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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(Second Oak Leaf Cluster)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MC FADDEN, JAMES M CAPTAIN INFANTRY United States Army Company A,
2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, APO San Francisco 96347.

Awarded: Silver Star (Second Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 11 November 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam


Reason: Gallantry in action: Captain McFadden's company was in blocking position as the remainder of the battalion drove a North Vietnamese Army battalion toward the position. As the elements of the enemy made contact with the company, a savage battle ensued which lasted through the following day. Throughout the fighting, Captain McFadden roved among his men encouraging them and pointing out targets. On several occasions he came under heavy fire while assisting in the care and evacuation of the wounded. When two of his platoons came under heavy caliber machine gun fire and the immediate situation became serious, Captain McFadden, with complete disregard for his personal safety, led a squad forward under murderous fire and destroyed the machine gun emplacement with grenades. On many occasions throughout the battle, Captain McFadden rushed to the points of closest and most savage fighting directing, encouraging, and fighting alongside of his men. Captain McFadden's courage and superb leadership were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of USAEV Message 16695, 1 July 1966 and paragraph 27, AR 672-5-1.

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