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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

PATRICK, DENNIS W.

SERGEANT E5 USA Co A, 2d Bn 502d Inf

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device First Oak Leaf Cluster

Date action: 15 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

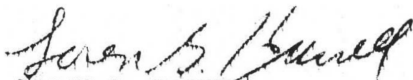
Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Sergeant Patrick distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 15 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. While on a search and destroy mission, Sergeant Patrick's element began to receive a heavy volume of enemy small arms fire and was pinned down. His platoon immediately began to return a heavy base of fire. When one of the machineguns had extinguished all of its ammunition, Sergeant Patrick, realizing the immediate need for more ammunition, instantly went into action. He located several hundred rounds of ammunition, and with complete disregard for his own safety, maneuvered through seventy-five meters of fire swept open area to the machinegun position, succeeding in resupplying it with the needed ammunition. The next day while maneuvering with a recon element, his element was once again brought under intense enemy fire and pinned down. Sergeant Patrick again came to the aid of a machinegun that was running low on ammunition. A utility ship was called in to kick out a resupply of ammunition. The resupply when kicked out, landed between the friendly positions and the enemy positions. Once again with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Patrick, rushed through the vicious hail of enemy fire to recover and distribute the ammunition. Sergeant Patrick'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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