

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.

DUTTON, STEVEN L SPECIALIST FOUR Company B 2d Battalion (Airborne) 501st
Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: NA

Date action: 22 March 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 22 March 1969. Specialist Dutton distinguished himself while serving as lead machine gunner in Company B, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry, on a reconnaissance in force mission southwest of Hue, Republic of Vietnam. When the lead squad came under intense automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenade fire from concealed enemy positions, he immediately ran with his machine gun to the side of the lead rifleman and began to level a heavy volume of fire against the insurgents, even though he was under their direct fire. When the brunt of the enemy fire was broken, he moved his machine gun to other positions that were in danger and directed less intense suppressive fire, the enemy force broke contact and other platoons were 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

//Original Signed//

DALE H. HAYES
LTC, AGC
Adjutant General

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