

HEADQUARTERS  
 AMERICAL DIVISION  
 APO San Francisco 96374

GENERAL ORDERS  
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

COURTNEY, THOMAS J. FIRST LIEUTENANT, INFANTRY, United States Army,  
 Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st  
 Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 19 August 1967

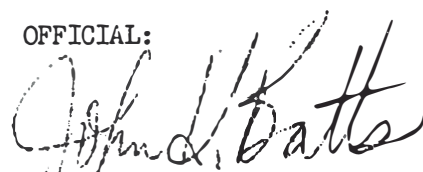
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. First Lieutenant Courtney distinguished himself by exceptionally heroic action on 19 August 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. Moving with his patrol to reconnoiter a group of huts, they were suddenly brought under a tremendous hail of enemy automatic, small arms and mortar fire which pinned them down. Calling down for artillery, which he adjusted to destroy the mortar position and crew, Lieutenant Courtney exposed himself to the deadly fire as he moved among his men, directing their fire and pin-pointing targets. Under heavy fire, he manned a machinegun and accurately pointed out targets with his fire. After defeating the North Vietnamese Army platoon, he cared for the wounded and evacuated them. Lieutenant Courtney's courage, leadership, and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, 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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