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AMERICAL DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

LONG, CLARENCE , FIRST LIEUTENANT, INFANTRY, United States Army, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 11 July 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

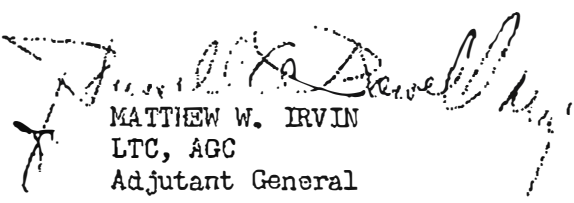
Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 11 July 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. First Lieutenant Long distinguished himself by valorous action when his platoon was hit by a heavy barrage of grenade, mortar, and automatic weapons fire from an estimated enemy company who had succeeded in encircling his perimeter. During the initial stages of the battle the friendly element sustained numerous casualties. Lieutenant Long, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved throughout his defensive positions and reorganized his men and pulled the wounded to the center of the perimeter. Lieutenant Long continued to expose himself to the hostile fire as he pointed out enemy targets to his men and collected his wounded's weapons and ammunition. When wounded by grenade fragments, he disregarded his wounds and crawled to a forward position to place heavy return fire into the enemy positions. Throughout the entire battle Lieutenant Long continually exposed himself to the vicious enemy fire while directing the fire of his platoon; as a result of his outstanding example and leadership, his platoon was able to defend their position from a determined enemy element. First Lieutenant Long's gallant display of valor, his aggressiveness and determination against a numerically superior hostile force were 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.

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