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MEMORANDUM
 TASK FORCE GREGOR (PROVISIONAL)
 APO San Francisco 96374

GENERAL ORDER
 NUMBER 457

1 September 1967

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

WOODARD, WILLIE J. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3, United States Army, Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star
 Date of act: 18 May 1967
 Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 18 May 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. Private First Class Woodard distinguished himself by exceptional valor while on a relief mission when his platoon was suddenly brought under intense volleys of enemy automatic weapons fire which pinned them down. Seeing that most of the grounders were casualties and the platoon was in dire need of heavier support, Private Woodard with complete disregard for his own safety jumped from his covered position and ran up and down the line of enemy positions placing effective grenade fire from the most exposed positions. Upon being wounded he fearlessly continued his one-man grenade barrage on the enemy without heed to his wound or medical attention. As a result of Private Woodard's determined, aggressive assault, the effectiveness of the enemy fire was sufficiently reduced to allow his comrades to re-engage the wounded to cover and then regroup for an assault which routed the insurgents. Private First Class Woodard's outstanding display of unquestionable valor, dauntless determination and devotion to duty in close combat are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect the utmost credit upon himself, his unit, Task Force Gregor, 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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