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SECTION I

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE (SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

GILLEM, DENNIS J CAPTAIN INFANTRY
Headquarters and Headquarters Company 101st Air Cavalry Division
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Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (Second Oak Leaf Cluster)
Date action: 23 February 1968
Theater: Republic of Vietnam
Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 23 February 1968. Captain Gillem distinguished himself while serving as Company Commander of Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry, on combat operations near the village of Chua Thieu Mu, Republic of Vietnam. The company, led by the third platoon as point element, was engaged in a large sweep designed to drive the insurgents from their fortified positions. As they moved out the third platoon came under intense enemy fire. Captain Gillem immediately moved forward from his rear position to the forward most element of the platoon to assess the situation. After making his assessment, Captain Gillem again moved across the bullet swept fields to the second platoon to personally direct its movements. Despite the heavy fire and with complete disregard for his own welfare, Captain Gillem moved with the forward element of the platoon in order to effectively control the flanking attack on the enemy. Through informants captured during the sweep it was determined that an estimated battalion of North Vietnamese lay in wait to ambush the company. Because of the overwhelming numerical superiority and the close proximity to the enemy, Captain Gillem chose to withdraw in order to call in effective artillery fire. Captain Gillem personally directed all elements of the company in an orderly withdrawal and inspite of the intense enemy fire, remained in place until his assurance that all elements of his command had withdrawn. Captain Gillem's courageous actions during the engagement, without regard for his own safety, enabled the company to drive the enemy from the fortified positions. His leadership and personal direction were an inspiration to his men and rallied confidence in their abilities. Captain Gillem's exceptionally gallant actions 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.

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