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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

LASSETER, KENNETH L  
APO SF 96383

SGT 11B40 Co C 1st Bn (Amb) 501st Inf (ACMFC)

Awarded: The Silver Star (Posthumous)

Date of service: 7 February 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 7 February 1970. Sergeant Lasseter distinguished himself while serving as a team leader in the 2d Platoon, Company C, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, while conducting an ambush northwest of the city of Hue, Republic of Vietnam. Shortly before midnight, Sergeant Lasseter detected movement to the front of his position and moved to an area of limited cover to observe the situation. Discovering an enemy force rapidly advancing and about to overrun his position, he acted immediately. Engaging the enemy force with small arms fire and shouting instructions to his men, he drew the enemy's attention to his location. He remained at his own site and fired hand illumination to reveal the enemy force. Being unable to gain fire superiority, the enemy force broke contact. As it fled, Sergeant Lasseter was struck down and fatally wounded. His gallantry and sacrifice undoubtedly saved the lives of all his men, accounted for the killing of three enemy soldiers and the capture of three enemy weapons, and contributed immeasurably to the accomplishment of his appointed mission. Sergeant Lasseter'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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