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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  
(POSTHUMOUS)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced

RUIZ, RICHARD P. SERGEANT E5 USA  
 Co A, 2nd Bn, 502nd Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (Posthumously)

Date action: 2 October 1967

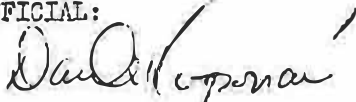
Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Sergeant Ruiz distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 2 October 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. During a ground attack on heavily fortified enemy positions, Sergeant Ruiz's squad suddenly became engaged with a numerically superior enemy element. Sergeant Ruiz immediately organized his squad and personally led them in an assault on enemy positions. On numerous occasions, he exposed himself to the withering enemy fire while giving his men encouragement and directing their fire by pointing out enemy positions. Sergeant Ruiz personally killed three enemy soldiers while leading his squad in the attack on the enemy positions. While reorganizing his squad for a final assault on the enemy positions, Sergeant Ruiz was struck by mortar fire and mortally wounded. Sergeant Ruiz'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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