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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 invol-
ving 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 heli-
copter 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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