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SECTION 1

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MONTGOMERY, WILLIE D.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (E-3) Company C

2d Battalion 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: August 1968

Date action: 25 March 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 25 March 1968. Private First Class Montgomery distinguished himself while serving as a team leader with Company C, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry. Company C was on a reconnaissance operation near Hue, Republic of Vietnam, when they made contact with an enemy entrenched in well-fortified position. Private First Class Montgomery was moving with the third platoon which was the second element of the movement. When the first platoon sustained heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Montgomery's platoon was maneuvered to the left in order to relieve the enemy pressure of the lead element and to put out supporting fire on the enemy position. However, while moving, the third platoon also encountered heavy fire in the form of automatic weapons and grenades, severely wounding two men. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Montgomery along with another man moved through the lethal enemy fire to the fallen soldiers, applied first aid, and then carried them to the rear to be evacuated. Then unhesitatingly Private First Class Montgomery moved back to the heavy hostile fire and began to assault an enemy position. While crawling and alternately firing his weapons and throwing grenades, disdainful of his own safety, Private First Class Montgomery calmly placed such effective fire on the well-fortified position that he destroyed not only the position but all the enemy within. With the enemy silenced Private First Class Montgomery reorganized the men in his team and moved forward again. His unwavering courage and fierce determination not only destroyed the enemy position but took pressure off the rest of the company and allowed them to regroup. Private First Class Montgomery'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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