seals, think again. We are privileged to have Royal Rangers who possess uncommon valor! ☞

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How to be a hero

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What is your idea of a hero? Could you ever be one? *The World Almanac 1987* listed teenagers' heroes: Sylvester Stallone, Bill Cosby, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Eddie Murphy, Ronald Reagan.