

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAL DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ADAMS, FRED C. PLATOON SERGEANT E7, 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

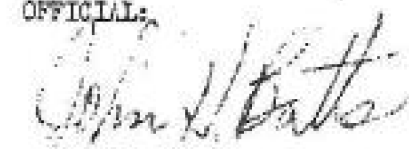
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 25 August 1967 near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. Platoon Sergeant Adams was on a search and destroy mission when his unit came under fierce attack from a numerically superior North Vietnamese Army element with supporting mortars. With complete disregard for his own safety, he moved through the intense enemy fire, positioning his men, directing fire and distributing ammunition. Although wounded, he continued to brave the hostile fire, throwing grenades and shouting encouragement to his beleaguered platoon. Noticing a well-camouflaged enemy machinegun position, Sergeant Adams, again without concern for his own safety, personally assaulted the position through the devastating enemy fire and threw a grenade into the bunker, silencing the gun. Later in the battle, Sergeant Adams sustained another wound which cost him his sight. The fearless courage and heroic actions displayed by Sergeant Adams relieved the pressure on his platoon long enough for it to gain fire superiority and ultimate victory. Platoon Sergeant Adams' unquestionable valor and his 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.

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