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AMERICAN DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. IC 320. The following AWARD is announced posthumously.

ELLIS, JIMMIE E. JR. , PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3, United States Army, Company 6, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 7 October 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 7 October 1967 in the Republic of Vietnam. Private First Class Ellis distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action when his platoon came under fierce enemy ground attack which resulted in his being wounded in the initial assault. Unable to get a clear field of fire, Private Ellis, completely disregarding the intense fire and his own wounds, left his covered position and ran through the hostile fire to a machinegun position which was about to be overrun. Placing himself between the wounded machinegunner and the onrushing enemy, he began placing effective fire into the ranks of the enemy which killed three and wounded several more of the enemy. Private Ellis was unrelenting in his efforts to resist the enemy and defended the position until mortally wounded. Private First Class Ellis' outstanding display of courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the American Division, 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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