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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

GARNER, WILLIAM R SERGEANT 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 in the Republic of Vietnam on 8 July 1969. Sergeant Garner distinguished himself while serving as Squad Leader with the Third Platoon of Company A, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry, in the vicinity of Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. The Third Platoon was moving down a narrow jungle trail when it was ambushed by North Vietnamese soldiers employing automatic weapons, mortars, and rocket propelled grenades. In the initial barrage, the platoon leader and platoon sergeant were seriously wounded. Sergeant Garner unhesitatingly moved forward and began setting up an immediate defense. At that time, Sergeant Garner moved forward to the lead element so that he could make an evaluation of the situation. Receiving fire from all sides and with no communications, he decided to remain and fight. Inspiring his men, he moved to each position giving confidence and advice. While drawing fire upon himself, he was struck by enemy bullets and mortally wounded. Sergeant Garner'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:

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