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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ZAPERT, VALENTINE J FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY Company E 1st Battalion
(Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383.

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: NA

Date action: 10 April 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam 10 April 1969. Lieutenant Zapert distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader in Company E, 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry during the conduct of a search and clear mission approximately twelve kilometers southwest of the village of Phu Loc, Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. On the cited date, the Reconnaissance Platoon of Company E observed a platoon size enemy force moving in its direction. Setting up a hasty ambush, Lieutenant Zapert deployed his men in a strategic fighting position. In the ensuing battle, with complete disregard for his own safety, he openly moved through the intense fire to his men as he pointed out targets. His actions were most instrumental in routing the enemy force and contributed immeasurably to the death of two enemy soldiers and the capture of another. Lieutenant Zapert'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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