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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

PADGETT, ROBERT 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: 7 October 1967
Theater: Republic of Vietnam
Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 7 October 1967 near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. Private First Class Padgett displayed exceptional courage and personal dedication when his platoon was attacked by an estimated reinforced insurgent company. Private Padgett, serving as grenadier, realized that in his present position he could not place effective fire upon the enemy. Moving through the intense fire to a more suitable location, he noticed a machinegunner had been wounded and, as he moved to the machinegunner's post, he was wounded also. Disregarding his personal safety, he continued on until reaching the weapon. Picking it up, he placed extremely accurate fire into the ranks of the on-rushing enemy. As the assault force continued toward him, Private Padgett stood up, fully exposing himself to the hostile fire, and maintained his resistance with the machinegun. He killed four enemy soldiers and wounded several more before being mortally wounded. As a result of Private Padgett's valiant actions and undaunted courage, the enemy attack was broken. Private First Class Padgett's outstanding display of gallantry and his intense devotion to duty were in keeping with the finest 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.

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