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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MOORE, PAUL P. , SERGEANT E5, United States Army, Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96367

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 29 September 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 29 September 1967 near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. While on a search and destroy mission, the second platoon of Sergeant Moore's company came under intense automatic weapons fire from well-concealed enemy bunkers. Sergeant Moore moving quickly to the front, led his squad to assist the pinned down platoon. Upon reaching the battle area, Sergeant Moore led his squad in an aggressive assault against the enemy positions. After advancing several meters on the enemy position, Sergeant Moore was wounded by an enemy grenade. Disregarding his wounds and personal safety, he continued to lead his squad's advance until they had swept the battle area and knocked out the enemy positions. After insuring that all his wounded had been taken to the rear, Sergeant Moore went to the rear to have the aidmen treat his wound. While the wounded waited for medical evacuation, the landing zone came under heavy enemy automatic weapons fire. Again with complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Moore left his covered position and moved to the battle area, organizing a fighting team on the way. Sergeant Moore again led an assault into the enemy positions and knocked them out with grenade and rifle fire, forcing the enemy to flee the area. Only after returning to the evacuation area and insuring that all of the wounded had been evacuated, did Sergeant Moore allow himself to be evacuated. Sergeant Moore's courage and outstanding leadership undoubtedly saved his company from sustaining numerous casualties and was a decisive factor in the outcome of the battle. Sergeant Moore's unquestionable valor in close combat was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects 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.