

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters 101st Airborne Division
APO San Francisco 96383

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

DYKES, CONLPCORN () SERGEANT (E-5) Company A 1st Battalion
(Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star Medal

Effective month: October 1968

Date action: 18 February 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 18 February 1968. Sergeant Dykes distinguished himself while serving as a fire team leader with Company A, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry, during a combat helicopter assault into the village of Xom Trung Foa, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam. The third platoon moved into a position to assault a company-sized enemy force with the first platoon providing supporting fires. As the platoon moved forward on a prearranged signal, they began receiving heavy automatic weapons fire from four enemy bunkers. Sergeant Dykes ordered his fire team to lay down a base of fire. He charged through the hail of enemy fire, assaulting one enemy bunker. He tossed a grenade in the bunker aperture, killing its occupant and capturing one weapon. Sergeant Dykes then laid down a base of fire while his fellow platoon members rushed forward and destroyed two other enemy positions. Sergeant Dykes' actions resulted in two enemy dead and two weapons captured, and allowed his platoon to continue their assault. His actions also contributed to the overall company total of seventeen killed and ten weapons captured. Sergeant Dykes' personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress established 9 July 1918.

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