

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

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

CORNELISON, DAVID B. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 USA  
Co B, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 19 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam


Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Private Cornelison distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 19 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Private Cornelison's platoon was ambushed by a numerically superior enemy force armed with automatic weapons and mortars. One of Private Cornelison's machine guns was put out of action and several of his comrades were wounded. He observed three wounded troopers to his front who were under intense enemy fire and, with complete disregard for his own safety he crawled through the withering hail of enemy fire and successfully moved the wounded to a safer location. From his position he could observe the devastating effects of the enemy fire and realized that the inoperative machine gun had to be placed back into action. Again he moved through the treacherous enemy fire to the machine gun, organized two other men near the gun, placed the gun into operation and directed the machine gun fire on the enemy. He constantly exposed himself to the hostile fire and pointed out enemy targets for his comrades. Private Cornelison's bravery undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his fellow comrades while his initiative and leadership greatly assisted his platoon in gaining fire superiority over the enemy which led to their ultimate defeat. Private Cornelison'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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