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AWARD OF THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

KNOLES, GREGORY T. SPECIALIST FOUR E4 USA  
Co A, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347  
Awarded: Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device Second Oak Leaf Cluster  
Date action: 9 July 1967  
Theater: Republic of Viet Nam  
Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Specialist Knoles distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 9 July 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. While on a search and destroy mission, Specialist Knoles' platoon was moving across an open area when they were suddenly brought under a heavy volume of enemy automatic weapons fire from an estimated enemy squad and pinned down. Specialist Knoles, serving as radio telephone operator, observed one of the machine gunners of his platoon who was moving forward in the assault fall to the ground wounded. Realizing how necessary the fire power of the machine gun was to the remainder of the platoon, Specialist Knoles, with complete disregard for his own safety, rushed through the withering enemy fire to the location of the wounded machine gunner. Specialist Knoles quickly administered the needed medical aid to the wounded man and then picked up the machine gun and assumed the position of machine gunner and began to place effective fire into the enemy positions. Specialist Knoles greatly aided his platoon in making the assault on the enemy positions. Specialist Knoles' devotion to duty and personal courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the Secretary of the Army under the provisions of AR 672-5-1.

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