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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

WARE, OLIVER A. RA , STAFF SERGEANT E6, United States Army,  
Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 18 May 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam


Reason: For gallantry in action against an armed hostile enemy on 18 May 1967, near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. While on a search and destroy mission, Sergeant Ware's platoon was suddenly taken under a tremendous volume of automatic weapons fire from an estimated platoon size enemy element in well fortified positions. Sergeant Ware with complete disregard for his own personal safety, exposed himself to the withering enemy fire while directing the fire of his platoon and moving from position to position giving his men encouragement. Numerous casualties had been received by his platoon on the initial burst of fire and Sergeant Ware on numerous occasions exposed himself to the vicious enemy fire to give aid and comfort to his wounded comrades. Sergeant Ware had begun to reorganize his platoon and to maneuver them in an assault on the enemy positions when he was struck and killed by enemy fire. Sergeant Ware's platoon had become so inspired by his actions that they were able to fight their way out of what was later determined to be an enemy ambush of platoon strength. Sergeant Ware's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his devotion to duty even at the cost of his life are in the highest military traditions and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, 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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