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AMERICAL DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

BOYD, RICHARD K. JR. CAPTAIN, INFANTRY, United States Army,
Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st
Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 2 October 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 2 October 1967 in the Republic of Vietnam. Captain Boyd distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action while on a search and destroy mission when Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry became engaged with two enemy companies in fortified positions. As the point platoon assaulted the initial enemy bunker system, it was pinned down. Captain Boyd directed that two platoons move forward to assist the pinned down platoon. Personally leading the maneuvering force from the point element, he started across an exposed area and was immediately brought under intense automatic weapons, rifle, and rocket fire. Observing that two of his men had been seriously wounded and were lying in an exposed area of hostile fire, Captain Boyd immediately, and with complete disregard for his own safety, rushed forward through the intense fire and pulled the men to safety. Captain Boyd then directed that one platoon give covering fire for the maneuvering element in order to withdraw its casualties and disengage the enemy to allow supporting artillery fire to be called in. Sazed by enemy rocket fire which wounded four, Captain Boyd regained his feet and, still exposed to the enemy fire, moved among his men's positions giving them encouragement and directing their fire. Captain Boyd remained continuously exposed until his wounded had been removed to safety. The outstanding leadership and courage displayed by Captain Boyd resulted in nine enemy dead and his gallantry while engaged in close combat with a numerically superior hostile force was in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the United States Army.