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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.

KANE, COLEMAN J. JR. 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: 23 August 1967  
Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Private Kane distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 23 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Private Kane's squad was leading his platoon through dense jungle when they were suddenly brought under intense enemy fire pinning them down, and wounding the machinegunner. Realizing the urgency of the situation, and the need for immediate automatic weapons fire, Private Kane, with complete disregard for his own safety, jumped up and moved forward through the enemy's withering hail of fire towards the machine gun. Several of the enemy were also attempting to capture the machine gun, but were stopped by vicious bursts from Private Kane's weapon. Upon reaching the machine gun, he immediately put it into action, turning it on the enemy. As a result of his courageous actions and daring aggressiveness he killed three enemy soldiers, dispersed several others and denied the enemy a machine gun which would have been used by the enemy upon his platoon. While continuing to employ the machine gun effectively upon the enemy, Private Kane was hit by the enemy fire and mortally wounded. Private Kane'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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