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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 2446

1 November 1967

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SPECIALIST FOUR E4 USA HALE, JIMMY D.

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

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 13 August 1967 Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Specialist Hale distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 13 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Specialist Hale's platoon was moving through dense jungle terrain when it came under extremely intense enemy fire from a numerically superior enemy force. Several of the platoon's members were wounded and lying in an exposed area being raked by enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Specialist Hale rushed through the enemy's withering hail of fire and removed the wounded to a safer location. A medical evacuation helicopter was called but the only suitable landing zone was on th far side of a field that the enemy had mined. Again with no regard for his own safety, Specialist Hale volunteered to carry the wounded to the landing zone for evacuation. Each time he carried a wounded man to the evacuation helicopter, he had to expose himself to the devastating enemy fire as well as negotiate a deadly minefield. His fearless courage and heroic actions insured immediate evacuation and medical care for the wounded. Specialist Hale'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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