

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters 101st Airborne Division
APO San Francisco 96383

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

OTERO, JORGE B. PLATOON SERGEANT Company E 1st Battalion (Airborne) 502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: January 1969

Date action: 3 December 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 3 December 1968. Platoon Sergeant Otero distinguished himself while serving as the Platoon Sergeant in the Reconnaissance Platoon of Company E, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry, in Quang Dien, Republic of Vietnam. While on combat operations in the sand dunes along the coast, the platoon came under heavy small arms and machine gun fire from camouflaged enemy positions and was pinned down. Platoon Sergeant Otero located one source of enemy fire and began moving toward the bunker. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Platoon Sergeant Otero ran fifty meters through enemy fire until he was close enough to destroy the enemy bunker with hand grenades. Through his courage, he contributed immeasurably to the success of the mission, which resulted in two enemy killed, one enemy captured, four weapons captured and no friendly casualties. Platoon Sergeant Otero's personal bravery and devotion to duty 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 of the United States under the provisions of Executive Order 11046.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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