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APO San Francisco 96383

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AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE (FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

HAY, JOHN F FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY Headquarters and Headquarters
Company 101st Airborne Division APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Air Medal with "V" Device (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Effective month: NA

Date action: 11 May 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism while participating in aerial flight in the Republic of Vietnam on 11 May 1969. Lieutenant Hay distinguished himself while serving as an observer on the Command and Control helicopter for the Assistant Division Commander for Operations, in support of an evacuation mission in Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. He monitored a call from the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, that medical evacuation helicopters would be unable to evacuate all the wounded personnel from the landing zone. Bringing this to the attention of the Assistant Division Commander for Operations, Lieutenant Hay then contacted the unit to tell them of Colonel Smith's intentions to evacuate the wounded with the Command and Control ship. After descending into the landing zone, which was still under enemy fire, Lieutenant Hay rendered first aid and supervised the loading of the remaining six wounded men. He continued his medical aid to the men until they had reached the hospital. Through his courage and determination, he contributed immeasurably to the successful completion of the mission. Lieutenant Hay'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 9242-A.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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