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Headquarters 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile)
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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

CICCOLELLA, CHARLES S. CPT 1542 Co. E, 2d Bn (Aml), 502d Inf (WAC) (EO)
APO SF 96333 IN

Awarded: The Silver Star

Date of service: 29 September 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.

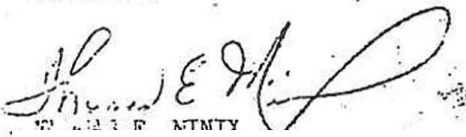
Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 29 September 1970.

Captain Ciccolella distinguished himself while serving as commanding officer of Company E, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, during combat operations on Fire Base Whip, Republic of Vietnam. When the firebase came under an intense enemy mortar barrage, Captain Ciccolella left the safety of his bunker to direct mortar counter fire. Despite the continuing enemy fire, he led his men from covered positions to the mortars, and, maneuvering from position to position, insured that accurate return fire was being placed on the enemy. Again subjecting himself to the intense barrage, Captain Ciccolella organized and led two recoilless rifle teams across the firebase to bring direct fire on the enemy. His actions were instrumental in silencing the enemy positions. Captain Ciccolella'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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