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Headquarters 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile)  
APO San Francisco 96383

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

TOMASZEWSKI, MICHAEL C                      SPECIALIST FOUR Company D 1st Battalion (Airmobile)  
501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star

Effective month: NA

Date action: 21 May 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 21 May 1969. Specialist Tomaszewski distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader in Company D, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, during a search and clear operation near Tam Ky in Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Tomaszewski was maneuvering with his unit against a well-entrenched enemy force occupying a hillside position. Suddenly his element was subjected to the intense fire of an enemy bunker complex, and several men were wounded and remained open to hostile fire. Specialist Tomaszewski then led his machine gun team forward in an attempt to place suppressing fire on the enemy. Crawling forward into the heavy enemy fire, he placed his life in the hands of the determined insurgents in order to maneuver his men. While he provided covering fire, the other men of his platoon evacuated the wounded to safety. With this accomplished, the men of Company D attempted to assault and destroy the enemy positions. In the ensuing battle, Specialist Tomaszewski's platoon leader was wounded and evacuated. Immediately assuming command, he led his men against the insurgents throughout the remainder of the day and kept command of his platoon until a new platoon leader was assigned several weeks later. His outstanding courage and professional leadership were an inspiration to all his men and undoubtedly contributed to the saving of many lives as well as being a major factor in the success of the assault on the enemy positions. Specialist Tomaszewski'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.

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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