

DECLASSIFIED

 Authority *11002 968/137*
 By *[Signature]* NARA Date *5/19/02*

HEADQUARTERS
 TASK FORCE OREGON (PROVISIONAL)
 APO San Francisco 96374

GENERAL ORDERS
 NUMBER 653

13 September 1967

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced posthumously.

NEUMANN, MARK W. SPECIALIST FOUR E4, United States Army,
 Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st
 Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date of action: 25 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 25 August 1967 in the vicinity of Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Four Neumann distinguished himself by intrepid action and personal sacrifice. As his squad was moving down a jungle trail, it was suddenly hit by a devastating volume of enemy fire. The initial onslaught wounded several of the squad and pinned down the remainder. Specialist Neumann, realizing that his unit had to gain fire superiority, jumped from his position and with utter disregard for his own safety, singlehandedly assaulted the enemy positions with his machinegun. With the greatest of courage and determination he charged through the intense enemy fire placing effective fire on the insurgent position which killed two enemy soldiers. With one position destroyed, he aggressively assaulted another. His valiant efforts resulted in three more enemy killed. Still exposed to the torrid fire, Specialist Neumann made yet another determined frontal attack and killed his sixth enemy soldier before his advances were stopped by hostile machinegun fire. Specialist Neumann's extraordinary bravery and undaunted courage relieved the pressure from his unit, allowed it to gain the needed fire power and defeat the hostile force. Specialist Neumann demonstrated the highest degree of personal courage, dedication and devotion to duty as he gave his life in an unrelenting effort to resist the enemy by all means available. Specialist Four Neumann's display of unquestionable valor in close combat against a numerically superior hostile force was in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and has reflected immeasurable credit upon himself, Task Force Oregon, and the United States Army.

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