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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

HILL, RODNEY D. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3, United States Army, Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96374

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 vicinity of Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. During the early morning hours on that date, Private First Class Hill's platoon was brought under heavy enemy ground assault. Although wounded, Private Hill, without regard for his own personal safety, rushed through intense volumes of enemy fire and began pulling his wounded comrades to safe positions. While placing one of the wounded in a sheltered position, Private Hill detected a small enemy element attempting to remove weapons from friendly casualties. Once again disregarding his own well being, Private Hill charged the enemy element, killing two enemy soldiers and forcing the remaining enemy to pull back. As he returned to again aid the wounded, he was struck by enemy fire and fatally wounded. Private Hill's heroic actions not only saved several lives, but prevented the enemy from capturing friendly weapons. Private First Class Hill's outstanding display of gallantry, devotion to duty and concern for his fellow soldiers 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.

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