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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.

MITCHELL, CHARLES W. SPECIALIST FOUR E4 USA
Co B, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 13 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam


Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Specialist Mitchell distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 13 August 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. While on a search and destroy mission, Specialist Mitchell's platoon came under extremely heavy enemy fire. As the battle continued, his platoon depleted its ammunition supply to a dangerously low level. Specialist Mitchell unhesitatingly volunteered to return to a landing zone and get more. In order to reach the landing zone, he had to cross a bullet swept mine field. Still under intense hostile fire, he inched his way through the deadly obstacle to the supplies. His return trip was no easier but with extreme confidence he reached his unit with the ammunition. He repeated this harrowing task several times during the course of the battle, and was personally responsible for the steady fire power that his platoon was able to maintain until the enemy withdrew. Specialist Mitchell'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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