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APO San Francisco 96383

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SECTION I

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

MONTGOMERY, WILLIE D

SERGEANT (E-5)

Company C 2nd Battalion 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

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. Sergeant Montgomery distinguished himself while serving as team leader with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 501st Infantry. Company C was on a combat operation near Hue, Republic of Vietnam, when the left portion of the company came under increasingly heavy fire from a series of reinforced bunkers to its right and front. Sergeant Montgomery was under fire almost from the first shot, but refused to seek cover for himself. Despite the deadly fire that swept all sectors of the field, he volunteered to join his squad leader in attacking a bunker. Sergeant Montgomery moved forward, braving the enemy position that had several men totally pinned down. As he destroyed the first bunker with a hand grenade, another supporting bunker opened fire on him. Without hesitation, he shifted his attention to the second position and assaulted it with equal fervor. The pressure he applied on it soon began to tell and the enemy began to flee in complete disarray. Sergeant Montgomery's exceptional valor and determination 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.

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