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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

LAYTON, ROBERT W.
APO SF 96383 IN

1LT 71542 Co B 2d Bn (Aabl) 501st Inf (WACMDO)

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date of service: 14 July 1970

Theater: Republic of Vietnam


Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of Executive Order 11046.

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 14 July 1970. Lieutenant Layton distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader in Company B, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, during combat operations in Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. While on a reconnaissance mission, the lead element came under intense small arms, grenade, and machine gun fire. Observing that the lead element was pinned down and had suffered numerous casualties, Lieutenant Layton directed his men to reinforce the besieged element. Subjecting himself to the hostile fire, he maneuvered from position to position, directing the fire of his men and deploying them to gain fire superiority. Despite being wounded, he continued to lead his men and supervise the evacuation of the wounded. Lieutenant Layton'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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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