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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO J20. The following AWARD is announced.

LUNDE, HERLIX D. CAPTAIN INFANTRY United States Army
Co A, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, AFJ US Forces
Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 4 February 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Captain Lundé distinguished himself on 4 February 1966 while serving as company commander during a mission to reinforce a squad size reconnaissance patrol that had made contact with a well-fortified Viet Cong platoon near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam. As the lead elements of Captain Lundé's unit neared the battlefield, they encountered heavy automatic weapons fire from their front and left flank. Captain Lundé immediately ordered his platoons into an assault line. As the platoons were advancing by fire and movement across open rice paddies, it became evident that the reconnaissance patrol would be caught between the heavy fire of the Viet Cong and friendly elements. After an unsuccessful attempt to contact the platoon radio operators, Captain Lundé immediately moved from his position and by short rushes maneuvered through the hostile fire directed at him until he reached the center platoon. Since the platoon had lost several essential leaders, he regrouped the platoon, regained the momentum of an assault, and led the troops forward. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he then ran 200 meters across an open field through another barrage of Viet Cong fire until he reached his right flank platoon. After coordinating his own flank elements with those of another company on his right, the Viet Cong force was finally defeated with 27 casualties. Captain Lundé's extraordinary heroism against a hard core force of Viet Cong 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.