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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM  
(POSTHUMOUS)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

LIKELY, JAMES T. SPECIALIST FOUR E4 USA HHC, 2d Bn, 502d Inf

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device Second Oak Leaf Cluster  
(Posthumously)

Date action: 25 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

*(Medic)*


Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Specialist Likely distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 25 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Specialist Likely's platoon was setting up a defensive perimeter when it came under intense hostile fire, wounding two men and mortally wounding another. Specialist Likely, with complete disregard for his own safety, rushed through the bullet swept area administering much needed medical aid to the wounded and carrying them to a covered position. Shortly after getting the wounded to a more tenable position, Specialist Likely was wounded in both legs by enemy mortar fragments. During the same mortar fire, four more of his comrades were also wounded. Disregarding his own wounds completely, he moved within the battle area, continually exposing himself to the hostile fire, administering medical aid to the wounded and getting them to covered positions. Only after all the other wounded had been treated and evacuated did he allow his own wounds to be cared for and himself to be evacuated. Specialist Likely'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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