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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (THIRD OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

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 (THIRD Oak Leaf Cluster)

Effective month: NA

Date action: 15 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 15 June 1969. Major Bruschette distinguished himself while serving as Battalion Operations Officer, 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry, in the Republic of Vietnam. In the early morning hours on the cited date, a North Vietnamese Army sapper company launched an attack against Fire Support Base Currahee. The initial contact seriously wounded the perimeter defense officer and his platoon leader. Major Bruschette immediately carried the wounded platoon leader through rocket propelled grenade and small arms fire to the aid station 200 meters away. Upon returning to the bunker line, he discovered two enemy soldiers attempting to penetrate the perimeter. He assaulted their position and silenced them. For the remainder of the attack, he moved from position to position reorganizing the troops and directing the redistribution of ammunition and the utilization of the reaction force. In the morning after the attack, he led a small team on a sweep of the perimeter when five insurgents, hiding in a depression, fired a rocket propelled grenade which wounded Major Bruschette. Assaulting and firing as he advanced, he single-handedly silenced all five enemy soldiers. As a result of his actions, only six friendly troops were wounded during the five hour defense of the fire base. 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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