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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

KIRTLLEY, GEORGE K. SPECIALIST FOUR EA United States Army
 HHC, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 10 May 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Specialist Four Kirtley distinguished himself on 10 May 1966 while serving as a medic during a combat mission near Bu Gia Map, Republic of Vietnam. When a platoon sustained numerous casualties during a vicious battle, Specialist Four Kirtley immediately ran through intense hostile fire to the aid of his comrades. Since he was unable to move the injured men, because of the intense Viet Cong fire, he moved from position to position on the fire swept battlefield and administered first aid. When the large Viet Cong force threatened to overrun his position, Specialist Four Kirtley delivered suppressive fire on the attacking insurgents. Although the Viet Cong maneuvered within fifteen meters of his position, he refused to abandon his stricken comrades. When the remainder of the platoon arrived and sustained an additional casualty, Specialist Four Kirtley again exposed himself to the hostile fire to assist the injured man. Assured that all casualties had been treated, he then moved to the body of a dead comrade, defended his body, and denied the Viet Cong his equipment and weapon. Specialist Four Kirtley'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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