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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

WILLISON, CHARLES H SPECIALIST FOUR Company A
1st Battalion (Airborne) 502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: N/A

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. Specialist Willison distinguished himself while serving as a fire team leader in the Third Platoon of Company A, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry, during combat operations near the A Chau Valley, Republic of Vietnam. The company had set up a night defensive perimeter, and Specialist Willison was in charge of the listening post. Movement was heard throughout the night, and early the next morning, the North Vietnamese hit the listening post and company perimeter with rocket propelled grenades and automatic weapons fire. He returned the fire against the enemy and then moved his fire team back into the company perimeter. When there was enough light, a check of the area revealed two mortally wounded North Vietnamese soldiers lying in front of his position. Specialist Willison'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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