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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

PERREIRA, ERROL W - PRIVATE FIRST CLASS Company B 1st Battalion (Airborne) 502d
Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star (Posthumous)

Effective month: NA

Date action: 22 May 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 22 May 1969. Private Perreira distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in Company B, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry, while on a reconnaissance in force operation south of Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam. The Second Platoon was caught by intense fire from concealed enemy positions. The initial volley of fire wounded the Kit Carson Scout attached to the platoon. Private Perreira, disregarding his own safety, went to the aid of the wounded man through intense enemy fire to move him to safety. He then rejoined his element, which was maneuvering on the enemy position. It soon became apparent that the platoon's organic weapons and determination would not be sufficient to overcome the strongly implaced enemy. It was decided to move back so that artillery and gunships could be utilized. Private Perreira stayed forward as the platoon started to move back, giving them covering fire with his own weapon. Once the platoon had pulled back a short distance, he made one last attempt to dislodge the enemy. He stood up and threw a grenade into the enemy machine gun position. He was mortally wounded in this effort, which destroyed the position of the enemy weapon. Private Perreira's extraordinary heroism 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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