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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUS)

1. TC 920. The following AWARD is announced.

HANNA, ROBERT PLATOON SERGEANT E7 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

Reasons For gallantry in action: Platoon Sergeant Hanna distinguished himself on 9 June 1966 during a search and destroy mission near Dak To, Republic of Vietnam. After evacuating a severe heat casualty through dense jungle terrain, Platoon Sergeant Hanna returned to the battalion command post. Without stopping for rest, he volunteered to return to his platoon which was located two kilometers away. Shortly after joining his unit, the platoon suddenly received intense hostile fire from a well-entrenched Viet Cong force. Although he was fully exposed to the Viet Cong fire, Platoon Sergeant Hanna fearlessly moved to the head of the column in an effort to ascertain the situation. Observing that the Viet Cong had excellent fortified positions and fields of fire, he immediately organized his platoon and directed fire and maneuver movements. When Platoon Sergeant Hanna personally led an assault to within fifteen meters of a Viet Cong emplacement, his platoon leader was mortally wounded. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Platoon Sergeant Hanna delivered suppressive fire onto the insurgent positions, killing one and wounding several others. While moving to the aid of a wounded comrade, Platoon Sergeant Hanna was mortally wounded by Viet Cong fire. Through his courage and outstanding leadership, he contributed immeasurably to the eventual defeat of the Viet Cong force. Platoon Sergeant Hanna'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.