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## Technical Sergeant Edward H. Boggs

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### Silver Star

### *Korea*

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Silver Star to Technical Sergeant Edward H. Boggs, United States Air Force, for gallantry in action and heroism against an enemy near Munsan, Korea, on 31 March 1951. On that date, Sergeant Boggs, an Aero Medical crew member on a rescue helicopter with Detachment 1, 3d Air Rescue Squadron, FIFTH Air Force, flew to an area where critically wounded United Nations troops were cut off by enemy forces. The helicopter landed amidst enemy small arms, automatic weapons, and mortar fire.

When he realized there were too many

wounded men to evacuate before dark, Sergeant Boggs volunteered to remain on the ground with the trapped men in order that one additional wounded man could be evacuated on each flight to a nearby aid station. Sergeant Boggs was well aware that by remaining behind he would risk his own life. While the helicopter shuttled back and forth, Sergeant Boggs took full charge of the disorganized and weary group. He directed survivors to defensive positions in order to repulse enemy infiltration. Constantly exposing himself to enemy fire, Sergeant Boggs established a system of priority for evacuation and gave all first-aid possible. Not until the last wounded man was evacuated did Sergeant Boggs consider leaving the area. By his expert leadership and exceptional bravery under fire, Sergeant Boggs brought about the rescue of a large number of seriously wounded men. Sergeant Boggs' heroism and selflessness were in keeping with the

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highest tradition of the service and reflected great credit upon himself, the Far East Air Forces, and the United States Air Force.