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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

MIZE, LAWRENCE E SPECIALIST FIVE (E-5) Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2d Battalion (Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star Medal
Effective month: October 1968
Date action: 20 April 1968
Theater: Republic of Vietnam
Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 20 April 1968. Specialist Mize distinguished himself while serving as a medical aidman with Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry. Company A made contact with an enemy force located in a series of well placed bunkers concealed in a dense woodline in the vicinity of Hue, Republic of Vietnam. As the point squad was hit with a lethal barrage of machine gun and automatic weapons fire, Specialist Mize was with the company headquarters group about two hundred meters away from the area of contact. As the first shots were fired, Specialist Mize raced across the open rice paddies to be of assistance. Despite the ferocity of the battle, he made his way to a wounded man. After applying temporary measures, Specialist Mize realized that the man would have to be evacuated. Without hesitation, he picked the man up and retraced his steps to the command post. Realizing that others required his aid, Specialist Mize returned across the bullet swept, two hundred meters of rice paddies and began treating more of the wounded. With the fighting continuing all around him, Specialist Mize once again carried another injured man through enemy fire to safety. Although emotionally and physically drained, Specialist Mize raced again through the enemy fire to continue aiding the wounded. His courage in the face of the formidable enemy fire and devotion to his fellow soldiers proved to be an example for the entire company. Specialist Mize's exceptional valor was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects 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 9 July 1918.

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