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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SMITH ETHER D SPECIALIST FOUR Company B
1st Bat-talion (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. Specialist Smith distinguished himself while serving with Company B, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry, as a radio operator on a combat operation about twelve miles southwest of ~~the~~ Republic of Vietnam. Company B, headquarters, and two squads of the first platoon were conducting a reconnaissance of a trail in thick jungle terrain. The lead squad suddenly received intense fire from the front. The lead man was immediately killed by a mine, and three other personnel were seriously wounded by the initial contact. One of the more seriously wounded individuals was pinned down by the intense volume of fire, and was unable to crawl to safety. Specialist Smith, with complete disregard for his own life, crawled through the heavy volume of fire. On the third attempt he successfully reached his wounded comrade. Due to his display of courage, the wounded man was able to receive immediate medical care. Specialist Smith'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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