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APO San Francisco 96307

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO BDC. The following AWARD is announced.

LAGUANA, JOSE G. STAFF SERGEANT US United States Army  
30 A, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96307

Awarded: Silver Star (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 11 May 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Staff Sergeant Laguana distinguished himself on 11 May 1966 while serving as a squad leader during a search and destroy mission near Bu Gia Map, Republic of Vietnam. After moving approximately 1000 meters in Viet Cong occupied territory, Staff Sergeant Laguana's squad received intense hostile fire from an estimated platoon. Although exposed to intense Viet Cong fire, he organized his squad and directed suppressive fire on the insurgent positions. He then maneuvered up and down the assault line to encourage his men and supply them with ammunition. Staff Sergeant Laguana personally killed two Viet Cong during the engagement. Through his courage and outstanding leadership, he contributed immeasurably to the defeat of the Viet Cong force. Staff Sergeant Laguana's extraordinary heroism 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,

FOR THE COMMANDER:



S. A. MacKENZIE  
Colonel, AGC  
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