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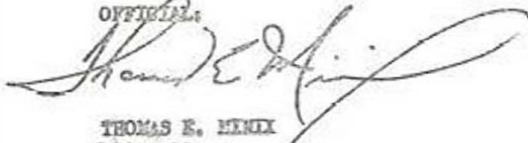
TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

MITCHELL, JAMES E CPT 1542 Co A 2d Bn (Auhl) 501st Inf (WACSB)
APO SF 96333 IH

Awarded: The Silver Star
Date of service: 23 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 23 April 1970. Captain Mitchell distinguished himself while serving as company commander of Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry, near Fire Support Base Granite, Republic of Vietnam. While set up in night defensive positions, Captain Mitchell's unit was engaged by hostile small arms and grenade fire. Captain Mitchell immediately directed air and artillery support onto the hostile positions. Despite severe wounds, he accurately adjusted the artillery and led his men against the hostile element. As a result of his actions the enemy force was repulsed. 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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