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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ALKER, RICHARD I. RA15550706 SERGEANT E5 United States Army,
Company A, 720th Military Police Battalion, APO 96491, 89th Military
Police Group, APO 96491

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal for Achievement

Date action: 31 October 1967

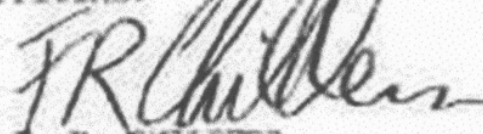
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For meritorious achievement

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of
Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT
THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

IS PRESENTED TO

SERGEANT E5 RICHARD I. WALKER, RAJ5550706

UNITED STATES ARMY

WHO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY VALOROUS ACTIONS ON 31 OCTOBER 1967 WHILE INVOLVED IN A TACTICAL MILITARY POLICE BOAT OPERATION ON THE DONG NAI RIVER, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. SERGEANT WALKER WAS THAT NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN CHARGE AND A VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF A MOBILE CHECK POINT OPERATION BEING CONDUCTED ON A RIVER KNOWN TO BE OCCUPIED BY VIET CONG FORCES. HE ACCEPTED THIS PRECARIOUS SITUATION WITHOUT ANY REGARD FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY OR WELL BEING. THE GALLANTRY EXHIBITED BY THIS NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER IN THE FACE OF IMMEDIATE DANGER AND UNFRIENDLY FORCES SERVED AS AN EXAMPLE AND SOURCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MISSION. RESULTING FROM THIS MISSION, FIVE SUSPECTED VIET CONG PERSONNEL WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AND TWO KNOWN VIET CONG WERE TAKEN PRISONERS. SERGEANT WALKER'S DEMONSTRATED EFFORTS, DEDICATION TO HIS UNIT, AND MATURE AS WELL AS INTELLIGENT INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS PATROL DURING A TENSE AND DANGEROUS OPERATION GREATLY ENHANCED THE POSITION AND EFFORTS OF THIS UNIT WITHIN THE TACTICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. SERGEANT WALKER'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.