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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUSLY)

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1. The following AWARD is announced.

FAIRCLOTH, JOHNIE W.   STAFF SERGEANT E-6 United States Army
  Awarded: Silver Star (Posthumously)
  Date action: 18 September 1965
  Theater: Republic of Vietnam
  Reason: For gallantry in action: Staff Sergeant Faircloth distinguished
            himself by heroic action on 18 September 1965 while serving as a
            rifle squad leader in an airborne infantry battalion on 2 heli-
            borne search and destroy operations in the Republic of Vietnam.
            Almost immediately after landing, Sergeant Faircloth's element
            was pinned down by enemy small arms fire. The unit received
            instructions to move forth to link up with the main force
            approximately 600 meters away. With enemy sniper fire coming
            from the west, and knowing the small unit was completely
            surrounded by enemy forces, Sergeant Faircloth, with complete
            disregard for his own personal safety, led the first element of
            the unit north. After moving approximately 20 meters, the
            element came under a heavy volume of small arms and machine gun
            fire. Sergeant Faircloth was wounded and fell to the ground,
            signaling the other members of the element to return to the
            unit's positions. He refused to accept medical aid for him-
            self knowing that it might result in another casualty. Sergeant
            Faircloth was wounded several more times by enemy machine gun
            fire and died on the battle field. His fearlessness and
            genuine concern for his subordinates in the face of his own
            peril was an inspiration to the entire unit. Staff Sergeant
            Faircloth's unimpeachable valor in close combat against numer-
            ically superior forces was in keeping with the highest traditions
            of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself,
            his unit, and the United States Army.
  Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the
              Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918, and USARPAC Message
              16300, dated 17 August 1965.