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

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

RECIPIENT, ROBERT L. SPECIALIST FOUR Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1st Battalion (Airborne) 502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96363

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

Effective month: NA

Date action: 14 March 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For service in the Republic of Vietnam on 14 March 1969. Specialist Spore distinguished himself while serving as a radio telephone operator in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry in Tam Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Spore was directing the landing of resupply helicopters on a mountain fire support base when he suddenly spotted a firing device half-buried in the landing zone. Quickly waving a helicopter off to an alternate landing zone while another helicopter prepared to land, he resolutely uncovered the device and the two attached mortar rounds, disarmed them, and then continued to direct the incoming aircraft. His swift and courageous reaction to the danger averted possible casualties and prevented the destruction of incoming aircraft. Specialist Spore'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 Secretary of the Army under the provisions of AR 672-5-1.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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