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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUS)

1. TG 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SCOTT, O D STAFF SERGEANT E6 United States Army Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, APO San Francisco 96347.

Awarded: Silver Star (Posthumous)

Date action: 16 November 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: Gallantry in action: Staff Sergeant Scott distinguished himself by gallantry in action while engaged in military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 16 November 1967, while serving as a member of Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. While conducting a search and destroy mission near Chu Lai, the point squad of Sergeant Scott's platoon began receiving heavy automatic weapons fire and was pinned down in an open field. Observing this, Sergeant Scott repeatedly exposed himself to the hail of fire in order to properly position his men and direct their fire. Seeing that small arms fire alone was not sufficient to destroy the enemy force, Sergeant Scott, with complete disregard for his personal safety, moved to an extremely exposed position through the enemy fire to a point where he could call in and adjust friendly artillery upon the enemy position. The enemy realized that he was adjusting artillery fire upon their positions and started concentrating their fire on his position. Disregarding their fire, Sergeant Scott continued to call for and adjust fire on the enemy, inflicting many casualties. Sergeant Scott exposed himself repeatedly to the vicious enemy fire until he was killed by a short artillery round. Sergeant Scott's outstanding display of heroism and devotion to duty were in the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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