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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SISLEY, WILLIAM E PRIVATE FIRST CLASS Company A 1st Battalion (Airborne) 502d
Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star (Posthumous)

Effective month: N/A

Date action: 8 July 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action while engaged in military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 8 July 1969. Private Sisley distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in the Third Platoon of Company A, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry, during a combat operation in Tien Phuoc Province, Republic of Vietnam. Private Sisley was providing rear security when the Third Platoon was ambushed by North Vietnamese soldiers. Being surrounded, the Third Platoon was cut off and pinned down. Private Sisley remained behind and cut off all attempts by the advancing enemy soldiers to infiltrate the hasty perimeter. Remaining unassisted to protect the vulnerable rear, Private Sisley was wounded by two North Vietnamese soldiers. Undaunted, he continued to deliver effective fire on the converging enemy and drove them off. As the battle wore on, he repeatedly repulsed each renewed attack. Finally, running low on ammunition, he was struck by enemy fire and mortally wounded. Private Sisley'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, approved 25 July 1963.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

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