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TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JULY 9, 1918
HAS AWARDED

THE SILVER STAR

(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

CAPTAIN ROBERT F. WOODHOUSE JR., UNITED STATES ARMY

FOR
GALLANTRY IN ACTION

IN VIETNAM ON 6 MAY 1970

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 14TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 19 70

Kenneth G. Wickham

KENNETH G. WICKHAM
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General



Stanley R. Resor

SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
APO San Francisco 96222

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 3894

18 July 1970

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)
(POSTHUMOUSLY)

1. TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

WOODHOUSE, ROBERT F. JR. 063-36-5457 CPT INF USA Adv Tm 2 I CTZ
APO 96260

Awarded: Silver Star (First Oak Leaf Cluster) (Posthumously)

Date of service: 6 May 1970

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of
the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918

Reason: For gallantry in action: Captain Woodhouse distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 6 May 1970 while serving as Senior Battalion Advisor, 1st Battalion, 5th Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam. On this date Captain Woodhouse was advising the 1st Battalion during a combat patrol in the Hiep Duc District, I Corps Tactical Zone. As the unit was completing a resupply mission, the headquarters element and one rifle company came under attack by a well-coordinated, heavily-armed enemy force. During the initial movements of contact, a barrage of hostile mortar, rocket, and automatic weapons fire wounded several Vietnamese soldiers and pinned down the friendly force. Captain Woodhouse, completely disregarding the imminent danger to his life, twice ran through the hail of enemy fire in an attempt to rally the troops and aid the commander in organizing a counterattack. As the battle continued, the unit split into two elements, leaving one directly in the area of concentrated hostile fire. Captain Woodhouse again exposed himself to the withering enemy fire as he moved forward to rescue the wounded soldiers. He led them 1500 meters through sporadic rocket fire to reach a secure area, where he organized a landing zone and directed medical evacuation missions for the most seriously wounded. His courage and calm reaction to an extremely critical situation was directly responsible for saving the lives of several Vietnamese. Captain Woodhouse's conspicuous gallantry in action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflected great credit upon himself and the military service.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

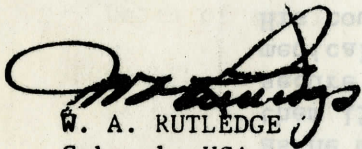
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FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

W. G. DOLVIN
Major General, USA
Chief of Staff



W. A. RUTLEDGE
Colonel, USA
Adjutant General

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