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SECTION I

THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. TO 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

NAME: MR. PATRICK A MA (SSAN: ) SPECIALIST FOUR (E-4)  
Company C 1st Battalion (Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Award: The Silver Star Medal

Date Awarded: 20 April 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 20 April 1968. Specialist Four McBride distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman with Company C, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry, during a combat operation in the Quang Dien District, Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Four McBride's platoon, the lead platoon, was suddenly and accurately taken under an intense barrage of hostile automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenade fire from its front and left flank, seriously wounding the platoon leader. Unhesitatingly, Specialist Four McBride, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, braved the murderous hail of enemy fire to aid his fallen platoon leader. Specialist Four McBride carried the wounded man to safety and then began administering first aid when the position received an intense volley of sniper rounds. Specialist Four McBride immediately located the sniper's location and maneuvered to engage the enemy. While advancing through the sniper fire a bullet struck his helmet and rendered Specialist Four McBride unconscious for a few moments. Having recovered, he dauntlessly proceeded to destroy the sniper's position, killing two snipers. Specialist Four McBride then returned to the wounded platoon leader and carried him to safety. Through Specialist Four McBride's intrepid courage and outstanding valor the platoon leader was successfully recovered and given immediate medical care. Specialist Four McBride's gallant actions and selfless courage 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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