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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BRAY, WALTER PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E5 United States Army

Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, APO San Francisco 96347.

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 9 June 1966

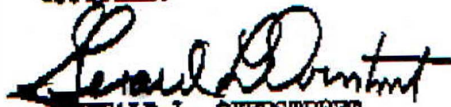
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: Gallantry in action: While on a search and destroy mission, Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry was moving down a jungle trail when they suddenly became engaged with an estimated enemy squad to their direct front. Two men were wounded in the initial burst. At about the same time, an enemy squad in the rear of the friendly platoon began firing upon them. Private First Class Bray observed that his two wounded comrades were in an area exposed to a crossfire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private Bray rushed through the withering hail of enemy fire to his wounded comrades and pulled one of the men to a covered position. Upon the arrival of the medical aidman, Private Bray unhesitatingly moved back through the bullet swept area in an attempt to retrieve the second wounded man. As Private Bray neared his wounded comrade, he was fired on from a nearby enemy position. Quickly, he grabbed a grenade and charged forward throwing the grenade into the enemy position, destroying it. Private Bray then continued forward to his wounded comrade, and as he started to pull him to safety, he was struck by fragments from a grenade. Disregarding his wounds, he pulled his comrade to safety. Refusing medical aid, Private Bray returned to his position in the perimeter and continued to fight until the enemy was forced to withdraw and flee the battle area. His actions resulted in the saving of two wounded comrades, the killing of two enemy soldiers, and the capture of one weapon. Private Bray's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his devotion to duty are within the highest military tradition and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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