

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

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 1735

26 August 1967

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

WETHERWAX, JOHN P. STAFF SERGEANT E6 USA
Co B, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 10 June 1967

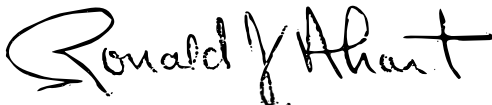
Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Sergeant Wetherwax distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 10 June 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. While on a search and destroy mission, Sergeant Wetherwax's platoon became engaged with an estimated fifty man enemy element. In the initial stages of the fire fight, heavy casualties were inflicted on his element. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Wetherwax moved through the withering enemy fire to pull his wounded comrades to safety and administer medical aid to them. During the heavy fire fight Sergeant Wetherwax continually exposed himself to the vicious enemy fire while directing the fire of his platoon. When the platoon medic was wounded, he immediately began treating the wounded and prepared a landing zone so they could be safely evacuated. Sergeant Wetherwax'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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:



RONALD J AHART

LIT, AGC

Assistant AG

E. M. STRONG

MAJ, AGC

Adjutant General

DISTRIBUTION:

1 - HQ USARV ATTN: AVAGP-D

1 - TAGO ATTN: AGPE-F