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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

OVERSHINE, GEORGE E., PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3, United States Army, Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Date action: 29 September 1967

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 29 September 1967 near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. When the 3d Platoon of Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, made contact with an estimated enemy company in well-fortified positions, they immediately initiated an assault on a small network of bunkers and succeeded in destroying them. As the 3d Platoon moved forward to assist a sister platoon, they hit a larger network of bunkers and were immediately brought under a heavy volume of enemy automatic weapons fire. Private First Class Overshine immediately began to maneuver through a hedgerow and placed effective fire into an enemy bunker. Almost immediately, Private Overshine was taken under heavy fire from several more bunkers whose locations he could not detect. Completely oblivious to the intense fire, Private Overshine crawled through the heavy enemy fire, throwing grenades and firing his weapon, until he located the enemy bunkers. As the platoon began to assault the enemy positions, an undetected enemy machinegun position opened fire on them. Private Overshine, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, grabbed a hand grenade and charged the enemy position. Just as Private Overshine threw the grenade into the aperture of the machinegun bunker and destroyed it, he was struck by enemy fire and mortally wounded. As a result of his actions his platoon was able to successfully destroy the enemy bunkers. Private First Class Overshine's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his devotion to duty at the cost of his own life, were in keeping with the finest 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.