

HEADQUARTERS  
1ST BRIGADE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO San Francisco 96347

GENERAL ORDERS  
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM  
(POSTHUMOUS)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

JOSEPH, THOMAS E. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EB USA  
Co A, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347  
Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (Posthumously)

Date action: 2 October 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Private Joseph distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 2 October 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. During a ground attack on well fortified enemy positions, Private Joseph's squad was suddenly brought under a heavy concentration of enemy fire, wounding several of his comrades. Without hesitation, he immediately moved through the heavy enemy fire and began assisting the medic in moving the wounded to covered positions. On one occasion, Private Joseph detected an enemy soldier sneaking up on their position in order to throw a hand grenade into it. With complete disregard for his own safety, he jumped from his covered position and killed the enemy soldier. Detecting another wounded comrade, Private Joseph started after him when he was struck by enemy mortar fragments and mortally wounded. Private Joseph'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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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