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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

MITCHELL, JAMES E.
APO SF 96383 IN

CPT 1542 Co A 2d Bn (Aml) 501st Inf (WACMAO)

Awarded: The Silver Star (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date of action: 6 May 1970

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

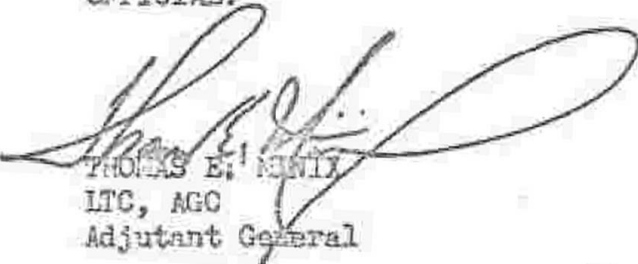
Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963.

Reason: For gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 6 May 1970. Captain Mitchell distinguished himself while serving as company commander of Company A, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, during a co-ordinated indirect fire and sapper attack on Fire Support Base Henderson, Republic of Vietnam. Leaving the security of his company command post when the firebase came under an attack, Captain Mitchell moved to an exposed position to direct aerial rocket artillery fire on the enemy. Though he sustained a shrapnel wound in the head, he continued to direct aerial rocket artillery and engaged the advancing sappers with small arms fire. Captain Mitchell contributed greatly to the successful defense of the besieged firebase. 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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THOMAS E. MINIX
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