

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

29 June 1969



AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SPORS, ALAN J 05338354 (██████████) CAPTAIN INFANTRY Company E 2nd Battalion
(Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: NA

Date action: 13 May 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 13 May 1969. Captain Spors distinguished himself by valorous actions while serving as Commanding Officer of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 501st Infantry, during combat operations in the A Shau Valley, southwest of Hue, Republic of Vietnam. At approximately 0330 hours on the cited date, Fire Support Base Airborne was attacked by an estimated battalion of North Vietnamese Army soldiers. Throughout the battle, Captain Spors moved to the defensive positions checking the condition of the men and their supplies of ammunition. He made several trips to ammunition storage points, securing hand grenades, small arms ammunition, and illumination rounds. Although under intense fire, he could be found at the point of heaviest enemy resistance giving advice, making corrections, and laying down suppressive fire with his M-16 rifle. The consistency at which he appeared at the location of heaviest fighting was a display of courage and intelligent leadership. Captain Spors' 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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