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1ST BRIGADE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96347

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AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BUCKLEY, HARRY A. LIEUTENANT COLONEL INFANTRY USA ³⁵
HHC, 2nd Bn, 502nd Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347
Awarded: Air Medal with "V" Device Second Oak Leaf Cluster ¹¹
Date action: 22 June 1967 ²²
Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Lieutenant Colonel Buckley distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 22 June 1967, near Duc Pho, Republic of Viet Nam. While on a reconnaissance mission, Lieutenant Colonel Buckley, flying in the command and control helicopter, detected a group of people moving across an open area. He immediately directed the pilot of the helicopter to make a low pass over the area to determine if the people were friendly or enemy. As the helicopter passed over the area they were suddenly brought under heavy ground fire and received several hits. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Colonel Buckley directed the helicopter pilot to make another low pass at the area in an attempt to locate the area where the enemy fire was coming from. As the helicopter passed over the area they were again fired upon. This time, Colonel Buckley directed the gunners to open fire and the enemy position was neutralized. Lieutenant Colonel Buckley's devotion to duty and personal courage 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 under the provisions of Executive Order 9158 as amended by 9242-A, 11 September 1942.

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