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1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

WILLIAMS, BRIAN S RA11936062 (263-02-2876) Corporal Company B 2d Battalion  
(Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star

Effective month: March 1969

Date action: 20 January 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 20 January 1969. Corporal Williams distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader in Company B, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry. Company B was on a reconnaissance in force operation in the mountainous jungle near Hue, Republic of Vietnam, when Corporal Williams' platoon was ambushed by an enemy force of undetermined size, employing automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenade fire. In the initial exchange of fire, one man was killed and three were wounded. With his squad pinned down and disorganized, Corporal Williams realized that it would suffer even more serious casualties unless the enemy firepower was neutralized. With complete disregard for his own safety, Corporal Williams rallied his men and personally directed their fire toward the concealed enemy positions. Under intense enemy fire he then brought his squad on line and assaulted the North Vietnamese by fire. A sweep of the area later revealed numerous blood trails left by the fleeing North Vietnamese. Corporal Williams' 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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