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 MEDICAL DIVISION
 APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BERRY, ROBERT H. , FIRST LIEUTENANT, INFANTRY, United States
 ARMY, Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade,
 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 13 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 13 August 1967 near Co. Iai, Republic of Vietnam. First Lieutenant Berry, a platoon leader, was inserted with the rest of the company by airborne assault onto a completely bare and mined hilltop. The company was met by a North Vietnamese Army battalion which immediately attacked with automatic weapons, heavy machineguns, and mortars. Lieutenant Berry, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, exposed himself to the withering hail of enemy fire as he recovered wounded and personally positioned his men in the perimeter. During the remainder of the day and throughout the night, Lieutenant Berry's platoon bore the brunt of numerous enemy attacks. Lieutenant Berry remained cool and calm throughout the battle, directing fire, adjusting artillery, and pinpointing targets. During the assaults, he moved from his position to positions on the perimeter supplementing his platoon's fire with his rifle and hand grenades. When a particularly heavy mortar attack and a following assault was launched, he adjusted artillery to within thirty meters of his position. Lieutenant Berry's daring bravery, sound judgement, and active participation in the battle was instrumental in his company's ultimate victory over a numerically superior force. First Lieutenant Berry's outstanding display of gallantry and his devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Medical Division, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.