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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 220. The following AWARD is announced.

JONES, ROBERT E. PLATOON SERGEANT B7, United States Army,
 Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st
 Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 13 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 13 August 1967, near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. After making an airborne assault into a mined landing zone, the second platoon of Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry moved across an open area towards a tree line. When they were approximately thirty meters from the tree line, the platoon came under intense automatic weapons fire from a North Vietnamese Army platoon. After assisting the platoon leader in deploying his troops, Platoon Sergeant Jones, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved through the murderous enemy fire to the position who had been wounded and laid in an exposed area. As Sergeant Jones reached the wounded man, the enemy directed their fire at him. Remaining in his exposed position, Sergeant Jones threw a hand grenade which knocked out an enemy machinegun and killed the gun crew. After saving the wounded man to cover, Sergeant Jones moved throughout the platoon pointing out enemy targets, throwing grenades and shouting encouragement. While doing this, Sergeant Jones was wounded by an enemy grenade. Undaunted, he continued to encourage his men. Because of his outstanding display of courage, Sergeant Jones' platoon was able to route a superior enemy force who left behind twenty-two dead and numerous weapons. Platoon Sergeant Jones' outstanding display of gallantry in action and his devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the American Division, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.