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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.

DISTER, ARTHUR C. JR.
APO SF 96383 IN

LTC 71542 HHC 1st Bn (Aml) 501st Inf (WACMFC)

Awarded: The Silver Star

Date of service: 13 March 1971

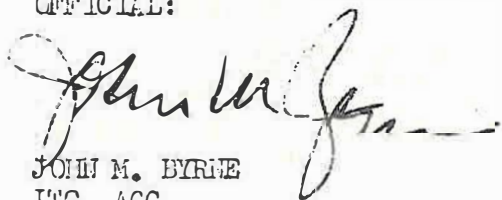
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

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 while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Colonel Dister distinguished himself on 13 March 1971 while serving as Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, on a combat operation in Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam. When Lieutenant Colonel Dister's helicopter, preparing to land at his company's field location, came under intense hostile fire, he detected numerous enemy positions. Jumping from the craft, Lieutenant Colonel Dister moved to an open area, and despite the extreme danger, called for and directed artillery fire on the enemy emplacements. Although seriously wounded, he remained exposed to the hostile onslaught and continued directing the artillery attack until he could be medically evacuated. Lieutenant Colonel Dister's gallantry in action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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