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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

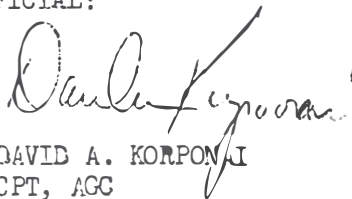
SHANNON, ROBERT F. SPECIALIST FOUR E4 USA  
Co B, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Ede, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347  
Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device  
Date action: 18 May 1967  
Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Specialist Shannon distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 18 May 1967, in the Republic of Viet Nam. While on a search and destroy mission, Specialist Shannon was acting as point man for the platoon when they approached an open area. Specialist Shannon's fire team was given the mission of moving across the exposed area under the cover of supporting machine gun and grenade fire to secure the far side. As the fire team advanced approximately half way across the exposed area they were suddenly brought under a heavy volume of enemy automatic weapons fire wounding all the members of the fire team but Specialist Shannon. With complete disregard for his own safety, Specialist Shannon continued to advance through the vicious enemy fire and personally assaulted the enemy position. As the enemy soldiers started to run, Specialist Shannon rushed after them and succeeded in killing two enemy soldiers and capturing an enemy automatic weapon. Specialist Shannon was solely responsible for overrunning the enemy position and forcing the enemy to withdraw. Specialist Shannon'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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