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Section III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (See II WD Bul 3, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States is awarded to the following named officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant DAVID R HUGHES O62721, Infantry, United States Army, Company K, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, for heroism in action against the enemy on 14 May 1951, near Uijongbu, Korea. While the company-size patrol was reconnoitering an enemy position, it was suddenly subjected to intense enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire, which inflicted heavy casualties. Although painfully wounded, Lieutenant HUGHES supervised the withdrawal of the company's fight flank, and then returned to administer medical aid and direct the evacuation of the casualties. Personally checking for equipment and supplies, he assisted in moving all that remained to prevent its capture by the enemy. When assured that all personnel and equipment were safe in the new position, he submitted to evacuation. Lieutenant HUGHES' heroism reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Entered federal service from Colorado.

Second Bronze Star for Valor

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

HUGHES, DAVID R. 062721 LTC INF USA

HHC, 1st Bn, 27th Inf, 25th Inf Div

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 21 October 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Lieutenant Colonel Hughes distinguished himself by heroic actions on 21 October 1967, while serving as commander of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry during a heliborne assault in the Republic of Vietnam. A company size element of Lieutenant Colonel Hughes' battalion had made a heliborne assault making heavy contact with a large Viet Cong force. Lieutenant Colonel Hughes ordered his command ship to the ground, immediately jumped from the helicopter, and rushed under heavy enemy fire to his nearest element to form an assault line. With complete disregard for his safety he then led the renewed assault, often moving at the head of the line exposed to heavy enemy fire. Due to the aggressiveness of the assault all enemy positions were quickly overrun. Lieutenant Colonel Hughes' outstanding leadership and aggressiveness were of immeasurable value in the defeat of the enemy force and the successful completion of the mission. Lieutenant Colonel Hughes' personal bravery and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, the 25th Infantry, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, dated 24 August 1962, and USARV message 16695, 1 July 1966.