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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

MILLER, NATHAN N CAPTAIN INFANTRY Company A

2d Battalion 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star Medal

Date action: 6 April 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 6 April 1968. Captain Miller distinguished himself while serving as Company Commander of Company A, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry. Company A was engaged in a combat operation just south of the Demilitarized Zone near Quang Tri City, Republic of Vietnam. Several North Vietnamese Army units had been detected massing just to the west and Company A moved to the area as a blocking force. Early in the afternoon, the first platoon, which was on a patrol, came into heavy contact with the enemy. After a prolonged engagement, the platoon leader was wounded and unable to give direction to his platoon. With the situation reaching a serious stage, Captain Miller, who was furnishing security for a fire base with the rest of the company, organized the company to move and started giving instructions to the platoon sergeant of the besieged platoon. While hurriedly moving with the company, Captain Miller continuously directed the first platoon as it attempted to hold out until the rest of the company arrived. Captain Miller's understanding of a situation that he could not see, and his directions, were instrumental in preventing the annihilation of the first platoon. After reaching the battle area, Captain Miller effectively took charge of the situation and was able to pull the first platoon back to safety. In doing this, it was necessary that he expose himself to enemy fire in order to direct fire on the enemy. In the process, he received a shrapnel wound from an enemy rocket, but determinedly refused to be evacuated until all the wounded had been treated. Despite formidable odds, Captain Miller prevented the destruction of one of his units with incredible insight and courage. Captain Miller's exceptional valor was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects 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.

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