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1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

PARR, JAMES A RA (Not Available) PLATOON SERGEANT Company A 2d
Battalion (Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star

Effective month: October 1968

Date action: 10 April 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 10 April 1968. Platoon Sergeant Parr distinguished himself while serving with Company A, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry. Company A was on a search and clear operation south of the demilitarized zone and succeeded in trapping a North Vietnamese unit in the village of Phuc Dien, Republic of Vietnam. In order to prevent the enemy from escaping, the company set up a cordon around the village and stood by as artillery fire and air strikes were called in on the area. The task of ferreting out the entrenched enemy fell to the First Platoon as it began a sweep of the enemy held village. After advancing a distance of not more than 100 meters, the lead element of the platoon was hit by automatic weapons fire from a number of sniper positions. The battle was such that it was almost impossible for the men to continue forward. Knowing that to stop at that point would be disastrous, Sergeant Parr left his own safe position and moved forward to rally his men. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Parr exposed himself to the intense enemy fire and led his men on an assault to the edge of the village. His valiant actions greatly aided the platoon in accomplishing its mission. Platoon Sergeant Parr's personal bravery and 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, approved 9 July 1918.

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