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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

CLAY, HERMAN A. PFC 11E10 Co B 2d Bn (Aml) 501st Inf (WACNED) APO SF  
96383

Awarded: The Silver Star (Posthumous)

Date of service: 9 April 1970

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

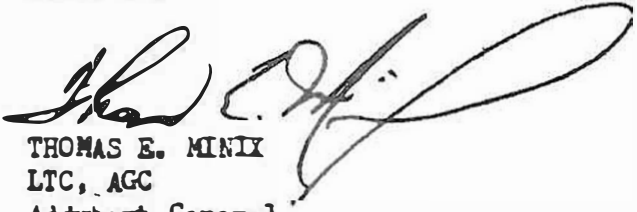
Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963.

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 9 April 1970. Private Clay distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in Company B, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, in Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. While set up with his squad in a defensive position on a hill top, Private Clay detected movement to his front and immediately alerted the rest of his squad. Upon investigation he sighted a North Vietnamese Army soldier in the brush preparing to fire at his comrades. Private Clay jumped up into the enemy soldier's line of fire, engaged him with rifle fire, and sacrificed his own life to save the lives of several of his fellow soldiers. His actions were an inspiration to his comrades. Private Clay'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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