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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

EMBREY, EDWARD E FIRST SERGEANT Headquarters and Headquarters Company 2d Battalion (Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star
Effective month: N/A
Date action: 20 July 1968
Theater: Republic of Vietnam
Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 20 July 1968. First Sergeant Embrey distinguished himself in the vicinity of Fire Support Base T-Bone, near Hue, Republic of Vietnam on 20 July 1968, while serving as the First Sergeant of Company D, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry. First Sergeant Embrey was advancing with the lead platoon during a reconnaissance in force mission in the mountainous jungles, when, as the company approached a large hill, it was subjected to intense enemy small arms and automatic weapons fire from concealed enemy positions. Sergeant Embrey immediately moved forward under increased hostile fire on the enemy position. Since the lead man, who was wounded in the initial contact, fell in the direct line of fire, Sergeant Embrey crawled to the man's side, shielded him from enemy fire with his body, and administered first aid. Sergeant Embrey then evacuated him to the rear. He returned to the front lines to lead elements of Company D in an assault against the enemy. As the company advanced and reached the crest of the hill, it discovered a large bunker complex, containing numerous weapons and a sizeable quantity of food and supplies. The enemy was forced to abandon this cache because of the intense fire directed by Sergeant Embrey. First Sergeant Embrey'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.

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