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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.

CHERRSTROM, RONALD P. 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: 7 September 1967
 Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Private Cherrstrom distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 7 September 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. While on a search and destroy mission, Private Cherrstrom's squad was approaching a landing zone to evacuate a wounded comrade when they were suddenly brought under heavy volumes of enemy automatic weapons fire. Private Cherrstrom, with complete disregard for his own safety, rushed forward through the withering hail of enemy fire and fell to the ground in an exposed area in order to place effective fire on the enemy positions. He then called to the rest of his squad to fall back to a safer position while he covered them with his machine gun fire. Enemy automatic weapons fire swept his position, but he courageously and calmly continued to place very effective fire into the enemy positions, killing two enemy soldiers and knocking out one of the automatic weapons positions. While still placing effective fire into the enemy positions another enemy automatic weapon opened fire on him from his flank and mortally wounded him. Private Cherrstrom'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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