

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
Headquarters 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division  
APO San Francisco 96383

GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 8632

30 October 1968

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

HUGHES, WILLIAM D CAPTAIN INFANTRY Company B 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion  
(Airborne), 502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star

Effective Month: October 1968

Date action: 1 June 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 1 June 1968. During the early evening hours as Company B was preparing a night defensive position near the village of Thon Duong Son, Quang Dien District, Republic of Vietnam, an unknown size Viet Cong force launched a mortar attack, resulting in eight friendly casualties. Captain Hughes with complete disregard for his own safety, directed his men into safe fighting positions and directed his artillery forward observer as to where the enemy fire was coming from so that effective artillery fire could be placed upon the enemy. When the enemy withdrew Company B pursued and the following afternoon made contact. Captain Hughes was with the point platoon. He moved around from position to position directing his troops in the fire fight which followed. Three hours later contact was made with the remaining Viet Cong squad. Again Captain Hughes was with the point platoon and directed the fire and movement of the squads which quickly overcame the enemy. Captain Hughes' 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 established 9 July 1918.

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AMENDMENT

1. TC 370. Following orders AMENDED.

SNO: Para 1 GO 10901 this HQ dtd 17 Dec 68

Pert to: Award of the Air Medal with "V" Device to WILLIAMS, JOHN J.

(Not Available) CAPTAIN ARTILLERY Company A 101st Aviation Battalion  
(Assault Helicopter) APO San Francisco 96383

As reads: Awarded: The Air Medal with "V" Device

IATR: Awarded: The Air Medal with "V" Device (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

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Pert to: Award of the Silver Star Medal to HUGHES, WILLIAM D

CAPTAIN INFANTRY Company B 1st Battalion (Airborne)  
502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

As reads: Awarded: The Silver Star Medal

IATR: Awarded: The Silver Star Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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