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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

LEE, EDWARD G. RA \_\_\_\_\_, SERGEANT E5, 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 a squad from Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry had just crossed a river when they were brought under heavy enemy automatic weapons fire and pinned down. Sergeant Lee immediately directed his squad's fire into the enemy's positions and relieved the pressure on the pinned down squad. Sergeant Lee, as he began to maneuver his squad to flank the enemy, was struck by enemy fire and seriously wounded. Disregarding his own safety, Sergeant Lee refused medical aid and continued to maneuver his squad against the enemy positions. As the battle progressed, Sergeant Lee maintained radio contact with his platoon leader and, although in great pain and bleeding profusely, moved among his men giving them encouragement and continued to lead his men in a successful assault on the enemy positions. Sergeant Lee called for air support and exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire in order to observe and direct the air strike. Only after Sergeant Lee had reorganized his squad and insured that they had been resupplied and the wounded had been taken care of, did he allow himself to be evacuated. As a result of Sergeant Lee's actions, eight enemy soldiers were killed. Sergeant Lee's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his aggressive 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.