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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE (FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

FARABEE, ROBERT C. SPECIALIST FOUR Company A 2d Battalion (Airborne) 501st
Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Effective month: NA

Date action: 13 May 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 13 May 1969. Specialist Farabee distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in Company A, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry, at Fire Support Base Airborne, Republic of Vietnam. Early in the morning on the cited date, the fire base was hit by a combination mortar attack and sapper assault, launched by elements of three North Vietnamese Army battalions. Specialist Farabee reacted swiftly to the sapper threat and rushed outside his bunker while under direct small arms fire. He spotted two enemy sappers crawling through the wire and opened fire on them with his M-16 rifle, mortally wounding both. He continued to engage the insurgents in the First Platoon sector while medical aidmen treated the seriously wounded personnel. When the last man was evacuated, he left his position and maneuvered to the howitzer area. For the duration of the battle, he helped load and fire the weapon, inflicting heavy casualties upon the North Vietnamese attackers. Specialist Farabee'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.

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