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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

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

JURINSKY, JOHN STAFF SERGEANT E6 USA
Co A, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 9 July 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Sergeant Jurinsky distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 9 July 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. While on a search and destroy mission, Sergeant Jurinsky, acting as platoon sergeant, was moving his platoon across an open area toward a river. As the lead element crossed the river, they were suddenly taken under a heavy volume of enemy fire. As the fire fight progressed, Sergeant Jurinsky realized that the enemy element was attempting to flank the lead element and that they could not observe the enemy maneuver. As Sergeant Jurinsky started to cross the river, he was taken under a heavy volume of enemy fire from automatic weapons. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Jurinsky continued to wade the chest deep water through the heavy enemy fire until he safely reached the other side. Upon reaching the other side of the river, Sergeant Jurinsky quickly organized one of his fire teams and personally led them in an assault of the maneuvering enemy element, killing one enemy soldier and forcing the remainder to flee the battle area. Sergeant Jurinsky'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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