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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BORGERS, JOHN T SERGEANT Company A 1st Battalion
(Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: NA

Date action: 1 April 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 1 April 1969. Sergeant Borgers distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader in the Second Platoon of Company A, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry near the A Shau Valley, Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. His squad was lead squad for the platoon, and as it moved along a jungle trail, it came under fire from a squad of North Vietnamese Army Regulars. The enemy employed automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenades, and three of his men were wounded in the initial contact. While the squad placed suppressive fire, Sergeant Borgers, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved through the enemy fire and retrieved all three of the wounded men. Sergeant Borgers' 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:

OFFICIAL:

L.L. MOWETY
Colonel, GS
Chief of Staff

//Original Signed//

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