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I. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS. By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963, the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action is awarded posthumously to:

Sergeant *Daniel M. Noeldner*, 503-54-8664, United States Army, who distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism while serving as a senior medical aidman assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 35th Infantry, near Pleiku, Republic of Vietnam, on 6 March 1969. On that day Sergeant *Noeldner* was serving with Company D, 2d Battalion, when it was ambushed by a force of the North Vietnamese Army. Several men in the point element were hit by the initial volley of fire and the cry for "Medic" was heard. Completely disregarding the intensity of the enemy attack and his own safety, Sergeant *Noeldner* rushed forward to the side of his wounded comrades. While treating the first man that he reached, he was wounded in the thigh. Refusing medical treatment for himself, he continued to assist the wounded while repeatedly exposing himself to the fire of the enemy force. Shortly thereafter he was again hit by enemy rounds while assisting his fellow soldiers. While attempting to bandage himself to stop the profuse bleeding another medic came to his aid, but Sergeant *Noeldner* directed him to check the other injured men. Although the crippling effect of his wounds prevented him from continuing his gallant mission, Sergeant *Noeldner* had significantly contributed to saving the lives of two men at the sacrifice of his own. His extraordinary heroism at the cost of his own life, above and beyond the call of duty, was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflects great credit upon him and the Armed Forces of his country.

II. SILVER STAR. 1. By direction of the President, under provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918, a Silver Star for gallantry in action is awarded to:

Captain *William D. Besselieu, Jr.*, 261-58-0075, Field Artillery, United States Army, who distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 24-27 June 1969 while serving as an advisor to an allied artillery battalion during operations against a hostile force in Southeast Asia. On 24 June 1969 the allied position at which Captain *Besselieu* was located came under attack by three North Vietnamese battalions. After 16 hours of enemy shellings and assaults, Captain *Besselieu* volunteered to remain with the position during the night. His control of friendly artillery and close air support was instrumental in the successful defense of 24 June. Throughout that night and during the next three days