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APO San Francisco 96307

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BEACH, KARL L. FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY United States Army  
Co C, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 11 May 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: First Lieutenant Beach distinguished himself on 11 May 1966 while serving as executive officer flying overhead reconnaissance for his company which was conducting a search and destroy operation near Bu Gia Map, Republic of Vietnam. At approximately 0900 hours, the company made contact with a large Viet Cong force. During the course of action, First Lieutenant Beach descended onto the battlefield by a rope which was attached to a medical evacuation helicopter. Immediately upon landing, First Lieutenant Beach began to organize and supervise the evacuation of the dead and wounded. After leading a detail forward to retrieve the casualties, First Lieutenant Beach braved hostile fire while carrying two fallen comrades to a covered position. After this, he moved wounded personnel to a more secure area and provided ammunition resupply to the platoons. Throughout the day, First Lieutenant Beach moved throughout the battle area, while exposed to hostile fire and encouraged the engaged troopers. Through his courageous actions, he saved the lives of two wounded and contributed immeasurably in routing the insurgents. First Lieutenant Beach's extraordinary heroism in close combat against a numerically superior Viet Cong 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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