



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE SILVER STAR  
TO  
STAFF SERGEANT GEORGE E. SCHIPPER

Staff Sergeant George E. Schipper distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in the Republic of Vietnam on 8 November 1965. On that date, Sergeant Schipper was a Rescue Specialist aboard a rescue helicopter which was engaged in evacuating numerous American casualties from a battle area which was completely surrounded by the Viet Cong. Courageously displaying complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Schipper voluntarily rode a rescue hoist down into the midst of a raging battle to organize and coordinate rescue efforts on the ground. During this period, he continually exposed himself to the hazards of the ground action. Even after recovery efforts had been suspended, Sergeant Schipper would not leave the pickup scene until ordered to do so. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sergeant Schipper has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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