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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

VANCE, KERRY L. SP4 91E20 HHC 1st Bn (Aml) 501st Inf (WACMT0) APO SF
96383

Awarded: The Silver Star (Posthumous)

Date of service: 21 April 1970

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

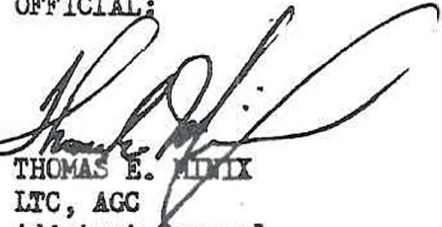
Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of
the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963.

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 21 April 1970. Specialist
Vance distinguished himself while serving as a medical aidman in Company B, 1st
Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, during combat operations near Fire Support
Base Jack, Republic of Vietnam. While on a reconnaissance patrol, Specialist
Vance's unit was ambushed by an enemy element. The lead man was wounded in the
initial contact and Specialist Vance volunteered to attempt to reach and treat
him. Despite intense hostile fire, Specialist Vance left his protected position
and crawled toward his wounded comrade. As Specialist Vance approached, however,
he was mortally wounded by the enemy fire. His willingness to help a wounded
comrade was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. Specialist Vance'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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