

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

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 1520

26 July 1967

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

FELLS, NATHANIEL                      SPECIALIST FOUR EA USA  
Co B, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 18 May 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Specialist Fells distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 18 May 1967, near Duc Pho, in the Republic of Viet Nam. Specialist Fells' platoon had been employed as forward security while attempting to move the wounded down a steep trail during the hours of darkness. Suddenly the element was taken under a heavy volume of enemy automatic weapons fire from the direct front and flanks. On the initial burst of enemy fire the friendly element received ten more casualties. With complete disregard for his own safety, Specialist Fells moved forward through the withering enemy fire to the most forward point of contact and began to place extremely effective machine gun fire into the enemy positions. Due to the fact it was so dark, Specialist Fells was able to locate enemy targets by muzzle flashes from their weapons. Specialist Fells continued to place effective fire into the ranks of the enemy killing four and forcing the remainder to flee the battle area leaving behind miscellaneous equipment and weapons. Specialist Fells' 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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:



DAVID A. KORPONAI  
CPT, AGC  
Assistant AG

E. M. STRONG  
MAJ, AGC  
Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:

A

SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 - HQ USARV ATTN: AVAGP-D
- 1 - TAGO ATTN: AGPE-F