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APO San Francisco 96243

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 1580

23 July 1965

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
(POSTHUMOUSLY)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SMITH, HERBERT JR. RA14495160 SSGT E-6 USA

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal (Posthumously) with "V" Device

Date action: 8 July 1965

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Sergeant Smith distinguished himself by heroic action on 8 July 1965 while serving as a Light Weapons Infantry advisor to a friendly unit on a relief operation in the Republic of Vietnam. Though Sergeant Smith knew the mission would be extremely hazardous, he volunteered to accompany the unit and assist his counterpart. Enroute to the outpost under attack, the unit was ambushed by a Viet Cong force of superior strength. Immediately and without regard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Smith moved about the battlefield assisting his counterpart in organizing an effective defense against the enemy. While offering sound tactical advice and assisting the friendly forces, Sergeant Smith was mortally wounded by the Viet Cong. By his courageous actions, he was instrumental in inspiring the friendly unit to fight well against the insurgents. Sergeant Smith's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962, and Department of the Army Message 941895, dated 22 October 1963.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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21 May 1965

AWARD OF THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SMITH, HERBERT JR. RA14495160 SSGT E-6 USA

Awarded: Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 28 February 1965

Theater: Republic of Vietnam


Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Sergeant Smith distinguished himself by heroic action on 28 February 1965, while serving as Light Weapons Advisor to the 2nd Battalion, 9th Regiment, 5th Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. While his unit moved toward its objective through enemy territory it was mistakenly bombed by friendly aircraft. Despite the bombs and the danger of enemy fire, Sergeant Smith moved into the open and succeeded in signaling the friendly aircraft to stop their attack. Sergeant Smith's heroic action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Authority: By direction of the Secretary of the Army under the provisions of AR 672-5-1, and Department of the Army Message 941895, dated 22 October 1963, and 957621, 29 February 1964.

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