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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced posthumously.

RIVEST, MARK H [REDACTED] FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY United States Army,  
Special Operations Augmentation (Command and Control Detachment Central), 5th  
Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, APO 96240

Awarded: Silver Star

Date of action: 4 June 1970

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 in-  
volving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam:  
First Lieutenant Rivest distinguished himself while serving as platoon  
leader on a mission deep within enemy controlled territory. At the  
conclusion of an unsuccessful search for enemy activity, Lieutenant  
Rivest directed his men to establish a night defensive perimeter.  
Lieutenant Rivest then began placing guards around the perimeter in  
strategic locations while the remaining team members were busy pre-  
paring for the night. Suddenly, Lieutenant Rivest encountered an  
enemy unit silently advancing on the friendly position. In order to  
prevent the enemy from surprising his men as they worked, he imme-  
diately placed intense fire on the enemy troops, forcing them to  
trigger their attack prematurely. Although mortally wounded by the  
return volley of enemy fire, Lieutenant Rivest's immediate and deter-  
mined actions enabled his team members to repel the disorganized  
enemy without suffering other casualties. First Lieutenant Rivest's  
gallantry in action, at the cost of his life, 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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