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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

MARKS, JOHN SP4 91B20 Co B 2d Bn (Ambl) 501st Inf (WACNBO) APO
SF 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star

Date of service: 9 April 1970

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

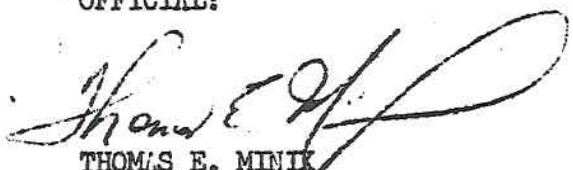
Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963.

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 9 April 1970. Specialist Marks distinguished himself while serving as a medical aidman in Company B, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, during combat action in Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. When the lead element of his unit was overrun by an enemy force, Specialist Marks immediately volunteered to join a reaction force. After maneuvering to the point of contact, Specialist Marks braved the intense small arms fire to aid the wounded. Moving through the enemy barrage, he administered emergency treatment to severely wounded soldiers and directed his comrades in treating the others. Upon the arrival of medical evacuation helicopters, Specialist Marks moved outside the defensive perimeter to assist in the extraction of wounded personnel. His actions were instrumental in saving many lives. Specialist Marks' 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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