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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MOFFITT, JAMES G SERGEANT E5 United States Army
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96307
Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 7 June 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reasons: For gallantry in action: Sergeant Moffitt distinguished himself on 7 June 1966 while serving as a squad leader during a search and destroy mission near Dak To, Republic of Vietnam. While his squad was providing security for an artillery battery, a large Viet Cong force suddenly opened fire on the squad. Although he was receiving intense hostile fire from four sides, Sergeant Moffitt, with complete disregard for his safety, began to maneuver his men out of the encirclement. During the ensuing battle, he personally killed three Viet Cong. After successfully rejoining his company, Sergeant Moffitt skillfully deployed his squad along the defensive perimeter, formed an assault line, and charged the insurgent positions, forcing the Viet Cong to withdraw. As the insurgents disappeared into the jungle, he returned with his men to their original positions. Through his courage and outstanding leadership, he contributed immeasurably to the defeat of the attacking Viet Cong. Sergeant Moffitt's extraordinary heroism in close combat against a numerically superior hostile 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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