

HEADQUARTERS
 AMERICAN DIVISION
 APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SIMMONS, LOUIS A. SPECIALIST FOUR E4, United States Army,
 Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Air-

borne Division, APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

HHC medic

Date action: 13 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

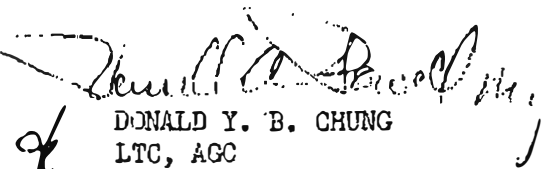
Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 13 August 1967 near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Four Simmons distinguished himself by gallant action when his platoon came under heavy enemy attack and received numerous casualties. Observing a wounded comrade who lay in an area exposed to the enemy fire, Specialist Simmons immediately, and with complete disregard for his own safety, rushed through the withering hostile fire to the aid of the man. Upon reaching the wounded man, Specialist Simmons discovered that he had stopped breathing. Immediately, he started to administer mouth to mouth resuscitation when an enemy grenade exploded and wounded him. Disregarding his own wounds and the fire being directed at him, Specialist Simmons displayed unparalleled courage as he continued in his life saving task until he had revived the man. Still refusing medical aid, Specialist Simmons continued to move through the vicious fire to give aid to the wounded; each time placing himself between the wounded and the enemy's position to shield the wounded from further injury. Specialist Four Simmons' unquestionable valor, fortitude, and complete unconcern for his own life in the saving of others were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the American Division, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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