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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUS)

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

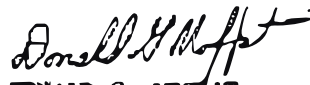
SETTLEMIRE, WILLIAM D. FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY USA
Co A, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO US Forces 96347
Awarded: Silver Star (Posthumously)
Date action: 9 February 1966
Theater: Republic of Vietnam
Reason: For gallantry in action: First Lieutenant Settlemire distinguished himself on 9 February 1966 while serving as platoon leader on a reconnaissance mission to secure a landing zone for a medical evacuation southwest of Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam. At approximately 2000 hours, while nearing the intended landing zone, his platoon received intense automatic weapons fire from close range on three sides. Although wounded in the initial engagement, First Lieutenant Settlemire refused medical aid, valiantly rallied his men, and moved them into a hasty perimeter. While exposed to the hostile fire, he continued to brave almost certain death as he moved from man to man to locate the wounded, direct their evacuation, encourage his men, and point out targets to them. While First Lieutenant Settlemire was moving to rally his men in a counterattack, he was hit again and mortally wounded. Though their leader had fallen, the momentum of the counterattack enabled his men to rout the Viet Cong force. First Lieutenant Settlemire's actions were 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.

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