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 AMERICAL DIVISION
 APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ALLEN, RICHARD J. , 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 near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. While on a search and destroy mission, Private First Class Allen's platoon became heavily engaged with an enemy element of estimated platoon size in well-fortified positions. The platoon was almost immediately pinned down by automatic weapons and mortar fire. As the intensity of the battle increased, Private Allen realized the precarious position the platoon was in and that immediate action was necessary. Observing an enemy machinegun position that had most of the platoon pinned down, he grabbed a hand grenade and, with complete disregard for his own safety, charged across fifty meters of open terrain directly at the emplacement. Private Allen succeeded in destroying the machinegun, killing two enemy soldiers and relieving the pressure on his platoon. Private First Class Allen's outstanding display of valor and 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 1918.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:


 JOHN H. BATTIS

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