

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
Headquarters 101st Airborne Division  
APO San Francisco 96383

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BAILEY, DONALD A SECOND LIEUTENANT INFANTRY Company A 1st Battalion  
(Airborne) 502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: NA

Date action: 4 April 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 4 April 1969. Lieutenant Bailey distinguished himself while serving as platoon leader of the First Platoon of Company A, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry, near the A Chau Valley, Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. Early in the morning on the cited date, his night defensive position was hit with accurate rocket propelled grenade and automatic weapons fire, and satchel charges. As the enemy attack on the company perimeter continued, the machine gun position was hit with a satchel charge, wounding the gunner. Lieutenant Bailey resolutely moved forward and helped extract the wounded man from further immediate danger. He then had the machine gun moved to a position from which it could bring effective suppressive fire on the enemy. His quick reactions motivated his men in the defense of the perimeter. Lieutenant Bailey'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:

OFFICIAL:

M. H. MURLEY  
Colonel, GS  
Chief of Staff

*for Joseph A. Zimmerman, AGC*  
DALE M. HAYES  
LTC, AGC  
Adjutant General

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