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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE (FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER) (POSTHUMOUS)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ALL 6 CLEARWATER W JR PRIVATE FIRST CLASS Company A 2d Battalion (Airborne) 501st
Infantry, APO San Francisco 96383

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

Effective Month: NA

Date of Action: 13 May 1969


Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 13 May 1969. Private Hill distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in Company A, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry. Company A was in the process of fortifying Fire Support Base Airborne, in the mountains west of Hue, Republic of Vietnam. Early in the morning on the cited date, the base was hit by a combination mortar and sapper attack mounted by elements of three North Vietnamese Battalions. The sappers poured over the First Platoon's bunker line, intent upon swarming inside the perimeter before the friendly element could defend itself. The members of the First Platoon, bearing the full brunt of the initial assault, fought valiantly to delay the enemy onslaught. Private Hill held his position in one of the hard-pressed bunkers, levelling intense small arms fire against the advancing sapper waves. He continued to fight until an enemy mortar round hit his bunker, mortally wounding him. His stubborn resistance provided the rest of the friendly forces with valuable moments to brace themselves for the enemy ground assault. Private Hill'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.

Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of Executive Order 11046.

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