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I. BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962, a Bronze Star Medal (Third Oak Leaf Cluster) with "V" device for heroism in connection with military operations against hostile forces is awarded posthumously to

First Lieutenant *George C. Bass*, , Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 8 January 1971 while serving as platoon leader, 2d Platoon, Company B, 2d Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in the Republic of Vietnam. On that date, Lieutenant *Bass* was leading his platoon on a combat operation and made contact with an enemy unit of undetermined size defending a regimental-size bunker complex in the vicinity of Minh Tanh. Lieutenant *Bass* maneuvered his platoon into an assault position while under intense enemy automatic weapons fire, forced the enemy troops from their key positions, and destroyed their ability to resist. During the course of the battle, Lieutenant *Bass* observed an enemy soldier who was about to fire an automatic weapon on friendly elements. With complete disregard for his personal safety he unhesitatingly engaged the enemy soldier in hand-to-hand combat and eliminated him, thus saving the lives of the friendly soldiers. As a result of Lieutenant *Bass*' conspicuous gallantry and outstanding leadership, the mission was accomplished with few casualties to friendly elements. Lieutenant *Bass*' heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflected great credit on him, his unit and the military service.

II. BRONZE STAR MEDAL. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962, a Bronze Star Medal (Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster) with "V" device for heroism in connection with military operations against hostile forces is awarded posthumously to

First Lieutenant *George C. Bass*, , Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 6 March 1971 while serving as platoon leader, 2nd Platoon, Company B, 2nd Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), in the Republic of Vietnam. At 0800 hours on that date, Lieutenant *Bass* was leading his platoon to provide support for an element of his company which was engaged in a battle with the enemy in Bienh Tuy Province, Military Region III. Upon arrival in the battle area, Lieutenant *Bass* deployed his platoon and was leading his men in a flanking maneuver to distract the enemy forces and facilitate their defeat. The platoon came under intense hostile small arms fire as it made contact with the enemy. Disregarding his personal safety, Lieutenant *Bass*, who was acting as point man for the platoon, continued to press the attack. As he moved forward, he was mortally wounded by an enemy antipersonnel mine. The courage and heroism he displayed were an inspiration to his subordinates and reflected great credit on him, his unit and the military service.

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III. ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 33, AR 672-5-1, the Army Commendation Medal (Third Oak Leaf Cluster) with "V" device for heroism is awarded posthumously to

First Lieutenant *George C. Bass*, , Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by valorous actions on 12 January 1971 while leading the 2d platoon, Company B, 2d Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division (Air-mobile) in the Republic of Vietnam. On that date, friendly forces were heavily engaged against an enemy force of unknown size. While under heavy small arms fire Lieutenant *Bass* maneuvered his platoon into an effective flanking position and delivered a heavy volume of fire upon the enemy positions, enabling the friendly elements to maneuver into good assault positions to effectively engage the enemy force. The determination, bravery, and tactical expertise displayed by Lieutenant *Bass* contributed significantly to the defeat of the enemy force. Lieutenant *Bass*' outstanding display of aggressiveness, devotion to duty, and personal bravery were an inspiration to his subordinates and reflected great credit on him, his unit and the military service.

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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