

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

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following ~~AWARD~~ is announced.

~~KYZER, JAMES D.~~ PLATOON SERGEANT Company A 2d Battalion
(Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: ~~The~~ Silver Star

Effective month: N/A

Date actions: 23 October 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 23 October 1968. Platoon Sergeant Kyzer distinguished himself while serving as Platoon Sergeant of the Second Platoon, Company A, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry, in the mountains northwest of Da Nang, Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. On the cited date, Company A participated in a planned search and clear mission through an area known to be controlled by a North Vietnamese Army regiment. As the Second Platoon approached the crest of a peak, the lead element was engaged by exceedingly heavy automatic weapons fire and was unable to maneuver. Sergeant Kyzer immediately took his portion of the platoon and moved to flank the enemy. In doing so, he came under fire from a sniper. His radio was hit and was no longer functional, so he had no contact with the portion of the platoon which was unable to maneuver forward. He worked himself to the front of the platoon in order to try to locate the sniper. Sergeant Kyzer located and mortally wounded the sniper, and the element continued its offensive drive. As his element neared the enemy, it came under fire from two directions. Realizing that the other half of the platoon had not shifted its fire, he began to crawl through the heavy enemy fire to get to the other element. With no radio, the task of shifting the fire was accomplished only through his personal gallant actions. With the fire shifted and the sniper eliminated, the entire platoon continued the assault and routed the hostile force. Sergeant Kyzer's 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, approved 25 July 1963.