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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BRUSCHETTE, JEROME A. MAJOR INFANTRY Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2d
Battalion 502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star (Second Oak Leaf Cluster)

Effective month: NA

Date action: 9 June 1969

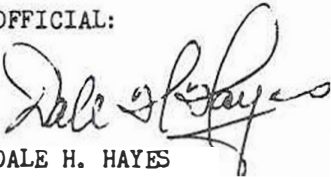
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 9 June 1969. Major Bruschette distinguished himself while serving as Operations Officer for the 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. During the early morning hours on the cited date, Viet Cong soldiers launched a massive mortar attack against Fire Support Base Currahee, Republic of Vietnam. The accuracy of the enemy fire forced all personnel in the vicinity to take cover, leaving many of the wounded laying in the open. Major Bruschette resolutely left the Battalion Tactical Operations Center and moved through the intense mortar fire to carry the wounded soldiers to safety. The barrage, which consisted of more than 50 rounds, continued for approximately two hours and during the entire time Major Bruschette risked his life moving from bunker to bunker to pull out the wounded and assist them to the aid station or to the safety of the operations bunker. As he pulled the wounded in, he used his body as a shield until such time as he was able to get the man to a safe area. In one instance, he moved through the barrage to the artillery fire center which had taken a direct hit, pulled out the wounded, and then directed medical aidmen to the position. He reestablished the artillery unit's chain of command and organized the evacuation procedures. Major Bruschette'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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