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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUS)

1. FC 32G. The following AWARD is announced.

MC CAIG, ROBERT L. SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army
Co A, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star (Posthumously)

Date action: 8 May 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Specialist Four McCaig distinguished himself on 8 May 1966 while serving as point man during a search and destroy mission along a narrow jungle trail near the Cambodian border in the Republic of Vietnam. With keen alertness, Specialist Four McCaig detected a Viet Cong ambush consisting of at least two machine guns and several individual positions. Specialist Four McCaig aggressively assaulted the first Viet Cong machine gun, firing from his hip, killing one insurgent and forcing the other crew members to flee. While charging the second machine gun, he was critically wounded. Although bleeding profusely, Specialist Four McCaig crawled toward the insurgent position firing his weapon until he died. His valiant actions disrupted the Viet Cong ambush and prevented numerous casualties. Specialist Four McCaig's devotion to duty and extraordinary heroism against a numerically superior hostile force 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 under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

C. M. MOUNT, JR.
Brigadier General, US Army
Acting Chief of Staff



L. F. HARGIS
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