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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.

JACKSON, RONALD , SPECIALIST FOUR E4, United States Army,  
Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st  
Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 13 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 13 August 1967, near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. When the last elements of Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry had reached a landing zone, the point platoon started moving down a hill when they triggered a squad-size enemy ambush. Several casualties were inflicted, one of these being the platoon leader who was seriously wounded. Specialist Jackson, serving as platoon medic, rushed forward with complete disregard for his own personal safety, and began to administer much-needed medical aid. Specialist Jackson, although completely exposed to the vicious enemy fire, began to move the casualties to covered positions. Numerous times Specialist Jackson returned to the battle area to pull wounded men to safety and give them medical aid. On one occasion, as Specialist Jackson moved through the bullet swept battle area, he observed an enemy soldier preparing to shoot a friendly casualty. Again with complete disregard for his own safety, Specialist Jackson charged the enemy soldier and killed him before he could shoot the wounded man. Specialist Jackson then gave the wounded man medical aid and carried him to safety. For the remainder of the night's long battle, Specialist Jackson continued to give aid to his wounded comrades and undoubtedly saved many lives. Specialist Four Jackson's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his intense devotion to duty are 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.