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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MACNIEL, DANIEL PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 USA
Co B, 2d Bn, 502d 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: Private MacNiel distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 18 May 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. While on a search and destroy mission, Private MacNiel's squad was suddenly taken under a tremendous volume of enemy automatic weapons fire from well fortified positions. In the initial burst of fire, all the leaders of the element were wounded. Private MacNiel, serving as radio operator, immediately took charge and began to reorganize his men. Realizing that they were up against a numerically superior element, Private MacNiel immediately radioed for assistance, and then began to organize the withdrawal of his squad. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private MacNiel exposed himself to the withering enemy fire while moving from position to position directing his men to pull back. As the element began to withdraw, Private MacNiel assisted in getting the wounded men to a safe area and returned to the rear of the element to give the remainder of his men covering fire. Private MacNiel remained in the rear of the element until he was seriously wounded by enemy fire. Private MacNiel'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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