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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

LONGBOTTOM, HARRY P. SPECIALIST FOUR Company D 2d Battalion (Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Fancisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device
Effective month: January 1969
Date action: 20 March 1968
Theater: Republic of Vietnam
Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 20 March 1968. Specialist Longbottom distinguished himself while serving as an automatic rifleman in Company D, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry. Company D was engaged in a search and clear operation near Hue, Republic of Vietnam, and was positioned in a night defensive perimeter. Specialist Longbottom was a member of a twelve man patrol that departed the company position at dusk to establish an ambush along a trail leading out of the mountains. Moments after the ambush was in place, an unknown size enemy unit was sighted moving down the trail. The ambush was initiated by detonating claymore mines, after which Specialist Longbottom, without regard for his own safety, jumped up and began throwing hand grenades. It soon became apparent that the enemy was numerically superior as the intensity of small arms and automatic weapons fire increased. Realizing that survival hinged on keeping the enemy on the defensive, Specialist Longbottom again endangered his life by moving forward to effectively engage the enemy with a heavy concentration of rifle fire. He remained at his dangerous location unit the order was given to withdraw. Specialist Longbottom's courageous action, in the face of grave personal danger, contributed to the success of the ambush which accounted for fifteen enemy killed. Specialist Longbottom'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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