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1ST BRIGADE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96347

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 1791

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM
(POSTHUMOUS)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

WHALEY, CARSON L. SPECIALIST FOUR E4 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 (Posthumously)

Date action: 25 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

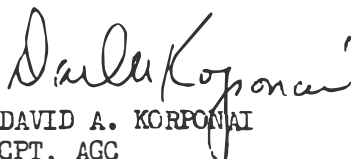
Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Specialist Whaley distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 25 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. While on a search and destroy mission, Specialist Whaley's platoon was moving down a jungle trail when they were suddenly met by fierce enemy automatic weapons fire, pinning them down. Specialist Whaley immediately put his machine gun into operation and began to return fire on the enemy. He could see an enemy machine gun pouring extremely heavy fire into his platoon but could not engage the enemy from his position. Specialist Whaley, with complete disregard for his own safety, then picked up his machine gun and ran through the withering hail of enemy fire across an open field to a new position. From this position he successfully engaged the enemy machine gun, killing two enemy soldiers and forcing the others to flee the area. He continued to place steady and accurate fire upon the enemy until he was mortally wounded by an enemy sniper. His courageous daring, quick thinking, and accurate fire greatly assisted his platoon in gaining complete fire superiority over the enemy. Specialist Whaley'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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