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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 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 96347

Awarded: Silver Star (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 11 May 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Captain Lundé distinguished himself on 11 May 1966 while serving as commanding officer of a task force on a search and destroy operation near Bu Gia Map, Republic of Vietnam. While moving toward their objective, the lead elements received intense hostile fire from a large Viet Cong force. After determining the main line of resistance, Captain Lundé moved to the front of his force to enable him to better direct their retaliatory fire. Realizing that the insurgent positions overlapped his flanks, he committed a portion of his reserve force to the left flank. Although repeatedly exposed to intense hostile fire, he moved along his front line to better apprise himself of the situation on the right flank. During the course of action, a platoon leader was killed. Unhesitatingly, Captain Lundé moved through the bullet swept area to the platoon which was engaged in a vicious firefight. With complete disregard for his safety, he moved among his men, inspiring them and rallying them to defend their positions. He then returned to the center platoon and began to skillfully direct friendly air strikes and artillery fire. While moving forward by fire and movement, he continued to adjust artillery fire until he was within twenty-five meters of the bursting radius of the exploding rounds. After assuring himself that all his forces were in position, Captain Lundé directed and led a coordinated assault on all fronts against a well disciplined and entrenched Viet Cong force. Through his heroic efforts, the insurgents were routed. His extraordinary heroism in close combat against a numerically superior Viet Cong 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.