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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

FUJII, DENNIS M [REDACTED] SPECIALIST FIVE United States Army, 237th Medical Detachment, 67th Medical Group, United States Army Medical Command, Vietnam, APO 96384

Awarded: Silver Star

Dates of action: 18 February 1971 to 22 February 1971

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: Specialist Five Fujii distinguished himself while serving as crew chief aboard a helicopter ambulance during rescue operation in Laos. Responding to an urgent request to evacuate wounded allied personnel, Specialist Fujii and his teammates sped to the embattled area. On the second attempt to extract the wounded, his helicopter encountered intense enemy fire and an emergency landing was necessitated. Although wounded, the specialist realized any further rescue attempt by helicopter would be fatal, therefore he elected to remain behind and give aid to the wounded ground troops. Securing a radio, Specialist Fujii coordinated with American air power and accurately adjusted air strikes upon the belligerent forces. Despite pain from his wound, he continued to direct retaliating fire against the opposing force while amid heavy barrages of enemy artillery. When the determined adversary assaulted the allied defensive perimeter, Specialist Fujii exposed himself to the hostile fusillade in order to control helicopter gunship fire upon the assailants. By his actions, he averted possible annihilation of the allied base camp and saved numerous lives. Specialist Five Fujii's gallantry in action was in 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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