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TASK FORCE OREGON (PROVISIONAL)  
APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

CARAMELLA, PAUL D. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3, United States Army, Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star  
Date Action: 25 August 1967  
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 25 August 1967 in the Republic of Vietnam. Private First Class Caramella distinguished himself by exceptional valor and personal sacrifice while leading his platoon, as point man, through dense jungle when it was engaged by a numerically superior hostile force. As the firefight ensued, three enemy soldiers assaulted the position next to Private Caramella. With complete disregard for his own safety, he exposed himself to the murderous fire and killed the soldiers. As he exposed himself, two grenades were hurled at him from another position; whereupon, he picked up the grenades and threw them back at the enemy. Continuing his determined, personal assault, he charged forward in the face of the hostile fire and killed three more of the enemy before falling mortally wounded in the enemy position. Private Caramella's fearless courage and daring greatly assisted his platoon in gaining fire superiority and defeating the enemy. Private First Class Caramella's gallant display of unquestionable valor and his dedication to duty were in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and have reflected immeasurable credit upon himself, Task Force Oregon, 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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