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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

AGUILA, LUIS A. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army  
Co C, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Ade, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 11 May 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Private First Class Aguila distinguished himself on 11 May 1966 during a search and destroy mission near Bu Gia Map, Republic of Vietnam. As his unit was moving through the dense jungle, it suddenly received intense hostile fire from a well-entrenched Viet Cong force. Observing that an insurgent machine gun was hampering the assault, Private First Class Aguila maneuvered through the intense fire to a position approximately 30 meters from the Viet Cong emplacement. When one of his hand grenades fell short of the target, Private First Class Aguila moved even closer to the position, threw a second hand grenade, destroyed the machine gun and killed the two Viet Cong defenders. Through his courage and determination, he contributed immeasurably to the defeat of the Viet Cong force. Private First Class Aguila'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 COMMANDERS



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