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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.

MANZER, GERALD D. SPECIALIST FOUR E4 USA
HHC, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 11 July 1967

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam


Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Specialist Manzer distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 11 July 1967 in the Republic of Viet Nam. While in a perimeter of defense, Specialist Manzer's platoon was suddenly brought under a withering hail of enemy grenade, automatic weapons and mortar fire. In the initial stages of the battle, Specialist Manzer was struck by grenade fragments in both legs and seriously wounded; but disregarding the excruciating pain of his badly bleeding wound, and with complete disregard for his own safety, he refused medical aid in order to maintain his position. As the battle progressed in intensity, he realized the increasing possibility of being overran by the enemy. Though weak from loss of blood and unable to walk, Specialist Manzer crawled through the vicious enemy fire in order to better place effective fire into the enemy positions and give his comrades encouragement. Specialist Manzer's actions and courage, though bleeding profusely and in great pain, served as an inspiration for his comrades in the defense of their position. Specialist Manzer'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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