

## AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 21 April 1968

### Specialist Four Thomas L. Twyford

Specialist Four Twyford distinguished himself while serving as a fire-team leader on a combat operation in the Quang Dien District, Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam.

At 1140 hours, Specialist Four Twyford's platoon made an assault on a North Vietnamese Army held village to recover the bodies of two fallen comrades. The platoon received intense hostile small arms fire from a bunker on its right flank.

Specialist Four Twyford, unhesitatingly and without regard for his own personal safety, assaulted the enemy bunker with hand grenades and rifle fire. Throughout his assault, he was constantly exposed to a heavy volume of hostile fire. With undaunted courage, he braved the hostile fire until he had destroyed the enemy bunker, killing its occupants.

Specialist Four Twyford's gallant actions allowed his platoon to continue its mission. His personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.