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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MURNOCK, DONALD C FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY Company B
1st Battalion (Airborne) 502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device
Effective month: N/A

Date action: 13 February 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 13 February 1969. Lieutenant Murnock distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader in Company B, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry, on a combat operation about twelve miles north of Hue, Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Murnock was leading two squads of the First Platoon during a reconnaissance of a trail in thick jungle terrain when the First Platoon was engaged by heavy enemy fire from well-concealed ambush positions. In the course of the firefight, the lead man was struck by an enemy mine fragment and mortally wounded. Three other members of the platoon were seriously wounded, including Lieutenant Murnock, and one of the more seriously wounded was pinned down by the intense volume of fire. Although Lieutenant Murnock suffered ruptured ear drums from the initial contact, he reorganized the platoon and took the appropriate counter measures. Realizing that the seriously wounded individual was rapidly losing blood, Lieutenant Murnock, with the aid of his wounded platoon sergeant, directed the assault against the enemy in an attempt to retrieve his wounded and dead. He encouraged the wounded individuals to crawl to safety while he instructed the members of the platoon to provide a base of fire and again assault the enemy position. He remained in his unprotected position, directing the assault, until the enemy was repelled. Although his condition was serious, he thought of his men's welfare before his own safety and insisted that his men be evacuated first. Lieutenant Murnock'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.

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