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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.

TUCKER, JERRY J. 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 (Posthumously)
Date action: 19 August 1967
Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Private Tucker distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 19 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Private Tucker's platoon was preparing to move from a landing zone when they were taken under an intense volume of enemy automatic weapons and small arms fire, pinning them down. Realizing that the enemy attack had to be subdued and fire superiority gained, Private Tucker, with complete disregard for his own safety, leaped from his concealed position and ran through the withering hail of enemy fire to a position twenty meters to his front. From his new position, he directed effective fire at the enemy and again completely exposing himself, threw a grenade into the enemy position, killing three enemy soldiers. Private Tucker then returned to his original position through the intense enemy fire and observed a sniper raking the platoon with devastating fire. He engaged this sniper and killed him, but he was then brought under fire by another sniper and mortally wounded. His actions and personal bravery greatly assisted his platoon in gaining fire superiority and routing the enemy. Private Tucker'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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