

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

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

GARDNER, RONALD A. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 USA  
HHC, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 11 July 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Private Gardner distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 11 July 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. During the early morning hours, Private Gardner's platoon was attacked by an estimated reinforced enemy company. In the initial burst of enemy automatic weapons fire, the medical aidman was killed and other casualties were inflicted. Private Gardner, even though wounded by grenade fragments, began to move through the battle area giving aid to the wounded. With complete disregard for his own safety, he exposed himself to the vicious enemy fire while moving his wounded comrades to a safe area to administer medical aid to them. On one occasion, he crawled out in front of his perimeter through a bullet swept area to within ten meters of an enemy position and pulled a wounded comrade to safety. For approximately two and a half hours, he treated the wounded and allowed his own wounds to be treated only after all his comrades had been given medical aid. Private Gardner'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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