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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

GARRETT, EDWARD F. PLATOON SERGEANT E7, United States Army,
Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st
Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 16 May 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 16 May 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. Platoon Sergeant Garrett, while leading a squad-size patrol, was taken under a heavy volume of enemy automatic weapons fire from the direct front. Sergeant Garrett quickly placed half of the patrol into position and began to maneuver the other half of the patrol into position maneuvering element was taken under a withering hail of automatic weapons fire from an estimated platoon-size enemy element in well-concealed and well-fortified positions. On the initial burst of fire every man in the maneuvering element was wounded with the exception of Sergeant Garrett. Sergeant Garrett immediately called for assistance and began to pull the wounded men to safety. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Garrett moved through the vicious enemy fire four different times to pull wounded men to covered positions. Sergeant Garrett had retrieved all but two of the wounded men when the remainder of the platoon arrived. Quickly briefing the platoon leader on the situation, Sergeant Garrett directed them to give him covering fire so he could pull the two remaining wounded men to safety. Again with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Garrett moved through the bullet swept area and brought the two remaining casualties to safety. As a result of Sergeant Garrett's courageous actions, six of his comrades were saved from further injury and possible death. ~~platoon~~ Sergeant Garrett's outstanding display of valor and intense determination and devotion to duty are 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 1918.