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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

BAGGS, WILLIAM F. SP4 11B20 Co C 2nd Bn (Ambl) 501st Inf  
APO SF 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star (Posthumous)

Date of service: 23 March 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under  
Provision of the Act of Congress established 9 July 1966.

Reason: For gallantry in connection with military operation against  
an opposing armed force while serving with Company C, 2d  
Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry Regiment, 101st  
Airborne Division, in the Republic of Vietnam, on 23 March  
1969. Specialist Baggs distinguished himself while serving  
as a machine gunner on a combat operation in the A Shau  
Valley, Republic of Vietnam. On the cited date, his platoon  
was moving along the base of a hill when it came under  
intense rocket propelled grenade and automatic weapons fire  
from well-camouflaged and fortified positions. During the  
initial exchange of fire, the last man and several others  
were seriously wounded. Realizing the urgency of removing  
the men from the vicinity of the enemy positions,  
Specialist Baggs completely disregarding his own safety,  
volunteered to retrieve the fallen men. He and another man  
moved toward the positions, drawing heavy enemy fire. With  
rounds hitting all around him, he reached the wounded lead  
man and pulled him out of the line of hostile fire, back  
into the security of the platoon perimeter. Seeing another  
of his comrades fall from wounds, he again crawled under  
the heavy enemy fire to administer first aid and bring the  
wounded man to a safe position. Specialist Bagg'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.

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