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APO San Francisco 96383

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

VEIS, ROGER A) PRIVATE FIRST CLASS Company E 2d Battalion (Airborne)
501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star

Effective month: NA

Date action: 13 May 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 13 May 1969. Private Veis distinguished himself while serving as a mortar gunner in Company E, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry, at Fire Support Base Airborne, Republic of Vietnam. At approximately 0330 hours on the cited date, the fire base was attacked by an estimated North Vietnamese Army Battalion. The enemy force consisted of an infantry element, a mortar section, and sapper squads, assaulting the fire base from two sides. Within minutes, the insurgents passed through the perimeter line defense, and close combat began in bunkers and mortar positions. Private Veis continued to fire illumination rounds throughout the attack. During the attack, he was knocked away from his mortar tube three times by exploding satchel charges, only to crawl back and again begin to fire from his position. Even though wounded, he continued to fire the mortar and was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. Private Veis' 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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