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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.

McDONALD, LARRY J. 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 McDonald distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 25 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Private McDonald and his platoon were moving through dense jungle when they were suddenly taken under a tremendous volume of enemy automatic weapons fire, pinning them down. From his position, he saw that the assistant machinegunner had been hit and he knew that the machine gun's firepower must be employed, so without interruption or delay, Private McDonald began to move forward toward the machine gun position. With complete disregard for his own safety, he crawled forward through the withering hail of enemy fire, fully realizing that once he reached the position he would be a prime target of the enemy. Undaunted, he continued to move forward with enemy fire spraying dirt around him and upon reaching the machine gun with the assistance of the machinegunner, they poured out effective and uninterrupted fire upon the enemy forcing them to withdraw. As a result of his extremely heroic actions, Private McDonald was killed by a burst of enemy small arms fire. Private McDonald'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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