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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.

FELLS, NATHANIEL

SERGEANT E5 USA

Co B, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device First Oak Leaf Cluster

Date action: 19 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Sergeant Fells distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 19 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Sergeant Fells' platoon came under an extremely heavy attack from an enemy force of undetermined size armed with automatic weapons, small arms, grenade launchers and mortars. Sergeant Fells, with complete disregard for his own safety, picked up his machine gun and ran through the withering hail of enemy fire to a position where he could effectively place fire on the enemy. From this position, he succeeded in killing two enemy soldiers and disabling an enemy machine gun. He then observed an enemy soldier with a grenade launcher who had inflicted numerous casualties on his unit. Sergeant Fells moved through the murderous enemy fire to a position where he engaged the enemy soldier and killed him. Throughout the battle, Sergeant Fells constantly exposed himself to the enemy while moving across a bullet swept area to different positions. His heroic actions assisted his platoon in gaining an ultimate victory over the enemy force. Sergeant Fells' 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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