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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ELMORE, MINES JR. STA

STAFF SERGEANT E6 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: Sergeant Elmore distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 18 May 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. Sergeant Elmore's squad, serving as point squad for a friendly element evacuating casualties to a landing zone, was moving down a jungle trail when the point man halted them to insure they were still on the trail. Immediately they were brought under a tremendous volume of enemy automatic weapons fire and grenades from well concealed enemy bunkers. Wounded and dazed, Sergeant Elmore moved forward firing his weapon, laying down a base of fire and quickly reorganized his squad. Sergeant Elmore, with complete disregard for his own safety, brought up his machine gun and exposed himself to the withering enemy fire while pointing out enemy positions to his men. Suddenly Sergeant Elmore detected an enemy soldier throwing grenades at his squad and without hesitation he jumped to his feet and while fully exposed to the vicious enemy fire, killed the enemy soldier. Sergeant Elmore then began moving his wounded men to a safe area and out of the line of enemy fire. Sergeant Elmore'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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