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1ST BRIGADE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96347

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM
(POSTHUMOUS)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

FERRELL, CHARLES R. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 USA
Co A, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347
Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (Posthumously)
Date action: 25 August 1967
Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Private Ferrell distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 25 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Private Ferrell was performing the duties of trail security while his platoon was preparing an ambush site thirty meters from his position. He observed six enemy soldiers moving towards him and deliberately held his fire while the enemy approached him until they were ten meters from his position, at which time, with complete disregard for his own safety, jumped from his covered position and brought the enemy under fire with vicious bursts of fire from his weapon. He succeeded in killing three of the enemy with his initial burst and as the three remaining enemy fled for cover, he charged through the withering hail of fire and killed another of the enemy soldiers before he fell, mortally wounded. His fearless courage and aggressive fighting spirit saved his platoon from numerous casualties and resulted in four enemy soldiers being killed. Private Ferrell'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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