

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

GENERAL ORDERS  
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

LASWELL, DAVID V.

SERGEANT E5 USA

Co B, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

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

Date action: 13 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Sergeant Laswell distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 13 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Sergeant Laswell's platoon came under an extremely heavy attack by an enemy company armed with rockets, mortars and heavy machine guns. Sergeant Laswell and his fire team were securing one flank of his platoon when he observed an enemy element approaching a sister platoon from the rear. With complete disregard for his own safety, he stood up and exposed himself to the withering hail of enemy fire and engaged the enemy force with hand grenades and burst of fire from his weapon. In spite of the devastating fire which the enemy placed on him, he repelled the attacking force. His heroic actions completely halted the enemy maneuver and undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. Sergeant Laswell'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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