

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO San Francisco 96262

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced:

HOLMAN, ROBERT W 476-52-8723 PRIVATE FIRST CLASS United States Army, Co K  
(Ranger) 75th Inf, 4th Inf Div, APO 96262

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 10 through 12 October 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Private First Class Holman distinguished himself while serving as a Ranger Team Member with Company K, 75th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division. On 10 October 1969, Private First Class Holman's ranger team was conducting an area reconnaissance when they found a trail that indicated heavy use. Within a few minutes voices and movement could be heard on the trail. Reacting immediately, Private First Class Holman's team leader, requested and received artillery. Although deep in enemy-held territory and in an extremely dangerous situation, the team remained calm and completely silent until discovery became imminent. With the enemy less than fifty meters away, the team placed a heavy volume of fire upon the enemy, killing 4 and wounding one. Not knowing if the North Vietnamese were acting as point for a larger enemy element, Private First Class Holman and his comrades detonated their claymores with hopes of delaying pursuit. During their movement, Private First Class Holman assisted in directing accurate artillery fire upon the pursuing enemy, and the team, through each man's actions, safely escaped and evaded to the east. Private First Class Holman's personal bravery, fortitude, and exemplary devotion to duty are 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.