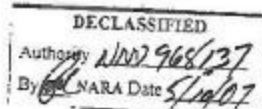


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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ELMORE, MINES JR. , STAFF SERGEANT E6, United States Army,  
 Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st  
 Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star  
 Date of action: 10 June 1967  
 Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against an armed hostile force on 10 June 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. While on a reconnaissance patrol on a jungle trail, Staff Sergeant Elmore detected an enemy ambush. He quickly alerted his men and at the same instant, the ambush was triggered. The volume of fire indicated that the small patrol was faced with a numerically superior enemy element. Sergeant Elmore directed his men to pull back and regroup. In the initial burst of fire seven men were wounded, including Sergeant Elmore. Disregarding his painful wound, Sergeant Elmore crawled through the vicious enemy fire and began to extract the more seriously wounded personnel to safety. As he moved back into the bulk of swept area, he was hit in the side and wounded a second time. Though dazed and bleeding, he directed his group to pull further back, while he provided the covering fire. Not until the last man in his squad reached safety, did Sergeant Elmore pull back with the remainder of the group. Though weak from loss of blood, Sergeant Elmore struggled valiantly and reorganized his squad into a perimeter, all the while, exposing himself to the hostile fire. Certain that all of his men were safe and the wounded had been given proper medical treatment, Sergeant Elmore then allowed himself to be treated. As a result of Sergeant Elmore's actions, two enemy soldiers were killed and the lives of several members of his squad were saved. His truly heroic actions were in keeping with the finest 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 the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.