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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

RANEY, RONALD J. SPECIALIST FIVE E5 United States Army
HNC, 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 Five Raney distinguished himself on 7 February 1966 while serving as company senior aidman while participating in an assault on a Viet Cong village near My Canh, Republic of Vietnam. During the initial attack on the village, Specialist Five Raney's company sustained several casualties. Specialist Five Raney without regard for his personal safety, rushed to within five meters of a Viet Cong machine gun bunker to render first aid to two wounded soldiers. Realizing the need for their immediate medical evacuation, Specialist Five Raney again braved the hostile fire, carried one of the men to safety, and directed others to carry the other man to cover. When friendly reinforcements sustained several casualties while overrunning hostile bunkers, Specialist Five Raney again returned to the battlefield. Although completely exposed to hostile fire, he continued to administer first aid to his comrades, and refused to leave the battle area until all casualties were treated and evacuated. Specialist Five Raney's actions accounted for the saving of seven lives. His unimpeachable valor and devotion to duty in close combat against a numerically superior hostile force 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.