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15 August 1969

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BRADEN, JOHN W. JR. 313-46-6983 FIRST LIEUTENANT CORPS OF ENGINEERS USA Company  
D, 49th Engineer Battalion, APO San Francisco 96491

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" device

Effective month: August 1969

Date action: 26 March 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam.

Reason: For heroism, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Braden distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 26 March 1969 while serving as OIC of road construction operations on QL-20 near the village in Dinh Quan. Having received a radio message reporting an enemy attack upon a construction crew, Lieutenant Braden hurried to the scene and observed his men pinned down by a Viet Cong force located in a ravine. Regrouping his men he quickly shaped them into an effective counter ambush force. As his men returned fire, he frequently exposed himself to hostile small arms, mortar and rocket fire in order to establish communications and subsequently request air and artillery support. Through his courage and determination, he contributed immeasurably to the disruption of the Viet Cong attack. Lieutenant Braden's heroic actions in close combat against a hostile force 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 under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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