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APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 326. The following AWARD is enounced.

KIMBERLING, CECIL P. FIRST LIEUTENANT, INFANTRY, Company C,
2d Battalion (Airborne), 902d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division
APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date Action: 5 October 1967

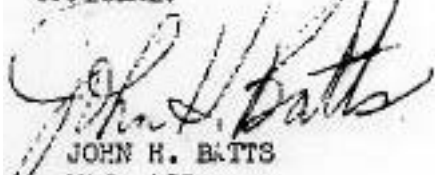
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 5 October 1967, near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. While on a search and destroy mission, First Lieutenant Kimberling's platoon was moving along a jungle trail when the pointman suddenly detected enemy activity. Lieutenant Kimberling moved forward to make a reconnaissance of the suspected enemy positions and located twenty North Vietnamese Army soldiers preparing positions. Lieutenant Kimberling immediately deployed his platoon to within twenty meters of the enemy position. He initiated the assault and valiantly led his men forward. As they charged forward, placing a tremendous volume of fire into the enemy positions, Lieutenant Kimberling was struck in the leg and wounded. Utterly disregarding his painful wound, and shouting words of encouragement, he continued and directed the assault. As a result of Lieutenant Kimberling's heroic actions and inspiring leadership, thirteen enemy soldiers were killed and seven enemy weapons were captured. First Lieutenant Kimberling's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his 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 provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.

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