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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SHACHNOW, SIDNEY MAJOR INFANTRY Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1st Battalion (Airborne) 502nd Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star
Effective Month: December 1968
Date action: 3 September 1968
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action while engaged in combat operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 3 September 1968. Major Shachnow distinguished himself while serving as the S3 Officer for the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry during a combat operation. During the early evening hours, Major Shachnow was conducting a light aerial reconnaissance of the battalion area of operations when he spotted a cooking fire. Major Shachnow, knowing that there were no friendly forces in the area, immediately placed fire on the objective. After a thorough aerial search of the area, he located a sampans, which was partially hidden in a hanging bush along a river bank. He then directed the pilot to fly very low over the target in an effort to locate possible enemy soldiers. Spotting two enemy soldiers, Major Shachnow personally marked the enemy's location with tracer rounds. Oblivious to his own safety, he maintained an exposed position and continued to order repeated passes over a hedgerow concealing the remaining enemy soldiers. As the enemy began evasive action, Major Shachnow fired on them and directed the helicopter to land in preparation for an attack on the enemy's position. His team of four men assaulted and destroyed the enemy position. A thorough search of the area revealed that Major Shachnow had discovered an enemy base camp of well fortified and camouflaged bunkers containing vast quantities of rice. Major Shachnow's extraordinary heroism in close combat against a Viet Cong force 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 an Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918.

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