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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

PEARSON, BOYD D SP4 11B20 Co C 2d Bn (Ambl) 502d Inf (WACQCO)  
APO SF 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star

Date of service: 5 May 1970

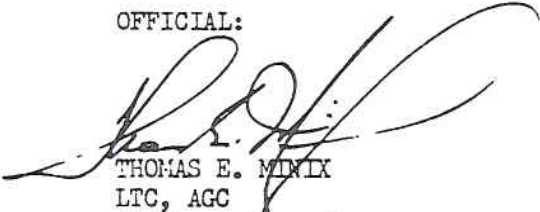
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

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 May 1970. Specialist Pearson distinguished himself while serving as a machine gunner in Company C, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, during combat operations near Fire Support Base Veghel, Republic of Vietnam. While attacking an enemy bunker complex, Specialist Pearson's unit received intense automatic weapons and grenade fire. When heavy resistance at one bunker slowed the attack, Specialist Pearson volunteered to assault the position. Despite intense hostile fire, he moved to within several meters of the enemy position but his machine gun malfunctioned. Grabbing a pistol, he successfully engaged an insurgent at close range and continued to assault the bunker with the sidearm as his only weapon. As a result of his actions, the position was silenced, enabling his unit to continue the attack and eventually overrun the entire bunker complex. Specialist Pearson'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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