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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
 HEADQUARTERS TASK FORCE OREGON (PROVISIONAL)
 APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

MARTIN, JAMES C. _____, SPECIALIST FOUR E4, United States Army,
 Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 9 June 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 9 June 1967 near Duc Pho in the Republic of Vietnam. Serving as platoon pointman, Specialist Martin was moving down a jungle trail when he detected voices to his front. Quickly alerting the platoon, he moved forward with his squad in an attempt to pinpoint the location of the voices. Approaching the suspected enemy position, he was spotted by four enemy soldiers who fired upon the squad with automatic weapons wounding one member. Realizing the precarious situation that could develop, Specialist Martin, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, charged forward through the enemy fire; throwing grenades and firing his weapon, he assaulted the position. Specialist Martin, by his courageous action, destroyed the position killing all four enemy soldiers and capturing four automatic weapons before being mortally wounded. Specialist Martin's unquestionable valor in close combat against numerically superior hostile forces, his determination, and intense devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, Task Force OREGON, 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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