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AWARD OF THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

JONES, ROBERT E. PLATOON SERGEANT E7 USA Co B, 2d Bn, 502d Inf

Awarded: Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 9 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam


Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Sergeant Jones distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 9 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. While Sergeant Jones' platoon was occupying a night ambush position, a seven foot black bear violently attacked five men in the command post group. Sergeant Jones, realizing the danger and seriousness of the situation, and also taking into consideration the danger of firing within the perimeter, took immediate action. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Jones grasped the attacking bear around the head with his bare hands and tried to get it away from his comrades. Although suffering from deep claw marks, he managed to wrestle the bear away from the men and drive him off, thus preventing serious wounds and possible loss of life to his comrades. Sergeant Jones' 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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