## Subject: Litmus test for liberals Posted by Nukelt15 on Thu, 12 Aug 2004 20:24:31 GMT

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Now's around the time when I step in and throw some more gas on the fire...

Engi, are you aware that medals were thrown around rather freely in the Vietnam war? Whether Kerry 'earned' them or not is open to debate. For an example, there was one case of an officer getting a medal for knowing how to operate a radio(and in doing it, calling in an artillery strike on a friendly position)! Purple Hearts, in particular, were used as a way to get out of the war quickly, in much the same way as National Guard service served as a way to prevent being shipped overseas. Since neither you nor anyone else here was present when the events that got Kerry his medals took place, it is impossible to know exactly how deserving he was of them. "Because he got them" is not a good enough reason. A medal is only as good as the deeds that earned it.

Don't mistake that as an argument for Bush, though- I'll bash him just as readily as anyone. However, I think that should Kerry get into office, his supporters will wind up just as disappointed as his opponents.