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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

KEMP, BENJAMIN F. , PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3, United States Army, Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 13 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 13 August 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. After conducting an airmobile assault into a mined landing zone, 2d platoon of Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, moved through the open to a tree line. Approximately thirty meters from the trees, they came under intense automatic weapons fire from a North Vietnamese Army platoon. The point man was wounded from the initial burst of fire. Observing his platoon sergeant having trouble moving the man, Private First Class Kemp, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, jumped from his concealed position and ran through the intense enemy fire to aid his fallen comrade. He then carried the man through the withering fire and through a minefield to a Medevac helicopter. Upon his return to the battle area, Private Kemp was wounded by an enemy grenade. Disregarding his wound and the heavy enemy fire, Private Kemp again aided a wounded man and carried him through the enemy fire and minefield to be evacuated. Private Kemp's coolness and undaunted courage on the battlefield was instrumental in inspiring his platoon to route a superior enemy force which left behind 35 dead and numerous weapons. Private First Class Kemp's outstanding display of gallantry in action and aggressive devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the American Division, and the United States Army.

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