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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.

MITCHELL, DAVID H. SPECIALIST FOUR E4 USA HHC,
2nd Bn, 502nd Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with V Device (Posthumously)

Date action: 11 July 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 11 July 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. While on a search and destroy mission the recondo platoon was suddenly brought under a heavy volume of enemy fire. In the initial stages of the battle numerous casualties were inflicted on the friendly element. Specialist Mitchell serving as a medic for the element unhesitatingly began to move through the battle area treating his wounded comrades. As the raging battle progressed, Specialist Mitchell, with complete disregard for his own safety remained exposed to the withering enemy fire while pulling wounded men to covered positions where he could treat them. On two occasions Specialist Mitchell crawled to within twenty meters of the enemy positions to pull wounded men to safety. Specialist Mitchell continued to move through the battle area treating the wounded until he was struck by enemy fire and mortally wounded. As a result of Specialist Mitchell's courage numerous lives of his comrades were saved. 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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