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SECTION I

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

DYKES, COULSCURN M SERGEANT (E-5) Company A 1st
Battalion 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383
Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device
Date action: 4 April 1968
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant Dykes distinguished himself with exceptionally valorous actions on 4 April 1968, while serving as fire team leader with Company A, 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry, during the conduct of a search and clear operation in the village of Thon Lu'on'ng Co, Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. During an initial sweep of the village, Company A confronted slight enemy resistance from a platoon size enemy force of North Vietnamese Regulars and Viet Cong who were in the village, well concealed in bunkers and spider holes. Sergeant Dykes had captured a Viet Cong when he noticed a well concealed bunker to his immediate front. He cautiously approached the bunker and called for its occupants to come out. Three Viet Cong surrendered and one remaining North Vietnamese Non-Commissioned Officer threw a grenade and opened fire from the bunker. Despite being wounded by grenade fragments, Sergeant Dykes immediately placed small arms fire on the bunker, rushed it, and threw in a grenade. The determined North Vietnamese Non-Commissioned Officer threw the grenade back out, narrowly missing Sergeant Dykes, who dove for cover. Unhesitatingly Sergeant Dykes again threw a grenade into the bunker and the North Vietnamese Soldier threw it out, wounding Sergeant Dykes with more fragments. Again Sergeant Dykes, with the help of a member of his squad laying down a base of fire, rushed the bunker, threw in another grenade and this time killed the enemy. Sergeant Dykes unhesitatingly and valorous actions resulted in four enemy soldiers captured, one killed and the seizure of a cache of enemy weapons. Sergeant Dykes' personal bravery and devotion to duty 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 of the United States under the provisions of Executive Order 11046.