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APO San Francisco 96383

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

DUGGER, MARK W STAFF SERGEANT Company B 1st Battalion
(Airborne) 502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: NA

Date action: 21 March 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 21 March 1969. Sergeant Dugger distinguished himself while serving as Platoon Sergeant of the Third Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry, on a combat operation southwest of the city of Hue, Republic of Vietnam. The Third Platoon was moving up a mountain on a narrow trail when the lead element came under sniper fire. While attempting to maneuver into position to counter the enemy fire, the platoon became pinned down by automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenade fire. Sergeant Dugger left his position in the rear of the element and moved forward under the continuous sniper fire. Once he reached the area of contact, he went immediately to the aid of an individual who had been wounded in the initial contact and who was still in an open area. Under direct enemy fire, and with complete disregard for his own safety, he moved to the wounded man's position and helped him back to safety. He then returned to the platoon since the platoon leader had been seriously wounded. While assisting his wounded platoon leader in directing the platoon, he was also wounded. He then refused medical aid until after his platoon's more seriously wounded were moved to safety and treated. Sergeant Dugger'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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