The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Bronze Star to

JAMES ANDREW BROWN
ENGINEERMAN THIRD CLASS
UNITED STATES NAVY

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION

"For heroic achievement while serving with friendly forces engaged in armed conflict against the Communist insurgent forces in the Republic of Vietnam from January to August 1967. Since January 1967, units of the River Assault Flotilla ONE have conducted combat riverine assault operations in conjunction with the 2nd Brigade, 9th Infantry Division, U. S. Army. These engagements took place against units of the Viet Cong in the Rung Sat Special Zone, the Mekong Delta and in Long An Province in the Republic of Vietnam and have resulted in decisive victories over several large Viet Cong units. Petty Officer BROWN as Engineer/Gunner of Armored Troop Carrier (ATC) 91-7 served with River Assault Squadron NINE, a unit of the Mobile Riverine Force during all of its combat riverine assault operations. He participated in over 25 assault missions in enemy infested waters and was subjected to enemy fire on numerous occasions; in each instance he reacted with speed, courage and bravery. His outstanding performance of duty throughout reflected a high degree of seamanship, professionalism and dedication. On many occasions he was called upon to work long and tiring hours, many times throughout the night, and to endure the constant pressure of combat operations for periods in excess of three days. He unfailingly met these requirements with enthusiasm and determination. His efforts were instrumental in keeping his boat in a combat operational status, and in so doing provided the means by which the Mobile Riverine Force was able to maintain a continuous posture of combat readiness. His outstanding professionalism, sense of responsibility, and courage under fire were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Petty Officer BROWN is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the President

ROY L. JOHNSON
Admiral, U. S. Navy
Commander in Chief U. S. Pacific Fleet