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1ST BRIGADE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96347

GENERAL ORDERS
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BARNHILL, JERRY R. FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY USA
Co A, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347
Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device
Date action: 2 July 1967 — Should be 6/30
Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Lieutenant Barnhill distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 2 July 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Lieutenant Barnhill's platoon was participating in a raiding mission when the whole company became pinned down. Lieutenant Barnhill immediately started to maneuver his platoon, and call in supporting fire. Seeing that the pinned down platoon leader nor the company commander were able to properly adjust the supporting fire because of limited visibility, he immediately took a vantage point from which he could adjust the fire. The only position available was dangerously exposed to heavy enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Barnhill took up this position and for approximately one hour, carrying his own radio, he exposed himself to intense enemy fire, to adjust artillery, gunships, and air strikes with deadly accuracy on the enemy positions. Lieutenant Barnhill was wounded once in the chest, but continued for another twenty minutes to adjust the deadly supporting fire with complete accuracy. Due to Lieutenant Barnhill's bravery under heavy enemy automatic and small arms fire, he allowed the pinned down platoon to maneuver, chase the enemy from their positions, and capture vital enemy mortar equipment. Lieutenant Barnhill'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 President under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962.

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