

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAL DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. TC 32C. The following AWARD is announced.

FERNANDES, ALBERT W. STAFF SERGEANT E6, United States Army,
Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st
Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 5 October 1967

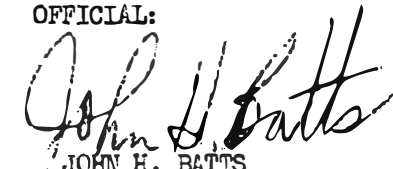
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force. Staff Sergeant Fernandes distinguished himself by exceptionally heroic action on 5 October 1967 near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam, when the fourth platoon of Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, became engaged with an enemy element in well-fortified positions. Sergeant Fernandes was leading a squad-size element in an assault on several enemy bunkers when his platoon leader was wounded and rendered unable to maintain command. Sergeant Fernandes immediately took command of the platoon and continued the attack on the enemy positions. Sergeant Fernandes, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved up and down the assault line fully exposed to the enemy fire, giving his men encouragement and directing their fire pointing out the enemy positions. Sergeant Fernandes' courage and leadership under heavy fire inspired his men to such a degree that the enemy bunkers were destroyed, eight enemy soldiers killed and numerous weapons captured. Staff Sergeant Fernandes' outstanding display of courage, leadership and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, 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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