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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

WALSH, JOHN FIRST LIETENANT INFANTRY Company B
2d Battalion (Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Fancisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: January 1969

Date action: 25 November 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 25 November 1968. First Lieutenant Walsh distinguished himself while serving as platoon leader with Company B, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry, while on a combat operation south of Hue, Republic of Vietnam. Company B was moving up very steep and thickly vegetated hills when the lead element encountered sniper fire from its front and sides. First Lieutenant Walsh immediately began leading his platoon in an assault, firing his M-16 rifle and shouting his commands to his element leaders. First Lieutenant Walsh led his men through the assaults without sustaining any injured troopers and mortally wounded three North Vietnamese soldiers. When the lead element reached the enemy position, they discovered trails of blood leading up the mountain. The element followed the blood trails up the mountain into a small, platoon sized base camp. There the men found thirty-seven SKS riels and three AK-47 rifles. Lieutenant Walsh organized a search of the area and discovered numerous documents. Then he ordered the destruction of the enemy food supplies and buildings. First Lieutenant Walsh's personal bravery and devotion to duty 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 of the United States under the provisions of Executive Order 11046.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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