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SECTION I

THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. TO 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

MAGUIRE CHARLES J.

STAFF SERGEANT (E-6)

Company B 2d Battalion 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star Medal

Date action: 11 March 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 11 March 1968, Staff Sergeant Maguire distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader with Company B, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry. As Company B moved on a combat operation near Hue, Republic of Vietnam, Staff Sergeant Maguire was leading the point squad in its advance. Quite suddenly, the company came under very heavy automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenade fire. Fully realizing his precarious situation, Staff Sergeant Maguire quickly moved his squad to a more advantageous position where he could organize them and place effective fire on the enemy. When Staff Sergeant Maguire saw a man fall under the tremendous barrage of fire, he dashed across forty meters of bullet-swept rice paddy and started administering first aid despite the battle raging all around him. While treating the man, a rocket propelled grenade exploded very close to Staff Sergeant Maguire and he and three other men were quite seriously wounded. In spite of his painful wound, Staff Sergeant Maguire refused to be evacuated and moved back to continue directing his element in this close-in combat that threatened to become hand to hand fighting. Only when he was out of ammunition could his comrades persuade Staff Sergeant Maguire to move to the rear for medical attention. Though the enemy fire still was sweeping every sector of the company area, he started moving to the aid station, some one hundred meters to the rear, through a hail of bullets. On his way, Staff Sergeant Maguire stopped to help another man to the aid station who was unable to move by himself. His heroic actions and selfless devotion to his men mark him as a truly remarkable soldier. Staff Sergeant Maguire's exceptionally valorous actions 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 1916.

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