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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MELTON, ROBERT C. FIRST SERGEANT E8 United States Army
Co C, 2d Bn, 502d Inf, 13th Avn Bn, APO US Forces 96215

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 7 February 1966


Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: First Sergeant Melton distinguished himself on 7 February 1966 while participating in a company assault on a Viet Cong village near My Canh, Republic of Vietnam. During the initial attack on the village, First Sergeant Melton courageously moved through intense hostile fire to within fifteen meters of a Viet Cong machine gun bunker to carry a wounded man to a covered position for treatment. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he returned to the scene of the vicious fighting three additional times to evacuate casualties. When reinforcements arrived and began suffering casualties, First Sergeant Melton again moved onto the battlefield to within ten meters of a hostile automatic weapons position to carry a seriously wounded man to safety. Throughout the battle, he exposed himself to intense hostile fire while recovering his wounded comrades, and directing the fires of his men. First Sergeant Melton's actions were instrumental in saving many lives and enabled his company to complete its mission. His unimpeachable valor and devotion to duty in close combat against a numerically superior hostile force 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 1916.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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