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 MEDICAL DIVISION
 APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

FIELDS, JAMES B. STAFF 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 near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. Staff Sergeant Fields distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action while on a search and destroy mission and his platoon became heavily engaged with an enemy force firing from well fortified positions. In the initial stages of the firefight, the platoon was brought under intense automatic weapons fire and sustained heavy casualties. Sergeant Fields, under the covering fire of his platoon, rushed the enemy bunker in a determined effort to destroy it. As he neared the bunker, he was struck in the shoulder by the enemy fire and crumpled to the ground. Picking himself up and completely disregarding his wounds and the intense barrage of fire being directed at him, he continued in his aggressive assault. In the face of tremendous firepower, Sergeant Fields moved to within a few meters of the bunker before he was fatally wounded. Due to the courageous action of Sergeant Fields and the enemy's concentration of fire on him, the platoon was able to maneuver against the bunker and overrun it. Staff Sergeant Fields' outstanding display of gallantry, his aggressive determination and intense devotion 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.

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