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1ST BRIGADE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO San Francisco 96347

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AWARD OF THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

McCARTHY, THOMAS F. SERGEANT E5 USA  
Co B, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 13 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam


Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Sergeant McCarthy distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 13 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Sergeant McCarthy's platoon became heavily engaged with a well dug in enemy force placing effective machine gun and automatic weapons fire on them. In the initial burst of enemy fire several friendly casualties were sustained. Medical evacuation helicopters were called in but the only landing zone was approximately one hundred meters from the platoon through an area known to be mined and heavily covered by enemy fire. When the helicopters came in, Sergeant McCarthy began carrying one of the wounded to it for evacuation. With complete disregard for his own safety, he moved through the mined area that was being sprayed with extremely heavy enemy fire. He made the trip through the treacherous area five times, insuring the safety of the wounded and their immediate evacuation. Sergeant McCarthy'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 Secretary of the Army under the provisions of AR 672-5-1.

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