

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

GENERAL ORDERS
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21 November 1968

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced posthumously:

KNOLL, ROBERT E US54967573 (386-14-4007) SERGEANT United States Army, Co A, 2d Bn, 35th Inf, 4th Inf Div, APO 96355

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 27 September 1968

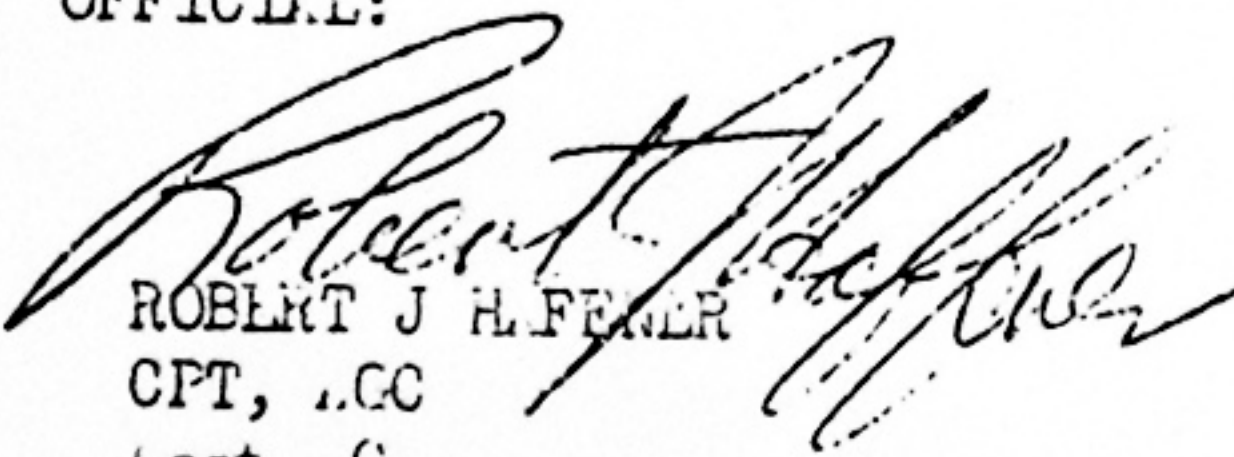
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant Knoll distinguished himself while serving as a Squad Leader with Company A, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division. On 27 September 1968, Sergeant Knoll's company was moving to the aid of a five man patrol when it made heavy contact with an enemy force in a well-camouflaged bunker complex. The heavy fire being placed on Company A resulted in several wounded men of the point element being seriously wounded and the company's advance halted. Sergeant Knoll immediately moved his men to the company's front to prevent a flanking action by the enemy. Sergeant Knoll moved from position to position directing the fire of his men on the well-fortified enemy enplacements and his quick actions and leadership successfully disrupted the enemy's flanking movement, at the same time eliminating several of the enemy soldiers. Sergeant Knoll was mortally wounded during this engagement by automatic weapons fire. Sergeant Knoll's exceptional courage, professional skill 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.

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