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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

MITCHELL, JAMES E CPT 1542 Co A 2d Bn (Aml) 501st Inf (WACMAO)
APO SF 96383 III

Awarded: The Silver Star (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date of service: 29 April 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 29 April 1970. Captain Mitchell distinguished himself while serving as commanding officer of Company A, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, defending Fire Support Base Granite, Republic of Vietnam. When the firebase came under attack from an enemy sapper force supported by grenade and mortar fire, Captain Mitchell rallied his men for a counterattack. Despite intense enemy fire, he moved from position to position to brief his men on assaulting a helicopter pad which had been overrun by the insurgents. From an exposed position atop the command post bunker, Captain Mitchell co-ordinated the counter-attack and directed his men in successfully retaking the helicopter pad. His actions contributed greatly to the successful defense of the firebase. While leading a sweep of the perimeter the following morning, Captain Mitchell detected enemy movement and at great risk personally captured a North Vietnamese Army soldier. Captain Mitchell'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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