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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.

JACKSON, ALLEN L. SPECIALIST FOUR E4, 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: Specialist Jackson distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 25 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Specialist Jackson and his platoon were moving through dense jungle when they were suddenly taken under extremely heavy enemy automatic weapons fire, pinning them down. Specialist Jackson, realizing that his platoon leader could not observe or direct effective fire from the pinned down position and that it would require a heavy volume of return fire to break up the enemy attack, he volunteered to move forward to a position on high ground which would afford him favorable directions of fire upon the enemy. He knew that once in position he would be a prime target for the enemy fire but, still undaunted, and with complete disregard for his own safety, he moved forward through a withering hail of enemy fire, continuing to crawl forward with his machine gun, dodging enemy bullets that were spraying dirt all around him. Upon reaching a position on the high ground, he delivered a murderous volume of effective fire upon the enemy, killing three enemy soldiers, wounding several more, and entirely breaking up an enemy machine gun position. As a result of his fearless action, Specialist Jackson was mortally wounded by the enemy, after his fire had relieved the pressure from his platoon, and allowed it to gain fire superiority. Specialist Jackson'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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