

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)  
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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

HAYES, MICHAEL J. [REDACTED] SPECIALIST FOUR United States Army  
Company C, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 5th Cavalry

Awarded: Silver Star

Date of Action: 6 October 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Authority: By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of  
Congress, approved 9 July 1918.

Reason: For gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving  
conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam,  
When his platoon was ambushed by heavy rocket and small arms fire  
from an unknown size enemy force and was unable to maneuver,  
Specialist Four Hayes exposed himself to mark his platoon's position  
with smoke for the aerial rocket artillery. When a portion of his  
platoon moved forward of its defensive line and was immediately pinned  
down by intense fire, he exposed himself to the fire as he moved to a  
hazardous position and placed down a heavy base of fire until the enemy  
fire abated and the other men could maneuver. Specialist Four Hayes  
also personally evacuated two wounded men to the rear then returned to  
his position and continued to deliver accurate fire on the enemy until  
severely wounded by enemy rocket fire. His gallant action is keeping  
with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflects great  
credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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