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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE ARMY COMMEMORATION MEDAL WIFE "V" ~~DEVOTION~~

1. TO 320 The following AWARDS are announced.

ELSMER, FRED A PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (E-3) Company A
326th Engineer Battalion APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 16 March 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam


Reason: For heroism in the Republic of Vietnam on 16 March 1968. Private First Class Elmer distinguished himself by valor while under hostile enemy fire near Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam. While on a combat operation, Private First Class Elmer's platoon came under an intense barrage of enemy automatic weapons fire from an entrenched enemy force of unknown size. Private First Class Elmer was told by his squad leader to move to the enemy's left flank. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Elmer exposed himself again and again to the vicious enemy fire as his squad moved through the thick vegetation towards the enemy positions. Private First Class Elmer, heedless of the murderous volume of enemy fire, charged forward, assaulting an enemy bunker while employing fire and movement. Private First Class Elmer's persistent assault enabled him to overrun the enemy bunker and kill its occupants, thereby allowing his squad more freedom of movement to maneuver on the enemy position. Private First Class Elmer's outstanding display of valor and his 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 Secretary of the Army under the provisions of AR 672-5-1.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

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N. K. ELMER
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