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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

GOATES, DONALD R. CPT 1542 Co A 2d Bn (Aml) 501st Inf (WACNAO)  
APO SF 96383 IN

Awarded: The Silver Star

Date of service: 27 August 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 27 August 1970. Captain Goates distinguished himself while serving as commanding officer of Company A, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry in Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. While leading a patrol through thick jungle undergrowth on a reconnaissance mission, Captain Goates suddenly came face to face with an enemy soldier who was about to engage the element. Reacting instantly, Captain Goates grabbed the hostile soldier's weapon and attempted to wrest it from him. During the ensuing struggle, the weapon discharged and Captain Goates was severely wounded. Despite his wound, he continued the struggle and succeeded in disarming the enemy, forcing him to flee. Captain Goates' actions averted an ambush situation and kept his unit from sustaining any casualties. Captain Goates' 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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