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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BUCKLEY, HARRY A. , COLONEL, 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: 9 July 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 9 July 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. On that date information was received that an element of Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, had become heavily engaged with an enemy element and pinned down, sustaining two casualties. Colonel Buckley immediately took control of the situation and personally directed an air strike of helicopter gunships to within twenty meters of the friendly positions, allowing the friendly element to pull back and reorganize. Although there was no secure landing zone and the surrounding jungle was infested with enemy soldiers, Colonel Buckley directed his helicopter to land in order to evacuate a seriously wounded man. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Colonel Buckley moved approximately two hundred meters through enemy sniper fire to the location of the wounded man and personally supervised the evacuation. Colonel Buckley remained in the battle area until the wounded man had been safely evacuated and the command and control helicopter returned to his location. Colonel Buckley's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his devotion to duty and his men are in keeping with the highest 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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