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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUS)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced,

ELLMAN, JOSEPH R. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
Co C, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star (Posthumously)

Date action: 9 June 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Private First Class Ellman distinguished himself on 9 June 1966 while serving as a radio-telephone operator for the company commander during a search and destroy mission near Dak To, Republic of Vietnam. When his company received intense hostile fire from well-fortified Viet Cong positions, Private First Class Ellman exposed himself to better his communications with higher echelons and subordinate leaders. Although he was critically wounded during the ensuing battle, Private First Class Ellman continued to operate his radio for ten hours. When the Viet Cong launched another attack, Private First Class Ellman maintained radio contact and remained with his company commander until he was mortally wounded. Through his courage, he contributed immeasurably to the defeat of the Viet Cong force. Private First Class Ellman'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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