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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

CHRISTIE, DONALD SERGEANT Company B 1st Battalion 502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star (Posthumous)

Effective month: NA

Date action: 13 June 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 13 June 1969. Sergeant Christie distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader with the First Platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry, on a combat operation in the Hau Duc District, Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam. The First Platoon had stopped for a break during a reconnaissance in force operation when one of Sergeant Christie's positions detected movement to its front. Sergeant Christie and several men went out to investigate the movement. A search of the area revealed nothing, and they returned to their position. A few moments later, they receive a heavy volume of automatic fire and several hand grenades. Disregarding his own safety, he used his own body as a shield to protect his men and absorb the fragments from the exploding grenades around his position. His valiant effort cost him his life, and his extraordinary courage was an inspiration to his men, who then repelled the enemy force. His 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 provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 25 July 1963.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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