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APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

DAVIS, HOLBERT E. SERGEANT E5, United States Army, Company
A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne
Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 5 October 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 5 October
1967 near Chu Lai in the Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant Davis
distinguished himself by exceptionally heroic actions on that
date when his squad, while on a search and destroy mission,
was suddenly brought under heavy enemy automatic weapons and
mortar fire and pinned down. Without regard for his own safety,
Sergeant Davis rushed through the hostile fire giving his men
encouragement and pointing out enemy positions while remaining
fully exposed to the intense fire. Although wounded himself,
he rushed out onto the battlefield on several occasions and
pulled wounded men to safe areas where medical aid could be
administered. Later Sergeant Davis observed a small enemy
element attempting to overrun a machinegun position and,
again without regard for his own safety, charged the enemy
and succeeded in forcing them to withdraw. As the enemy
pulled back, Sergeant Davis was struck by hostile fire and
fatally wounded. Sergeant Davis' outstanding display of
gallantry and his intense devotion to duty even at the cost of
his life were 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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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