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I. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MARSHOK, JOHN A JR FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY United States Army
Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, APO San Francisco 96347.

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 9 November 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: Gallantry in action: First Lieutenant Marshok's platoon was on a mission to reinforce a beleaguered sister platoon which had been twice repelled from an enemy position. Upon reaching his destination, Lieutenant Marshok immediately moved the casualties to a centralized location in preparation for medical evacuation. After making a reconnaissance of the area, Lieutenant Marshok discovered that the enemy positions were well fortified with heavy machine guns and mortars. In an attempt to overrun the enemy positions, Lieutenant Marshok led his platoon in a flanking assault while the Second Platoon laid down a base of fire but the platoon was driven back by a tremendous volume of fire. Immediately Lieutenant Marshok reorganized both platoons and directed artillery fire on enemy positions to within one hundred meters of his own position. When the artillery barrage was lifted Lieutenant Marshok personally led the two platoons in a successful assault on the enemy positions and secured the area so that the casualties could be safely evacuated. Lieutenant Marshok's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his devotion to duty are in keeping within the highest military traditions and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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