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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM
(POSTHUMOUS)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

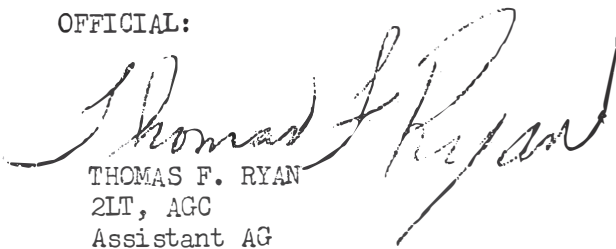
BELLACH, LOUIS W. JR. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 USA
Co A, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347
Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (Posthumously)
Date action: 27 September 1967
Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Private Bellach distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 27 September 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. While on a search and destroy mission, Private Bellach's platoon was suddenly brought under a tremendous volume of enemy automatic weapons fire from high ground. Due to the terrain features, direct fire weapons were ineffective against the well concealed enemy and, seeing this, Private Bellach immediately took action. Realizing the urgent need for his grenade launcher, Private Bellach, with complete disregard for his own safety, rushed from his covered position through the withering hail of enemy fire to a location where he could place accurate and effective suppressive fire on the enemy. Continuing to disregard the danger of being in an exposed position, he continued to place effective fire on the enemy positions until he was mortally wounded by the enemy fire. Private Bellach's 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 President under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962.

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