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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MOON, DONALD H PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, APO San Francisco 96347.

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 25 February 1967

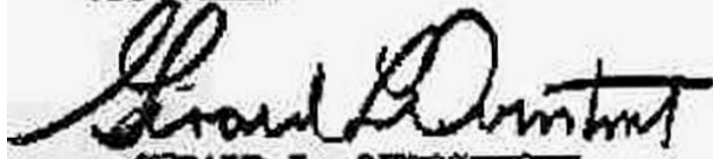
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reasons: Gallantry in action: Private First Class Moon's platoon was conducting a search and destroy mission when it suddenly became engaged in a fire fight with an estimated platoon-size enemy element. The platoon was receiving a tremendous volume of enemy fire from three sides. When a friendly machine gun position was threatened to be overrun, because an enemy grenade had wounded the gunner and assistant gunner, Private Moon, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, charged across fifty meters of open terrain through the withering enemy fire to the aid of his wounded comrades. As enemy soldiers continued to advance on the friendly machine gun position, Private Moon stood fully exposed to the enemy fire and killed two of the oncoming enemy with a bolt action sniper rifle. Private Moon continued to remain exposed to enemy fire and placed effective fire into the ranks of the enemy while a medic pulled the two wounded men to a safe area. His actions saved the lives of his two wounded comrades and stopped the enemy element from breaking through the perimeter and undoubtedly prevented a major disaster. Private Moon's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his devotion to duty are within the highest military tradition and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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