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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUS)

DEISHER, LAWRENCE J. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
Co A, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awardee: Silver Star (Posthumously)

Date action: 9 June 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Private First Class Deisher distinguished himself on 9 June 1966 while serving as a member of a squad on a combat operation near Dak To, Republic of Vietnam. When his squad was engaged by a large Viet Cong force, Private First Class Deisher while exposed to the hostile fire, killed two Viet Cong. He continued to place suppressive fire on the insurgents to enable his squad to move to good defensive positions. Because of the numerical superiority of the Viet Cong force and intense hostile machine gun fire, the squad was pinned down. Private First Class Deisher, with complete disregard for his safety, moved forward under the supporting fire of his squad and assaulted to within fifteen meters of the hostile machine gun emplacement. He killed two Viet Cong with a well placed hand grenade before he was mortally wounded by a burst of hostile fire. Private First Class Deisher's unimpeachable valor in close combat against a numerically superior Viet Cong force was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects 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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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