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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MAY, ANDREW J. JR. STAFF SERGEANT E6 United States Army
Co C, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 6 February 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Staff Sergeant May distinguished himself on 6 February 1966 while serving as a platoon sergeant during a reconnaissance operation near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam. While moving toward their objective, Staff Sergeant May's squad received intense hostile fire. Staff Sergeant May deployed his men and continued forward. As his squad advanced, two troopers were wounded. Staff Sergeant May immediately threw grenades at the hostile position, killing a Viet Cong. With complete disregard for his safety, he braved hostile fire while assisting a wounded comrade. Carrying the injured man, he moved across open rice paddies to an evacuation point. Undaunted by the Viet Cong fire, he returned to his squad and gave the order to withdraw. He then took one man with him to provide covering fire while he moved to the other wounded trooper and managed to extract him. Later, he led an element into the village of Canh Tinh. While entering the area, his squad was again subjected to hostile fire. During the course of action, Staff Sergeant May assaulted a house occupied by a Viet Cong sniper and killed him with a well-placed grenade. Moving to the rear of the house, he encountered another Viet Cong in a bunker. Unhesitatingly Staff Sergeant May pulled another grenade from his belt and threw it into the bunker, killing the insurgent. Staff Sergeant May's courageous actions inspired his men to successfully complete their mission. His extraordinary heroism in close combat against a numerically superior Viet Cong 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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