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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 32. The following AWARD is announced.

KAKI, JAMES S., STAFF SERGEANT E5, United States Army,
 Company 3, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st
 Airborne Division AF 0 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 2 July 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 2 July, 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. Staff Sergeant Kaki distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions while serving as Platoon Sergeant. Observing two enemy soldiers approaching his subunit site beyond the killing zone and realizing that he had no time to warn his men, Sergeant Kaki, with complete disregard for his own safety, left his covered position and assaulted the two. He killed one insurgent as to attempted to throw a grenade. Then, moving toward the second enemy soldier's position, he was met with a hail of machinegun fire. Undaunted by the fire, he continued forward until knocked to the ground, dazed by an enemy grenade. Recovering and regaining his footing, Sergeant Kaki rushed forward again through the enemy fire and destroyed the automatic weapon position. Through his valiant and determined effort, Sergeant Kaki killed two enemy soldiers, captured a machinegun, two grenades and various miscellaneous documents. Staff Sergeant Kaki's outstanding display of gallantry and his devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Task Force Dragon, and the United States Army.

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