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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE (THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

GILLEM, DENNIS J. CAPTAIN INFANTRY Headquarters and Headquarters
Company 101st Airborne Division (Airborne) APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (Third Oak Leaf Cluster)

Effective month: January 1968

Date action: 12 March 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 12 March 1968. Captain Gillem distinguished himself while serving as commanding officer with Company C, 2d Battalion, (Airmobile), 501st Infantry. Company C was on a combat operation near Hue, Republic of Vietnam, when the left flank sustained intense enemy fire. The greatest portion of the fire was coming from two bunkers to the company's front, and the enemy fire was a highly effective interlocking sectors type fire. When the bunker on the left was eliminated, the bunker on the right began to put out an even greater and deadlier base of fire upon the left flank element, inflicting a growing number of casualties. Captain Gillem completely ignoring the voluminous amount of enemy fire hitting around him, assaulted the enemy bunker with only a forty-five pistol and hand grenades, disregarding his own safety. With only destruction of the enemy position in his mind, Captain Gillem succeeded in neutralizing it and enabling his company to proceed to the successful end of their operation. Captain Gillem'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 State Army.

Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of Executive Order 11046.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

W.P. TALLON JR
Colonel, GS
Chief of Staff

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