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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. GC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

RANEY, RONALD J. SPECIALIST FIVE E5, United States Army,
HHC, 2d Bn (Atr), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO US Forces 96347

Awarded: Silver Star (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 6 February 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Specialist Five Raney distinguished himself on 6 February 1966, while serving as a member of a company during a combat operation near the village of Cant Tinh, Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Five Raney was moving with the company command element when a radio operator was seriously wounded in an open field. Immediately Specialist Five Raney rushed seventy-five meters across the open field to the casualty. Although he was constantly exposed to intense sniper fire, Specialist Five Raney rendered first aid and carried the man back to safety. Within minutes, two men were seriously wounded. Despite intense hostile fire, he ran across a log bridge, picked up the injured soldiers, and helped them across one hundred meters of open rice paddies to a medical evacuation site. While directing the approach of a medical helicopter, the insurgents placed intense fire into the intended landing zone. Specialist Five Raney then, with great professional ingenuity, waved the helicopter away, constructed two poncho rafts and, while swimming beside them, floated both casualties down river to a more secure landing zone. During the ensuing assault on the village of Cant Tinh, Specialist Five Raney, though completely exposed to enemy fire, treated three more men and carried them to safety. Later, a man was wounded two hundred meters to his front. Disregarding the hostile fire, Specialist Five Raney ran through the open area, picked up the man, and carried him to a treeline. Through Specialist Five Raney's gallant efforts and devotion to duty, the lives of six men were saved. His unimpeachable valor 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.