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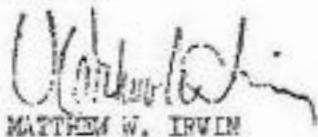
1. TO 320. The following award is announced.

WOODARD, WILLIE J. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3, United States Army, Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 52d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347
Awarded: Silver Star
Date of action: 18 May 1967
Theater: Republic of Vietnam
Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 18 May 1967 near Duc Mo, 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 volumes of enemy automatic weapons fire which pinned them down. Seeing that most of the ground forces 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 over the line of enemy positions placing effective grenade fire from the exposed emplacement. 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 rescue 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 Oregon, 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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