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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SCHROEDER, DONALD B. MAJOR INFANTRY United States Army  
MHC, 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: Major Schroeder distinguished himself on 6 February 1966 while serving as task force commander of a battalion size force which was engaged with a Viet Cong force defending the well-fortified village of Canh Tinh, Republic of Vietnam. Major Schroeder, while receiving hostile fire, courageously moved about the battlefield with complete disregard for his safety. On one occasion, he moved across seventy-five meters of open area to insure that all of his elements were coordinated. Major Schroeder then contacted the company commander of a reserve company and personally guided him into his sector. Throughout the remainder of the night, Major Schroeder calmly reported the developing situation of his task force. He directed aggressive patrols in pursuit of elements that were trying to break contact and cleared scattered pockets of resistance remaining in the village. His actions during the assault served as an inspiration to all and contributed immeasurably to the overwhelming victory. Major Schroeder's unimpeachable valor 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.