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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SCHMIDT, JAMES SPECIALIST FOUR Headquarters and  
Headquarters Company 2d Battalion (Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco  
96383

Awarded: The Silver Star  
Effective month: N/A  
Date action: 8 April 1969  
Theater: Republic of Vietnam  
Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 8 April 1969.  
Specialist Schmidt distinguished himself while serving as a medical  
aidman in the First Platoon of Company A, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry.  
Company A was on a search and clear operation in the mountains south-  
east of Hue, Republic of Vietnam, when the First Platoon came under  
intense enemy fire. The platoon immediately began to react and moved  
to a covered position. From his secure position, Specialist Schmidt  
saw a comrade hit by the heavy fire. Completely disregarding his own  
safety, he quickly moved through the enemy fire to try and aid the  
wounded man. The enemy fire was immediately concentrated on him as  
he worked his way toward the man, but he continued. Having to move  
the last twenty meters by crawling, he reached the man and was able  
to give first aid and move him from his unprotected location.  
Specialist Schmidt'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 pro-  
visions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963.

FOR THE COMMANDER.

OFFICIAL:

L. L. MCCLERY  
Colonel, GS  
Chief of Staff



DALE H. HAVENS  
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