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THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

PRITCHARD, PAUL M CAPTAIN INFANTRY Headquarters Company 1st Battalion (Airborne) 502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 27 February 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 27 February 1968. Captain Pritchard distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 27 February 1968 while serving as a Company Commander during a combat operation in the vicinity of Hue, Republic of Vietnam. Upon receiving word that one of his elements had become pinned down by heavy enemy fire, Captain Pritchard led a squad size force across one hundred and fifty meters of open terrain to try and relieve them. Although he and his men received heavy enemy fire, he managed to give the pinned down element covering fire so they could withdraw. Afterwards Captain Pritchard remained forward to direct artillery fire and Aerial Rocket Artillery on the enemy. Through his courage and outstanding leadership, he contributed immeasurably to the success of the mission. Captain Pritchard'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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