

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM
APO San Francisco 96307

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 2003

1 April 1966

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

GOI, MONTE F. SPECIALIST FOUR E4 United States Army
HHC, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO US Forces 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 7 February 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Specialist Four Cox distinguished himself on 7 February 1966 while serving as a medical aidman during a combat mission near the village of My Canh, Republic of Vietnam. As Specialist Four Cox's platoon crossed a canal enroute to their objective, they encountered intense small arms and machine gun fire. During the initial volley of fire, several casualties were sustained. Unmindful of the intense hostile fire, Specialist Four Cox moved across an open rice paddy to render first aid to his wounded comrades who were twenty meters from the entrenched Viet Cong. Having treated one man, he crawled to within five meters of a Viet Cong machine gun position to administer medical treatment to another wounded trooper. Immediately after rendering first aid, he picked up the man and carried him seventy-five meters through intense hostile fire to a covered position. Specialist Four Cox then returned, administered first aid to another wounded man, picked him up, and carried him across the same field through intense hostile fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Specialist Four Cox again returned through fifty meters of completely exposed battlefield to reach the wounded, treat their wounds, and direct others to carry them to cover. When all the wounded were evacuated, Specialist Four Cox left the battlefield. Through his courage, outstanding professional ability, and devotion to duty, he saved the lives of at least four American soldiers. The heroic actions of Specialist Four Cox were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect 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.