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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MALDON, JOHN E                      SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army Company A, 2d  
Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, APO San Francisco 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 2 December 1966

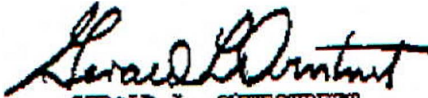
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: Gallantry in action: Specialist Four Maldon and four of his comrades were given the mission of securing a river crossing site for the remainder of their company. As the small element approached the river crossing site, they encountered an estimated squad size element of enemy soldiers hiding among some large rocks in a river bed. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Specialist Maldon charged one of the enemy positions firing his weapon and killing two enemy soldiers. He continued to move forward through a murderous volume of enemy fire and charged another enemy position. As Specialist Maldon neared the enemy, he acquired a hand grenade and threw it into the position killing two more enemy soldiers and wounding another. Specialist Maldon continued to advance on the remaining enemy positions placing suppressive fire into them, thus enabling his four comrades to assault the enemy positions successfully. As a result of Specialist Maldon's actions, four enemy soldiers were killed, several were wounded and four enemy weapons were captured, including a heavy machine gun. Specialist Maldon's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his avid 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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