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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUS)

1. FC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

HAWKINS, ARTHUR L JR PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne
Division, APO San Francisco 96347.

Awarded: Silver Star (Posthumous)

Date action: 10 November 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: Gallantry in action: Private First Class Hawkins distinguished himself by gallantry in action while engaged in military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 10 November 1967, while serving with Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. While on a reconnaissance patrol near Chu Lai, Private Hawkins' squad came under an intense volume of automatic weapons fire from well entrenched enemy positions. With the initial bursts of fire, Private Hawkins, with complete disregard for his personal safety, rushed forward to the point element of his squad and began firing into the enemy positions. Realizing that rifle fire alone could not kill or rout the enemy from their positions, he courageously charged forward, hurling grenades. After grenading several enemy positions, he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. His heroic actions inspired U.S. comrades to assault the enemy positions and rout them from the battle area, resulting in three enemy soldiers killed and the capture of two enemy automatic weapons. Private Hawkins' extraordinary heroism in close combat was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

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