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SECTION I

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

MIZE, LAWRENCE E SPECIALIST FOUR (E-4) Company A
2d Battalion (Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 3 February 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat in the Republic of Vietnam on 3 February, 1968. Specialist Mize distinguished himself while serving as a medic with the 1st platoon of Company A 2d Battalion (Airborne) 501st Infantry 101st Airborne Division on an operation near Hue, Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Mize was with members of the 1st platoon on an airmobile mission south of Hue when the helicopter was hit by automatic weapons fire from the enemy, forcing the ship to crash. The grounded helicopter was soon in flames and was again taken under enemy fire. The aircraft was evacuated, except for one man wounded by enemy fire and bleeding severely while still strapped to his seat. With complete disregard for his own safety, under enemy fire and with full knowledge that the burning aircraft might explode at any moment, Specialist Mize returned to the helicopter and treated the wounded man. Specialist Mize's quick and heroic action saved the wounded man's life. Specialist Mize's exceptional valor is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflects 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.