

1965 OY GRADUATE

RECIPIENT OF:

SILVER STAR

BRONZE STAR

AND

PURPLE HEART

MORTALLY WOUNDED MAY 20TH, 1969



RAYMOND M. SHINELDECKER

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320 The following AWARD is announced posthumously
SHINELDECKER, RAYMOND M. (SSAN: SPECIALIST FOUR
United States Army, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 39th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division APO
96373

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 20 May 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action involving close combat against armed hostile forces in the Republic of Vietnam: Specialist Shineldecker distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 20 May 1969 while serving as a Medical Aidman with Company , 3d Battalion, 39th Infantry on a combat mission south of Cai Lay. After his company came under a sudden barrage of fire from a well-entrenched enemy force, Specialist Shineldecker courageously rushed forward to reach and administer aid to a wounded man in the unit's point element. Maneuvering through a hail of enemy rounds to the casualty's position, he treated the man's wounds and then moved to an even more dangerously exposed position where another wounded man lay. As he administered aid to this man, Specialist Shineldecker was, himself, mortally wounded. Specialist Shineldecker's extraordinary heroism in close combat with an armed hostile force was in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the 9th Infantry Division and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 1 July 1918, and the USARV message 16695 dated 1 July 1966