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AMERICAL DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

JATEFF, WILLIAM A. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, 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. During the early morning hours on that date, Private First Class Jateff's platoon was hit by a massive enemy ground attack and he was wounded. As the intensity of the battle increased, Private Jateff observed an enemy assault element attempting to flank his position. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private Jateff moved from his covered position and charged through the heavy hostile fire directly at the assault element and killed three enemy soldiers. Realizing that he was the only man left alive in the flank position, Private Jateff maintained his position and continued to place extremely effective fire into the ranks of the oncoming enemy. He succeeded in killing five more enemy soldiers before being fatally wounded. Private Jateff's unrelenting courage and valiant efforts greatly aided in repulsing the enemy attack. Private First Class Jateff's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his 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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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