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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

JORDAN, WILLIAM D SECOND LIEUTENANT INFANTRY United States Army  
Co C, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 9 June 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Second Lieutenant Jordan distinguished himself on 9 June 1966 while serving as a platoon leader during a combat mission near Dak To, Republic of Vietnam. During a vicious battle with elements of an insurgent regiment, Second Lieutenant Jordan repeatedly exposed himself to intense hostile fire as he moved about the battlefield rallying his troops. Second Lieutenant Jordan led an assault in an attempt to dislodge the Viet Cong force from their entrenched positions, but was unsuccessful because of the large number of insurgent troops. However, this assault disrupted the Viet Cong long enough to allow the remainder of his company to maneuver against the hostile force. Later that day, his company received intense hostile fire from a large Viet Cong force. With complete disregard for his safety, Second Lieutenant Jordan maneuvered his men, pointed out targets, and assisted his wounded comrades. When air strikes were called in, Second Lieutenant Jordan fearlessly exposed himself while establishing a hasty defensive perimeter. Through his courage and outstanding leadership throughout the fierce battle, he inspired his men to fight with determined aggressiveness and contributed immeasurably to the success of the mission. Second Lieutenant Jordan'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.