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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced

TEMPLE, JAMES H. JR., STAFF SERGEANT 36, United States Army,
 Company D, 7th Battalion (Airborne), 504th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st

Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 6 July 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 6 July 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. Staff Sergeant Temple, operating from an observation post in the Song Ye River Valley, volunteered to take two men to knock out a twin-machine security position just prior to his patrol's attack on the Viet Cong position. Under the cover of darkness, Sergeant Temple and his men moved to within 75 meters of the hostile security position. Then, moving forward, Sergeant Temple displayed complete disregard for his own safety as he exposed himself to the enemy soldiers and killed one and wounded the other with grenades. Immediately, he was brought under automatic weapons fire. Insuring that his men were under cover, he fired a flare to signal the neutralization of the hostile position. Although dangerously exposed by the flare light, he nevertheless directed a steady and accurate volume of fire from his two men. With the assault on the main group of Viet Cong by the supporting patrol, Sergeant Temple again demonstrated his fearless aggression and determination as he exposed himself twice more to the intense hostile fire as he directed his men to keep a heavy volume of fire on the objective and as he moved to a more advantageous position from which to bring more effective firepower against the enemy. Through Sergeant Temple's outstanding display of courage, the assault element was able to overrun the enemy position and force the Viet Cong to flee. Staff Sergeant Temple's unquestionable valor and determination were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Americal Division and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1916.