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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

NOWLIN, FLETCHER J. - SPECIALIST FOUR Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1st  
Battalion 501st Infantry 101st Airborne Division APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star (Posthumous)

Effective month: NA

Date action: 15 April 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam


Reason: For gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 15 April 1969. Specialist Nowlin distinguished himself while serving as a platoon medical aidman with Company C, 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry, on a combat operation in Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam. In the early morning hours on the cited date, the Third Platoon of Company C received intense enemy sniper fire that instantly killed two men and wounded others. Specialist Nowlin ignored the hostile fire as he went from position to position checking for and treating the wounded. On one occasion he low-crawled thirty-five meters outside the perimeter, while under enemy fire, to render medical aid to a fallen comrade. Then, disregarding his own safety, he shielded the wounded man with his own body as he helped him back inside the perimeter. His courageous actions directly resulted in the saving of many lives. Specialist Nowlin'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 provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 25 July 1963.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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