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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.

BOOTH, DAVID V. SECOND LIEUTENANT INFANTRY USA
Co B, 2nd Bn, 502nd Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 18 May 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Lieutenant Booth distinguished himself by exceptionally valcrous actions on 18 May 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Lieutenant Booth's platoon had been placed in a blocking position for another company when approximately twenty Viet Cong soldiers were spotted working their way around the high ground. Lieutenant Booth at the time had two friendly Vietnamese soldiers wearing black pajamas attached to his platoon. Quickly grasping the opportunity, he directed the two Vietnamese soldiers to attempt to lure the enemy soldiers to their location. Placing his men into well concealed positions he gave the word to the Vietnamese soldiers to attempt to lure the enemy element unsuspectingly approached the friendly positions. Lieutenant Booth waited until the enemy soldiers were within five feet of his position before initiating the ambush by jumping from his concealed position in full view of the enemy and personally killing two enemy soldiers. Shouting for his men to follow him, he also directed one squad to maneuver to the right flank in an attempt to keep the enemy element from reorganizing and succeeded also in killing two more of the enemy soldiers. Lieutenant Booth'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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