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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUSLY)

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

TAYLOR, ROYALD E. STAFF SERGEANT 4-6 United States Army
 Co B, 2nd Bn (Abn), 502nd Inf, 101st Abn Div, APO US Forces 96327

Awarded: Silver Star (Posthumously)

Date action: 18 September 1965

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Staff Sergeant Taylor distinguished himself by heroic action on 18 September 1965 while serving as squad leader in an airborne infantry battalion on a helicopter search and destroy operation in the Republic of Vietnam. Almost immediately after landing, the small unit was pinned down by a heavy volume of hostile small arms fire. One man was killed and one was wounded as the element attempted to push out of the defensive perimeter to line up with the main force. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Taylor immediately moved under intense enemy fire to the wounded man, he picked him up and began to carry him to safety. As he was returning to the defensive position, he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. The wounded man he rescued was later evacuated to safety. Staff Sergeant Taylor's valorous actions in close combat against an overwhelming enemy force 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 USAFAC Message 16300, dated 17 August 1965.

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