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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

HICHOL, ROBERT H SSG 11B40 Co A 2d Bn (Ambl) 501st Inf (WACNAO) AFO SF 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star

Date of service: 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: Sergeant Nichol distinguished himself while serving as a platoon sergeant in Company A, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, during combat operations at Fire Support Base Henderson, Republic of Vietnam. When the firebase came under a co-ordinated mortar and sapper attack, the ammunition dump caught fire, isolating a reconnaissance platoon from the rest of the company. Sergeant Nichol led his platoon to the area to reinforce the isolated element, and, despite the intense enemy fire and the danger of the munitions exploding, he administered first aid to the wounded and supervised their evacuation. Sergeant Fichol was instrumental in the medical treatment and evacuation of the wounded and the successful defense of the firebase. Sergeant Lichol'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:

OFFICIAL: THOMAS E. MIN LTC, AGC Adjutant General

HUGH A. MACDONALD Colonel, GS Chief of Staff

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