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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUSLY)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced,

JAMES, KENNETH E SPECIALIST FOUR EA United States Army Company
B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, APO San Francisco 96347.

Awarded: Silver Star (Posthumously)

Date action: 11 April 1967

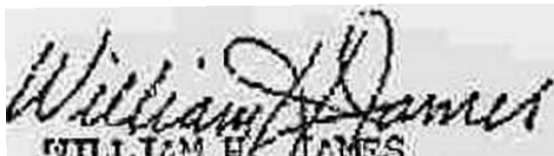
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: Gallantry in action: Specialist Four James' element, while moving along a jungle trail which had dense vegetation on both sides, suddenly began receiving a tremendous volume of automatic weapons fire from two platoons of well entrenched enemy soldiers. Specialist James immediately returned fire and deployed his fire team, but the enemy fire was so suppressive that his men could not maneuver against the entrenched enemy, having had two men wounded by an enemy machine gun and realizing the danger his comrades were in, Specialist James, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, unhesitatingly rushed forward, exposing himself immediately to the intense hostile fire, and charged the entrenched machine gun position which had his unit pinned down. As Specialist James was conducting his courageous assault on the machine gun position he was partially wounded. Specialist James' daring charge gave his men the needed inspiration and courage to sweep forward. In doing so they succeeded in routing the enemy soldiers, causing them to leave their packs and one machine gun behind. Specialist James' heroic action and avid devotion to duty are 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 USARV Message 10695, 1 July 1966 and paragraph 27, A1 672-5-1.

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