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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

PHILLIPS, WILLIAM H JR  
1st Battalion (Airborne) 502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS Company

Awarded: The Silver Star  
Effective month: N/A  
Date actions: 12 March 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 12 March 1969 Private First Class Phillips distinguished himself while serving as a radio telephone operator in Company C, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry on a heliborne assault to secure a fire support base in Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. Landing on a mountain top that was occupied by a North Vietnamese Army Company, Company C encountered intense rocket propelled grenade and automatic weapons fire from enemy bunkers. After suppressing the enemy fire in his sector, Private Phillips accompanied his Commanding Officer to another location to relay orders and call in aerial support. His position suddenly began to receive heavy machine gun and rocket propelled grenade fire which forced him to pull back. Seizing a hand grenade he assaulted the enemy bunker, saw an enemy soldier emerge, and threw the grenade, hitting the insurgent in the head. The first grenade failed to explode, so he threw another, mortally wounding the enemy soldier. Moving near the bunker to care for a soldier wounded on a previous assault on the bunker, he spotted movement near the entrance. Firing into the bunker, he killed another enemy soldier as he was about to fire, then he threw another hand grenade into the bunker, destroying the fortification. Private Phillips' 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.

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