

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters 101st Airborne Division
APO San Francisco 96383

GENERAL ORDER
6970

17 June 1969

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TO 520. The following AWARD is announced.

~~MOHLENGRAFT~~ JOHN S
502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

SERGEANT Company A 1st Battalion (Airborne)

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: NA

Date action: 19 March 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 19 March 1969. Sergeant Mohlengraft distinguished himself while serving as Platoon Sergeant of the Third Platoon of Company A, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry, near the A Chau Valley, Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. As his platoon advanced down a narrow ridge during a reconnaissance in force, North Vietnamese Army soldiers, entrenched in bunkers overlooking the platoon, opened fire with small arms, automatic weapons, and rocket propelled grenades. While in a fighting position, Sergeant Mohlengraft was confronted by three North Vietnamese Army soldiers who had maneuvered to within twenty meters of his position. The Vietnamese opened fire and hit him three times. Standing his ground, he returned fire, killing two and wounding one of the enemy. Sergeant Mohlengraft'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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