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AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BREWER, GARY D RA16633971 (SSAN [REDACTED]) STAFF SER-
GEANT E6 United States Army, Troop C, 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry,
25th Infantry Division, APO 96225

Awarded: Distinguished Service Cross

Date action: 31 January 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For extraordinary heroism in connection with military oper-
ations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the
Republic of Vietnam: Staff Sergeant Brewer distinguished
himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 31 January 1968
as the platoon sergeant of a cavalry unit while defending Tan
Son Nhut Air Base during the enemy's TET offensive. A
large Viet Cong/North Vietnamese Army force penetrated
the defensive wire surrounding the base and occupied positions
on the west end of the runway. Sergeant Brewer maneuvered
his platoon to attack the enemy's northwest flank and suc-
cessfully cut off the penetration. During this maneuver,
both of his platoon's flanks became exposed to withering fire
from elements of six enemy battalions. During the ensuing
battle, the combined enemy force fired fierce volumes of
rocket, machine gun and small arms fire into the small unit,
inflicting numerous casualties. Finding that all the unit's
officers had been wounded or killed, Sergeant Brewer im-
mediately assumed command and deployed his troops for
the five-hour struggle which followed. Undaunted by the
enemy fusillade around him, he maintained vitally necessary
communications with his squadron commander and requested
and directed medical evacuation of the wounded and air re-
supply. He frequently dismounted his armored vehicle to
fight his way through the hostile emplacements to regain
contact with separated members of his force and to direct

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their fire. His courage and professional guidance instilled confidence in his men, even though on numerous occasions the enemy threatened to overrun their positions. His outstanding leadership contributed significantly to the overwhelming defeat of the enemy. Staff Sergeant Brewer's extraordinary heroism 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.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 25 July 1963.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



ROBERT C. TABER
Brigadier General, US Army
Chief of Staff

R. N. DALLAM
Colonel, AGC
Adjutant General

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