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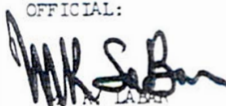
THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

BRIDGES, GARY C SECOND LIEUTENANT INFANTRY Company  
C 2d Battalion (Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383  
Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device  
Date action: 20 February 1968  
Theater: Republic of Vietnam  
Reason: For heroism in ground combat against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 20 February 1968. Second Lieutenant Bridges distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader for Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry, on a combat operation near Hue, Republic of Vietnam. At approximately 0930 hours, Company C was engaged in a sweep operation designed to drive the insurgents from any fortified positions. The company was on line with Lieutenant Bridges' platoon to the left side. As the assault line advanced, the right side of the line came under intense sniper fire. In a maneuver designed to give maximum fire power against the enemy and still maintain the advance of the company, Lieutenant Bridges' platoon was stretched out to two thirds of the company front with the other two platoons concentrated on the snipers. During the tricky change in the formation, Lieutenant Bridges was constantly moving along the extended line of his platoon despite the sporadic sniper fire, and occasional grenade barrages hitting his platoon. During the entire period, Lieutenant Bridges moved coolly about his platoon, checking his area, encouraging his men, and keeping the company commander informed with reports as to the status of the advance. As a direct result of his leadership and courageous actions, Lieutenant Bridges' platoon killed two Viet Cong and suffered no casualties. Second Lieutenant Bridges' 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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