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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

MUELLENBACH, ROBERT J. SSG 11B40 Co B 1st Bn (Aml) 502d Inf
(WACPBO) APO SF 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star (Posthumous)

Date of service: 5 August 1970

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

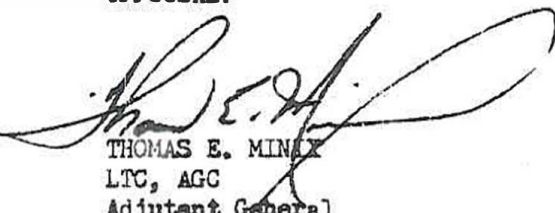
Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 5 August 1970. Sergeant Muellenbach distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader in Company B, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, during a reconnaissance patrol in Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. While moving along a trail, the lead element of Sergeant Muellenbach's unit came under intense fire from enemy soldiers situated in a bunker. Subjecting himself to the enemy fire, Sergeant Muellenbach maneuvered to the point of most intense contest and assisted his men in gaining fire superiority and repulsing the hostile soldiers. He then led an assault and sweep of the area, during which a second enemy bunker was spotted. Sergeant Muellenbach was advancing with the machine gun team to perform a reconnaissance-by-fire when a hostile land mine was detonated mortally wounding him. His actions under fire, however, had enabled his men to overcome the enemy threat. Sergeant Muellenbach'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.

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