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AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

1. The following AWARD is announced.

HOFSTROM, WILLIAM R. SERGEANT E-5 United States Army,
Co C, 2d Battalion (Abn), 501st Infantry, 2d Brigade, 101st Abn Div,
APO 96347

Awarded: Distinguished Service Cross

Date action: 21 March 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with Company C, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry (Airborne), 101st Airborne Division. Sergeant Hofstrom distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 29 November 1968 while on a search and clear operation south of Hue. On reaching the base of a hill, his element came under heavy enemy automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenade fire. When the point man and the platoon leader were wounded in the initial volley, Sergeant Hofstrom braved the barrage to pull them to safety. Realizing that the unconscious platoon leader was gagging on his own tongue, Sergeant Hofstrom immediately rendered first aid to prevent his strangulation and then carried him to the safety of a hill crest. He then immediately ran back through the fusillade to retrieve the point man. When both men were safe, he organized the remaining men to remove additional casualties and manned an M-60 machine gun to cover their efforts. Sergeant Hofstrom's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty 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, under the provision of the Act of Congress, approved 25 July 1963, and Department of the Army message 782774, dated 19 September 1966.