

HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAL DIVISION  
APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is enunciated.

GODBOLDTE, CORDELL S. - CAPTAIN, INFANTRY, United States Army,  
Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st  
Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 6 October 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 6 October 1967 near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. While on a search and destroy mission Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, suddenly became heavily engaged with an enemy element in well-fortified positions. Captain Godboldte, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, rushed forward through heavy enemy fire to the most forward point of contact. Quickly evaluating the situation, Captain Godboldte then began to maneuver the third platoon to the rear of the enemy element. Captain Godboldte immediately called for an air strike and then maneuvered the second platoon to the flank of the enemy positions as a blocking force. When the air strike was made, Captain Godboldte exposed himself to the enemy fire to direct the jet aircraft's fire effectively onto the enemy targets. When the air strike was terminated, Captain Godboldte directed his third platoon to initiate an assault on the enemy fortifications from the rear, while the second platoon was utilized as a blocking force. Captain Godboldte observed one of his platoon leaders who lay wounded in an exposed area. Again with complete disregard for his own safety, Captain Godboldte rushed through the bullet swept area, picked up his wounded comrade and carried him to a safe position where he could be given medical aid. As the enemy element attempted to escape by the only route available, Captain Godboldte called for and directed fire from artillery and gunships into the ranks of the fleeing enemy. Captain Godboldte'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 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.