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AMERICAN DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

WILSON, WILLIAM E. SERGEANT E5, United States Army,
Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st
Airborne Division APO 96347

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 in the vicinity of Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant Wilson distinguished himself by exceptionally heroic actions when his platoon became engaged with an enemy element of estimated platoon size firing from fortified positions. In the initial burst of fire several casualties were inflicted on Sergeant Wilson's fire team. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Wilson rushed through the hostile fire and pulled the wounded to safety. He then reorganized the fire team and began to maneuver against an enemy bunker. As the fire team neared the bunker Sergeant Wilson dashed through the intense enemy fire and leaped on top of it. Just as he was preparing to throw a grenade into the bunker he was hit by hostile fire and critically wounded. Displaying undaunted determination Sergeant Wilson crawled to the aperture of the bunker and threw a grenade inside killing two enemy soldiers and neutralizing the position. Sergeant Wilson's unquestionable valor, fortitude and dedication to duty 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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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