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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. IC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MOONEYHAM, JOHN D FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY United States Army
Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, APO San Francisco 96347.

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 21 September 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: Gallantry in action: First Lieutenant Mooneyham distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 21 September 1966 near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam. When his platoon came under intense small arms and mortar fire he immediately began moving among his men to ascertain the situation. He repeatedly exposed himself, without regard for his own safety, in order to direct the fire of his men. He personally led one squad forward in the face of an intense mortar barrage while the remainder of his platoon was providing heavy suppressive fire on the insurgents. The enemy was forced to abandon their prepared positions. Lieutenant Mooneyham led his platoon in pursuit of the confused and disorganized enemy despite heavy machine gun and mortar fire from a distant Viet Cong position. Because of Lieutenant Mooneyham's aggressiveness and determination the enemy was forced to occupy a hasty defensive position. Undaunted by the enemy's fire, he once again led a squad in an assault which completely routed the last of the Viet Cong defenders. Throughout the engagement, Lieutenant Mooneyham moved about the fire swept battlefield maneuvering his squads in a professional manner. His aggressiveness, determination, and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the American Soldier and reflect great honor upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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