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1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ROBERSON, WALTER J

STAFF SERGEANT E6 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: Staff Sergeant Roberson's platoon was given the mission to reinforce a platoon which had become pinned down by a numerically superior enemy force. As the platoon moved on line Sergeant Roberson's squad assumed the right flank position. As the platoon maneuvered up the hill it was suddenly brought under fire by an enemy element on the right flank and immediately received three casualties. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Roberson moved forward under intense enemy fire and personally brought the three wounded men to safety. As the platoon aidman started to move forward he also was wounded. Sergeant Roberson without hesitation, moved forward again and brought his wounded comrade to safety. For a second time the platoon attacked the enemy positions, only to be beaten back by extremely intense enemy fire. As the advance was halted, Sergeant Roberson moved from man to man giving them encouragement and checking to see that none of them had been wounded. As Sergeant Roberson moved towards the right flank he observed that one man's weapon had jammed and at almost the same time another man had been wounded. Realizing that the right flank was in jeopardy, Sergeant Roberson charged the enemy position and laid down suppressive fire into the enemy position, enabling another squad to shift to the right flank. Sergeant Roberson personally placed the new squad into position even though he was exposed to intense enemy fire. When the order was given to move off the hill so that supporting artillery fire could be called in, Sergeant Roberson personally saw to it that not only his squad but the entire platoon had moved from the hill before he himself withdrew. When the platoon reorganized for another assault, Sergeant Roberson personally led his men in the assault and succeeded in over-running the enemy position. Sergeant Roberson's outstanding display of leadership and gallantry in action is in keeping with the highest military traditions and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

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