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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. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ORVOLD, THEODORE S. FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY USA, Co B, 2d Bn, 502d Inf
 Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device First Oak Leaf Cluster

Date action: 2 October 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Lieutenant Orvold distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 2 October 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Lieutenant Orvold while on a search and destroy operation, came under an intense volume of automatic weapons fire from a reinforced North Vietnamese Army squad occupying fortified positions. After establishing a base of fire, he personally led a fire team in an assault of the enemy positions. Upon reaching the first bunker, he destroyed it with a hand grenade. With complete disregard for his own safety, he then ran through enemy fire and jumped into a trench, at the same time killing an enemy soldier, who was firing at him with an automatic weapon. While moving through the trench, he was wounded by an enemy grenade. Disregarding his wound and with determination to destroy the enemy, he continued to move through the trench when he was fired upon from a bunker three feet in front of him. When grenades did not silence the bunker, he threw a white phosphorous grenade into the bunker. A North Vietnamese Army soldier came running out with an automatic weapon and Lieutenant Orvold killed him from three feet away. His heroic acts inspired his platoon to such an extent that they were able to assault and route the remaining enemy with a total of five enemy dead. Lieutenant Orvold'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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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