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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

LUNDE, HENRIK O. CAPTAIN INFANTRY United States Army
Co A, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO US Forces 96347
Awarded: Silver Star (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 9 February 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Captain Lundie distinguished himself on 9 February 1966 while serving as a company commander on a search and destroy mission near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam. When the lead elements of the company approached the end of a narrow valley, they were engaged by an estimated Viet Cong company. During a lull in the action at dusk, Captain Lundie reorganized his forces and was leading them to a secured landing zone to evacuate casualties when the lead platoon was viciously attacked by a Viet Cong force. Although Captain Lundie and his command group were pinned down in the open by a murderous crossfire from two machine guns, Captain Lundie skillfully directed his executive officer in the defense of the remainder of the company. When the small group received intense grenade and mortar fire, Captain Lundie fearlessly led a bold frontal assault on the Viet Cong positions. Inspired by his courage, the small force overran the hostile emplacements. When their new position received a crossfire from two Viet Cong machine guns, he detected movement in the bushes. Captain Lundie, having used all of his grenades and not wanting to give away the exact location of his small perimeter, jumped up from his concealed position, and killed a Viet Cong with a burst of accurate fire. Captain Lundie's alertness and courageous action saved the small group from certain disaster. Throughout the course of the battle, Captain Lundie displayed aggressiveness, outstanding leadership, and inspired his men by his example. His unimpeachable valor in close combat against a numerically superior hostile force was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.