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SECTION I

THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

PARKER, GEORGE JR PLATOON SERGEANT (E-7) Company D
2d Battalion 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star Medal

Date action: 21 February 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 21 February 1968. Platoon Sergeant Parker distinguished himself while serving with Company D, the Delta Raiders of the 2d Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry. Company D was conducting a coordinated assault on a strongly fortified and tenaciously held enemy position in a dense wood near Hue, Republic of Vietnam. As the Delta Raiders moved to the assault across a wide, deep stream heavy enemy automatic weapons fire engaged the attacking force, and as rockets added to the crescendo the company slowed and many men took cover as their comrades fell under the enemy onslaught. Yet Platoon Sergeant Parker stood amidst this terrible storm of fire coming from heavy bunkers on the opposite shore and rallied his men by personal courage, leading them in a fierce assault across the stream, overrunning the first line of bunkers where an enemy flag which had flauntingly flown was captured. Moving into the dense and nearly impenetrable wood the fighting became savage, at times involving hand to hand combat. As men fell Platoon Sergeant Parker rushed up under torrents of lead to treat the men and carry them back. After evacuating several men Platoon Sergeant Parker, in reorganizing his men, found that two of his squad leaders had been wounded and that his platoon leader's radio had been destroyed by enemy fire, thus severing communications. Quickly assuming total command of the situation, Platoon Sergeant Parker organized the rest of his men into two squads and then led them forward in a driving attack on the enemy positions, a series of strong bunkers interlinked by an intricate trench system. Personally destroying two enemy bunkers with hand grenades, Platoon Sergeant Parker remained in the van of the attacking force as the situation called for more inspired leadership than tactical control. Moving forward against undiminished enemy fire, Platoon Sergeant Parker led his platoon in an overwhelming advance, relentlessly, driving the enemy, and destroying them in place where they refused to flee. By his personal courage and inspiring example the platoon was able to totally destroy a most formidable enemy stronghold which might otherwise have destroyed the platoon in place, so great was the enemy fire power. Platoon Sergeant Parker'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 established 9 July 1918.

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