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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

RIVEST, MARK H [REDACTED] 2Lt 1542 Co B 2nd Bn (Amb1) 501st Inf (WACNBO) APO SF
96383 Inf

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date of service: 15 November 1969

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 15 November 1969. Lieutenant Rivest distinguished himself
while serving as a platoon leader in Company B, 2nd Battalion (Airmobile),
501st Infantry, near the A Shau Valley, Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant
Rivest's platoon conducted an airmobile assault into a landing zone
overlooking a draw known to contain a North Vietnamese bunker complex.
The platoon came under intense machine gun and small arms fire from
positions not more than fifty meters away. Subjecting himself to the
hostile positions, Lieutenant Rivest directed the movement of his squads
in flanking and forward movements on the bunkers. One of his squads
suffered three casualties. He quickly moved up machine guns to cover
their withdrawal. Even after dark, he was outstanding in maintaining
control over the platoon and coordinating its activities. At great risk
to his life he reconsolidated the platoon's positions, removed the
wounded, and located a suitable pickup zone for their evacuation. At all
times, he demonstrated a courage and steadiness that served as an in-
spiration to all his men. Lieutenant Rivest'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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