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UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM
APO San Francisco 96307

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

GORHAM, THOMAS C.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army

Co B, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO US Forces 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 6 February 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Private First Class Gorham distinguished himself on 6 February 1966 while participating on a search and destroy operation near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam. At approximately 1830 hours, Private First Class Gorham's squad was moving along a creek bed carrying wounded personnel to a helicopter extraction site, when suddenly they received intense hostile fire from Viet Cong entrenched positions on both sides of the creek. Reacting immediately to the situation, Private First Class Gorham ran through an open area, braved the hostile fire, hurled grenades, and fired his M-16 furiously. As a result of this action, Private First Class Gorham overran an entrenched machine gun position, and killed two Viet Cong. Later, with complete disregard for his personal safety while receiving intense hostile fire, Private First Class Gorham made a bold frontal assault on a nearby house, and succeeded in destroying the insurgent position and killing three Viet Cong. Private First Class Gorham's actions accounted for five Viet Cong being killed, five weapons being captured, and prevented heavy casualties in his squad. His unimpeachable valor in close combat against a 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:

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