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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TO 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

BRIDGES, JARYC SECOND LIEUTENANT INFANTRY Company C
2d Battalion (Airmobile) 501st Airborne Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device (1-CLC)

Effective Month: September 1968

Date action: 22 March 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in the Republic of Vietnam on 22 March 1968. Lieutenant Bridges distinguished himself while serving as platoon leader with Company C, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Airborne Infantry, on a search and clear operation near Hue, Republic of Vietnam. Company C was setting up a night operation position along a ridgeline when they came under an intense enemy mortar attack. Fifty mortar rounds exploded within the perimeter itself. Totally ignoring his own safety, Lieutenant Bridges moved among his men calmly reorganizing their positions, directing their fire, and aiding the wounded. When one enemy blast rendered the company communications net inoperative, Lieutenant Bridges moved quickly to the hardest hit part of the perimeter, the eastern sector, and defying the lethal shrapnel, he quickly reestablished the sector's defensive positions. Consequently, when the company sustained an enemy ground attack the charge was repulsed and Lieutenant Bridges's sector of the perimeter did not sustain a single casualty. Lieutenant Bridges's courageous actions and astute leadership are 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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