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

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

BRINKER, JAMES P
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SGT 11F20 Co E 2d Bn (Aml) 502d Inf (WACQEO)

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

Date of service: 20 May 1970

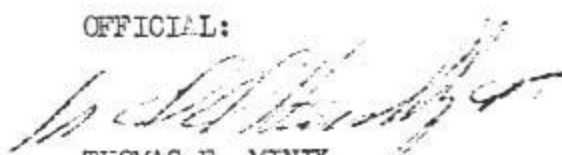
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of Executive Order 11046.

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 20 May 1970. Sergeant Brinker distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in Company E, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, during combat operations in Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. While conducting an on-line assault on a well-fortified enemy bunker complex, Sergeant Brinker's platoon was pinned down by intense hostile small arms and automatic weapons fire. Maneuvering to an unprotected position, Sergeant Brinker intentionally drew the enemy fire to himself, enabling a comrade to engage the bunkers at close range with hand grenades. Despite the enemy fire, Sergeant Brinker charged a hostile emplacement, quickly silencing it with hand grenades. His actions contributed immeasurably to the routing of the enemy. Sergeant Brinker'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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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