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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

TO 439. The following AWARD is announced.

PISENO, RAYMOND R. JR. [REDACTED] 2LT 1542 Co D 2d Bn (Asmb) 327th Inf
(WACHDO) APO SF 96383 Inf

Awarded: The Silver Star (Posthumous)

Date of service: 11 December 1969

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 on 11 December 1969, Lieutenant Piseño distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader in Company D, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 327th Infantry, near Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Piseño was on an ambush patrol, assigned to cover a known enemy infiltration route used to enter the small village of Truoi, southeast of Hue. An estimated squad size element of North Vietnamese soldiers was spotted nearing the kill zone of the ambush. After the insurgents had fully entered the zone, he initiated the ambush. Immediately, the enemy force attempted to gain fire superiority and returned intense rocket propelled grenades and small arms fire. Lieutenant Piseño repeatedly subjected himself to the enemy fire while moving from position to position directing the fire of his men. Realizing they were no match for the speed of American troops, the enemy soldiers began to withdraw under sporadic delaying fire. Immediately, Lieutenant Piseño rallied his men and moved out in pursuit, while adjusting artillery blocking and illumination fires. Spotting a lone North Vietnamese soldier to his left flank, he assaulted the enemy soldier, leveling accurate fire from his M-16 rifle, and killed the insurgent. However, one round from the enemy soldier's rifle had struck Lieutenant Piseño, mortally wounding him. As a result of his actions and inspiring leadership, five North Vietnamese soldiers were killed, and three AK-47 assault rifles and numerous documents captured. Lieutenant Piseño'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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