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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

STOEWE, RUSSELL J CAPTAIN INFANTRY Company C 1st Battalion (Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device
Effective month: December 1968
Date action: 20 April 1968
Theater: Republic of Vietnam
Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 20 April 1968. Captain Stoewe distinguished himself while serving as Company Commander of Company C, 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry, during a combat operation in Quang Dien District, Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. The Third Platoon, the lead platoon, was suddenly and accurately taken under an intense barrage of hostile automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenade fire from its front and left flank, seriously wounding the platoon leader. Captain Stoewe, with complete disregard for his own safety, braved the murderous hail of enemy fire in order to reach the platoon's position. Captain Stoewe skillfully maneuvered the platoon to launch a counterattack against the enemy's positions, and at the same time, deprive the enemy of an escape route. Throughout the ensuing battle, Captain Stoewe personally directed the retaliatory fires of his men, while repeatedly exposing himself to the heavy enemy fire, which continued to rake the ground. The enemy broke contact immediately after having received the devastating attack. Captain Stoewe regrouped his Company and pursued the enemy with supporting fires from artillery and gunships. Under Captain Stoewe's astute direction and capable leadership, the insurgent force was swiftly destroyed. Captain Stoewe's 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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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