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4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96262

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AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL

1. TC 32C. The following AWARD is announced:

WESTBROOK, EUGENE 05342358 (422-54-1051) FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY United States Army, HHC, 1st Bn, 22d Inf, 4th Inf Div, APO 96262

Awarded: Soldiers Medal

Date action: 31 May 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism not involving actual conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. First Lieutenant Westbrook distinguished himself while serving as a Platoon Leader with Company C, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, 4th Infantry Division. On 31 May 1968, while pursuing a mission, Company C crossed a river near Dak To. As the company crossed the swollen river by means of a rope, one member lost his hold and began to drift downstream. Lieutenant Westbrook immediately saw that he was in serious danger due to the strong current and weight of his pack. With complete disregard for his safety, he dived into the swift river and with the aid of a comrade pulled the drowning man to safety. First Lieutenant Westbrook's extraordinary courage, outstanding performance, 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 the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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