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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BOWEN, GAIL O ; MAJOR MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS United States  
Army, 54th Medical Detachment, 67th Medical Group, 44th Medical Brigade,  
APO 96384

Awarded: Silver Star (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 6 March 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action while engaged in military operations in-  
volving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of  
Vietnam: Major Bowen distinguished himself by valorous actions  
on 6 March 1969 as aircraft commander of a medical evacuation  
helicopter in support of an infantry unit engaged with a North  
Vietnamese regiment southwest of Tam Ky. Although one craft had  
already been shot down by hostile fifty-caliber fire, Major Bowen  
elected to attempt the extraction using gun ships to cover his  
landing approach. Despite an automatic weapons barrage, he hovered  
his craft over the hillside extraction point while the casualties  
were loaded. As he made a vertical lift off, numerous enemy rounds  
struck the aircraft, wounding the crew chief. Despite damages to  
the helicopter, he succeeded in flying back to Chu Lai. Major  
Bowen's gallantry in action was in keeping with the highest tra-  
ditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon  
himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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

FOR THE COMMANDER:



GEORGE L. MABRY, JR.  
Major General, US Army  
Chief of Staff

ED V. HENDREN, JR.  
Colonel, AGC  
Adjutant General

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