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TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

PATTON, DALE A RA[REDACTED] (SSAN [REDACTED]) PFC E3 United States Army
Awarded: Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device
Action date: 30 July 1968

Reason: For heroism. On the morning of 30 July 1968, at approximately 0030 hours, Private First Class Patton was a member of a fourteen-man relief patrol organized and dispatched to assist a friendly ambush patrol, operating within the Korean Demilitarized Zone, that was in danger of being overpowered by a superior enemy force. Their mission was to retrieve the dead and wounded and attempt to reestablish contact with the enemy. Within ten minutes after arriving at the scene of the action Private First Class Patton along with the other members of his patrol came under heavy enemy automatic weapons fire. While the rest of the patrol evacuated the wounded, Private First Class Patton, along with two other members of the patrol, provided covering fire. Though under heavy automatic fire, the small force was able to contain the enemy and make possible the evacuation of the wounded to safety. The complete disregard for his personal safety and the staunch courage displayed by Private First Class Patton in the face of an armed aggressor was in keeping with the most cherished traditions of the military service. His courage and devotion to duty throughout the action reflected great credit upon himself, the 2d Infantry Division and the United States Army.

Authority: By order of the Secretary of the Army under the provisions of AR 672-5-1
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PATTON, DALE A. RA: [redacted] SSAN: [redacted] (then) PFC Company C, 3rd Battalion, 23d Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, APO San Francisco 96224

Announcement is made of the following award.

Award: Combat Infantryman Badge
Date(s) or period of service: 30 July 1968
Authority: AR 600-8-22, Paragraph 8-6
Reason: For satisfactory performance of duty while under hostile fire
Format: 320

This Permanent Order supersedes any previously issued order that may have been published announcing this award.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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