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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

i. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

FOUSE, RICHARD H. , 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 near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. As the last elements of Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry reached a landing zone, the first platoon moved out as point platoon. A short distance down a hill the platoon was suddenly brought under a heavy volume of enemy automatic weapons and rocket fire. The platoon leader was injured in the initial stage of the battle and was unable to retain command of the platoon. Without hesitation, Sergeant Fouse took command and positioned the machineguns and established a defensive perimeter. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Fouse exposed himself to the hostile fire while directing artillery fire and moving throughout the perimeter giving his men encouragement and directing their fire. Sergeant Fouse personally supplied covering fire which killed two enemy soldiers while his men pulled the wounded platoon leader to a safe area. Sergeant Fouse's heroic actions, dedication and 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 provision of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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