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4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced:

MILLER, MARK A. RM (SSAN) SERGEANT E-5 United States
Army, Co E (LRP) 20th Inf (Abn)

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date action: 28 February 1968

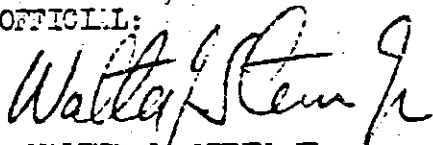
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant Miller distinguished himself while serving as an Assistant Patrol Leader with Company E (Long Range Patrol) 20th Infantry (Airborne). On 28 February 1968, Sergeant Miller's six-man team was inserted in an area near Mai Djong. The team set-up an ambush along a well-used trail. Soon a platoon of North Vietnamese soldiers came down the trail. The team, realizing it was too large a force to engage, did not react until an alert enemy soldier detected the ambush. A claymore mine was detonated and Sergeant Miller opened up with accurate rifle fire, eliminating three of the attackers. When the platoon attempted to cut flank the enemy element, it withdrew to a pre-designated rallying point. Repelling an enemy counter-attack Sergeant Miller eliminated two more attackers. The team then withdrew to its landing zone. Sergeant Miller realized the radio-telephone operator was missing and set out alone to find him. The operator's equipment which was strapped to him, had become tangled in the undergrowth immobilizing him. Sergeant Miller quickly freed him and they returned to the landing zone, where they were successfully extracted. Sergeant Miller's personal bravery, professionalism and exemplary devotion to duty are 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 provisions of Executive Order 11646, 24 August 1962.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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