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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

ROCKETT, DAVID A. 1LT 1542 Co A 2d Bn (Aml) 501st Inf (WACNAO)
APO SF 96383 Inf

Awarded: The Silver Star (Posthumous)

Date of service: 20 February 1970

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963.

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 20 February 1970. Lieutenant Hockett distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader with Company A, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, while his platoon was conducting a reconnaissance-in-force operation north of Fire Support Base Veghel, Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Hockett's lead squad suddenly received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from a well-concealed enemy force. After directing the remainder of his element to find cover, Lieutenant Hockett rushed forward to the area of contact where he saw the platoon's lead man laying on the trail. With complete disregard for his personal safety Lieutenant Hockett boldly ran forward to assist the wounded man. Despite intense hostile fire he managed to reach the lead man and began to carry him to cover. While carrying the injured man Lieutenant Hockett was mortally wounded by the North Vietnamese fire. Lieutenant Hockett'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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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