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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced posthumously.

JACKSON, ALEXANDER, SERGEANT E5, 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 in the Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant Jackson distinguished himself by exceptional valor and personal sacrifice when his company was brought under a determined attack by an estimated reinforced North Vietnamese battalion. The enemy rapidly attempted to overrun the company by hurling themselves at the perimeter. Sergeant Jackson's position was brought under the initial burst of fire and he was wounded in the chest by rocket fire. Realizing that the perimeter was about to be penetrated, Sergeant Jackson, disregarding his wounds and exposing himself to the enemy fire, maneuvered his squad into a position where they could place effective fire on the enemy. Noticing three insurgents, one carrying a rocket launcher, approaching his squad's flank and realizing the precarious situation developing, Sergeant Jackson, with utter disregard for his own safety, charged forward through the murderous fire and killed the three enemy soldiers with a hand grenade before the rocket launcher could be used. Seeing a member of his squad lying wounded outside the perimeter, he once again exposed himself to the vicious fire and rushed to the wounded man's aid. As Sergeant Jackson pulled the man to safety, he was mortally wounded. Sergeant Jackson's outstanding display of unquestionable valor and dedication to duty in close combat against a numerically superior hostile force were in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflected the greatest of credit upon himself, 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.

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