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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

SILVER, JOHN G. , PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3, United States Army, Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry APO 96347
 Awarded: Silver Star
 Date action: 16 May 1967
 Theater: Republic of Vietnam
 Reason: For gallantry in action against an armed hostile force on 16 May 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam, Private Silver, while serving as a member of a small patrol, was moving down a mountain trail when the patrol was suddenly brought under a tremendous volume of enemy automatic weapons fire. On the initial burst of enemy fire approximately half of the patrol was wounded and the remainder of the patrol was pinned down. Private Silver observed that one of his comrades had been severely wounded and lay in the area completely exposed to the vicious enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private Silver left his covered position and dashed through the withering enemy fire to the side of his wounded comrade. Quickly Private Silver administered medical aid and then picked his wounded comrade up and started to carry him to a safe area. After having traveled a few meters, Private Silver was struck by an enemy bullet and wounded in the chest. Although seriously wounded, Private Silver completely disregarded his wounds and continued to carry his wounded comrade to safety. As Private Silver approached a safe position he was again struck by an enemy bullet and this time mortally wounded. Private Silver's heroic action resulted in the saving of his comrades life, even at the cost of his own. Private Silver's outstanding display of gallantry in action and his devotion to duty even at the cost of his life are in keeping with 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.