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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced,

HOLBORN, ALDEN J FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY United States Army
Company B, 2d Battalion (Albatross), 502d Infantry, APO San Francisco 96347.

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 9 November 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: Gallantry in action: First Lieutenant Holborn's platoon was given the mission of reinforcing a squad from the reconnaissance platoon which had become engaged with a numerically superior force. Upon reaching the enemy position, Lieutenant Holborn immediately had his platoon lay down a base of fire for the beleaguered squad. Lieutenant Holborn attempted to maneuver his platoon into position so as to make a flanking assault but encountered a heavy volume of enemy fire that inflicted four casualties. Determining that his position had become precarious, he personally supervised the evacuation of the wounded and the relocation of his platoon to a better position. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Lieutenant Holborn personally moved forward under enemy fire and carried a wounded comrade to a safe position. After supporting artillery fire had been called in on the enemy positions, Lieutenant Holborn's platoon attempted another assault on the enemy and successfully overran their positions. Lieutenant Holborn repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire while giving his men encouragement and helping the wounded and was inspirational in the final assault on the enemy position. Lieutenant Holborn's outstanding display of leadership and gallantry in action is in keeping with the highest military traditions and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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