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AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

1. The following AWARD is announced.

DENNARD, DANNY SPECIALIST FIFTH CLASS E-4 United States Army, Headquarters and Headquarter Company, 2d Battalion (Abn), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347 Awarded: Distinguished Service Cross Date action: 10 March 1968 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 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry (Airborne), 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile). Specialist Five Dennard distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action on 10 March 1968 as a medic with a recondo force near Hue. When contact was made, Specialist Dennard raced through the bullet swept terrain, crossing the enemy's field of fire, to treat and evacuate two wounded comrades. Returning to the battle after taking them to the landing zone, he maneuvered to within fifty meters of the hostile trench line and evacuated four more casualties. Carrying ammunition resupply on his way back to the contested area, he saw another wounded trooper. While attempting to get to the man, Specialist Dennard was knocked to the ground by an enemy grenade and wounded in the head. Disregarding his wound, he rushed to the man's side and treated him before tending his own injury. He then continued to the front lines to distribute the desperately needed ammunition. When another soldier was wounded during an effort to recover the bodies of two men who had been killed by enemy fire, Specialist Dennard fearlessly exposed himself to the communist' barrage to treat him and bring him to safety. A second assault was attempted, and another man was wounded. He rescued his stricken comrade and carried him three hundred meters to the evacuation site, also helping a casualty whom he discovered along the way. Specialist Dennard then joined in a third assault, which again proved futile and produced another casualty. After treating the man, he took part in a final charge which overran the enemy fortifications. Knowing that if the allowed himself to be evacuated his unit would be left without a medic, he refused to board the ambulance helicopter and remained with his comrades at their night position, going without treatment until the following

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morning. Specialist Five Dennard'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.