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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUS)

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

DODSON, DAVID L. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
Co A, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96317

Awarded: Silver Star (Posthumously)

Date action: 7 June 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Private First Class Dodson distinguished himself on 7 June 1966 during a combat mission near Dak To, Republic of Vietnam. As the left flank of his company withdrew from a large Viet Cong force, Private First Class Dodson remained behind to provide fire cover for his comrades. Although in an exposed position, he placed suppressive fire on the approaching insurgents and killed five Viet Cong. When the insurgents continued to advance closer, he totally ignored the intense hostile fire and held the Viet Cong back until his comrades successfully withdrew to defensive positions. As he started back to join his company, Private First Class Dodson was fatally wounded. Through his courage and determination, he allowed his unit to withdraw with a minimum number of casualties. Private First Class Dodson's extraordinary heroism in close combat against a numerically superior hostile force was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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