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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

DILLON, GERALD F  
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LT 71542 Co C 2d Bn (Amb) 502d Inf (AACCC)

Awarded: The Silver Star

Date of service: 3 May 1970

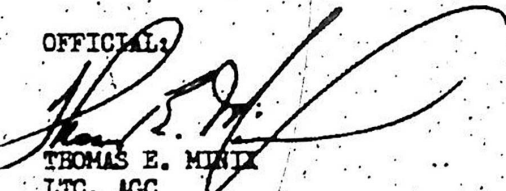
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

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

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 3 May 1970. Lieutenant Dillon distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader in Company C, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, during combat operations near Fire Support Base Vaghel, Republic of Vietnam. While on a reconnaissance patrol, Lieutenant Dillon's platoon came under heavy fire from an enemy bunker complex. Lieutenant Dillon immediately rushed to the area of contact, led his platoon in an assault on the bunker complex, and moved to the foremost position in the assault to direct fire on the insurgents. Despite hostile automatic weapons, rocket propelled grenades, satchel charges, and hand grenades, Lieutenant Dillon moved from position to position insuring that the wounded had been moved to safety and directing aerial rocket artillery fire. Though wounded, he refused evacuation and continued firing on the enemy and directing his platoon until the enemy bunker complex was captured. Lieutenant Dillon'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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