

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS
 AGRICULTURAL DIVISION
 APO San Francisco 96374

GENERAL ORDERS
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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BARNHILL, JERRY E. OF , FIRST LIEUTENANT, INFANTRY, United States Army, Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 28 September 1967

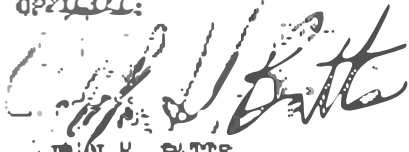
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 28 September 1967, near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. While on a search and destroy mission, First Lieutenant Barnhill's platoon became heavily engaged with an estimated enemy platoon in well-fortified positions. Lieutenant Barnhill immediately deployed his platoon and initiated an assault against the enemy positions. As the platoon moved forward, Lieutenant Barnhill led his platoon and accounted for personally killing one enemy soldier. When the lead element of the platoon became pinned down, Lieutenant Barnhill, with complete disregard for his own safety, aggressively charged a nearby enemy machinegun position and succeeded in destroying the position, killing two enemy soldiers and capturing the machinegun. Although Lieutenant Barnhill had been wounded, he continued to lead the assault, exposing himself to the heavy enemy fire, while giving his men encouragement and directing their fire by pointing out enemy positions. After the assault had been successfully completed Lieutenant Barnhill refused medical aid and evacuation until all his men had been cared for. First Lieutenant Barnhill's unquestionable valor was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Agricultural Division, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.

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