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APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

OTSTOTT, CHARLES P. CAPTAIN, INFANTRY, United States Army, Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne) 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 27 September 1967


Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 27 September 1967 near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. During a ground assault on a well-fortified enemy position, Captain Otstott personally organized a small element in an attempt to make a flanking maneuver against the enemy. Although under an intense volume of fire, Captain Otstott, on numerous occasions, fully exposed himself to the vicious hostile fire in order to coordinate the supporting fires and direct fire of his men. When he was unable to observe the air support being given, Captain Otstott, with complete disregard for his own safety, jumped from his covered position and moved to an exposed piece of high ground where he could better direct the air support. Captain Otstott was almost immediately detected by the enemy assault element. Again without concern for his own safety, Captain Otstott stood up, fully exposed to the enemy fire, and placed extremely effective fire into the ranks of the oncoming enemy, killing two insurgents and forcing the remainder to pull back. Captain Otstott remained in his exposed position until the air strikes had been completed. Captain Otstott's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the United States Army

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1916.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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