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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

REID, JOHN C MAJOR INFANTRY Headquarters and Headquarters
Company 1st Battalion (Airborne) 502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star

Effective month: N/A

Date action: 25 March 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 25 March 1969. Major Reid distinguished himself while serving as Battalion S-3, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry, during a reconnaissance in force mission east of the A Shau Valley, Republic of Vietnam. Major Reid was moving with the Command Group of Company B when the lead element came under heavy automatic weapons and rocket propelled grenade fire. The First and Third Platoons were pinned down and the First Platoon had called for more ammunition. Major Reid secured the necessary ammunition and started forward under heavy fire. Once forward, he located the Third Platoon, which was pinned down by rocket propelled grenade and automatic weapons fire. During this time, the Second Platoon was maneuvering on the right flank and had also come under fire. A ninety millimeter recoilless rifle which was being used to clear the area of snipers was located with the Second Platoon. Major Reid instructed two men to watch carefully while he drew fire on an open trail in an effort to locate the enemy positions. He then proceeded to move across the trail under intense enemy fire and joined the Second Platoon, which was just beginning an assault. He then located the recoilless rifle whose gunner had been killed. He took the weapon and then assaulted with the platoon, firing the weapon as he moved. After turning the weapon over to another man, he returned to the Third Platoon which was still pinned down. He resolutely moved from man to man, encouraging them to move in an assault which succeeded in routing the enemy from their positions, leaving two enemy casualties behind. Through his courage and outstanding leadership, he contributed to the success of the mission immeasurably. Major Reid'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 provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 25 July 1963.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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