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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MCKINNEY, WILLIAM R. CAPTAIN INFANTRY Company B 2d Battalion
(Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: February 1969

Date action: 19 December 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 19 December 1968. Captain McKinney distinguished himself in action near the city of Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam. Captain McKinney organized his company into two blocking positions and a sweep platoon to sweep the village of Lou An, Republic of Vietnam. Realizing that his presence should be where he could most effectively direct any contact, Captain McKinney went with the sweeping platoon. At 2130 hours, the blocking platoon, in its search of the village, encountered several groups of enemies in houses. In each case, Captain McKinney, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved forward to assist and direct the actions of his men. Reacting quickly to the changing situation developed by his sweep element, Captain McKinney continuously maneuvered the element of the blocking forces, insuring that all routes of escape were blocked. Under his direction, the sweep platoon set up hasty ambush sites to kill many of the enemy they discovered. Others were killed through the aggressive sweeps following these ambushes. Captain McKinney's effectiveness in calling in illumination made it possible for his men to locate wounded enemy lying in wait for them, and his men were able to engage the enemy effectively without suffering any friendly casualties. Captain McKinney'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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L.L. MOWERY
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Chief of Staff

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