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 APO San Francisco 96376

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ROSS, JOHN E. RA , SPECIALIST FOUR E4, United States Army, Com-  
 pany 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. On that night, an estimated enemy battalion launched a heavy attack on Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry and unleashed a tremendous volume of automatic weapons, grenades, and rocket fire into the friendly positions. In the initial stages of the attack, one of the friendly machinegun positions received three direct hits from rockets. Specialist Four Ross, upon hearing the wounded men call for a medic, immediately, and with complete disregard for his own safety, charged through the intense enemy fire to the disabled machinegun position where five men lay wounded. Disregarding the heavy concentrated fire the enemy was placing on the machinegun position, Specialist Ross began to administer the needed medical aid and pulled the men, one by one, to covered positions. During the night-long battle, Specialist Ross constantly moved through the heavy enemy fire, treating the wounded and giving his comrades encouragement. When the platoon started running low on ammunition, Specialist Ross began to resupply the positions with the needed ammunition, all the while he continued to treat the wounded and keep a constant vigil on those who had already been wounded. Specialist Four Ross' outstanding display of gallantry in action and his intense devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the United States Army.

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