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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

CARSON, RUSSELL B SPECIALIST FOUR Company A 1st Battalion (Airborne) 502nd
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. Specialist Carson distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader in the Third Platoon of Company A, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry, during a combat operation in Tien Phouc Province, Republic of Vietnam. The Third Platoon, moving down a trail through dense underbrush, was ambushed by a large North Vietnamese force. Inflicting heavy casualties, the enemy continued to fire mortars, rocket propelled grenades, and automatic weapons on the besieged platoon. Moving with skill and determination, Specialist Carson advanced into the midst of the engaged area and deployed his men so as to bring maximum fire power on the enemy. Seeing a North Vietnamese soldier moving in on a fellow soldier, Specialist Carson instinctively threw himself in the path of the enemy fire. Taking the full impact of fire, he shielded his teammate but in doing so he was mortally wounded. Specialist Carson'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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