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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

WILHELMI, HENRY J. JR. , SPECIALIST FOUR E4, United States  
 Army, Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 10 June 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against an armed hostile enemy on 10 June 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. While on a search and destroy type mission near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam, Specialist Wilhelmi, along with an eight man reconnaissance element of the 3d Platoon, Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry came under a tremendous volume of automatic weapons fire from entrenched enemy soldiers. As the intensity of the enemy fire increased, several members of the reconnaissance element were wounded. Specialist Wilhelmi seeing his wounded comrades laying in an exposed area rushed through the withering fire with complete disregard for his own personal safety, and dragged the wounded comrade for thirty meters through the bullet swept area to safety. Though wounded now himself and bleeding profusely, Specialist Wilhelmi returned through the murderous enemy fire and moved another wounded man, approximately twenty meters to safety. As he returned through the devastating enemy fire for yet a third wounded comrade, Specialist Wilhelmi was struck down by the enemy fire and killed. Specialist Wilhelmi was instrumental in saving the lives of the two men he carried to safety and because the enemy fire was concentrated on him, the rest of his element was able to maneuver to a safe defensive position. Specialist Wilhelmi's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his devotion to duty are within the highest military tradition 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.