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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

BAILEY, DONALD A 1LT Co A 1st Bn (Aml) 502d Inf (WACPAO)
APO SF 96383 Inf

Awarded: The Silver Star

Date of service: 8 July 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam


Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963.

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 8 July 1969. Lieutenant Bailey distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader in Company A, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, during a reconnaissance in force mission in Quan Tien Province, Republic of Vietnam. The 3d Platoon was ambushed by an estimated battalion size enemy force and immediately sustained numerous casualties, including the platoon leader and platoon sergeant. Lieutenant Bailey immediately moved through the intense enemy fire and attempted to relieve pressure from the beleaguered element. He realized that the platoon was not returning effective fire against the enemy force. While placing his own personnel to the flanks for security, he rallied his element, preventing the enemy from overrunning its position. Because of his leadership, the Third Platoon began returning effective fire toward the entrenched enemy positions. During the ensuing battle, Lieutenant Bailey personally accounted for three enemy killed by grenade and small arms fire. Under intense enemy automatic weapons fire, he pulled wounded personnel from the contested area so they could be evacuated. His courageous actions during the eight hour engagement helped to avert many friendly casualties. Lieutenant Bailey'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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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