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Headquarters 101st Air Cavalry Division
APO San Francisco 96383

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SECTION I

THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

PUGH, LEE C SPECIALIST FIVE (E-5) Headquarters
and Headquarters Company 2d Battalion (Airborne) 502d Infantry APO San
Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star Medal

Date action: 24 December 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 24 December 1967. While on a combat operation, Specialist Five Pugh was participating in a reconnaissance patrol near Bao Loc, Republic of Vietnam, when they were suddenly taken under an extremely heavy volume of enemy automatic weapons fire from a numerically superior enemy force set in a well concealed ambush. On the initial burst of enemy fire the squad leader was killed and three other men wounded. Realizing that the squad was now leaderless, Specialist Five Pugh immediately took charge and set the remaining troopers in a defensive perimeter, and continuously exposed himself to the vicious enemy automatic weapons fire in order to direct the fire of the men and point out enemy positions. Specialist Five Pugh then, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, charged forward through the murderous enemy fire to the aid of one of the wounded men. After insuring the wounded man was properly treated, Specialist Five Pugh then moved from position to position until all the wounded personnel were given medical aid. Specialist Five Pugh then radioed back to the company requesting reinforcements and a dust-off ship. Because he was able to give an exact location, the reinforcements arrived rapidly and the medical evacuation ship was able to come directly to his location, thereby saving valuable time and preventing further injuries. Specialist Five Pugh's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress established 9 July 1918.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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