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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MURPHY, ROBERT C. CAPTAIN INFANTRY United States Army  
Co C, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO US Forces  
Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 7 February 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Captain Murphy distinguished himself on 7 February 1966 while serving as company commander during a search and destroy mission near My Canh, Republic of Vietnam. When the lead elements of his company received sporadic sniper fire on the approach to the village, Captain Murphy immediately deployed his troops and initiated an assault on the Viet Cong positions. As the assault line neared the hostile emplacement, the insurgent force unleashed a concentrated volume of automatic weapons fire from well-fortified bunkers. After ordering his troops to withdraw, Captain Murphy exposed himself to the deadly fire, skillfully directed effective air strikes on the Viet Cong positions, and supervised the evacuation of casualties. After nightfall, Captain Murphy personally led a small patrol to a position within five meters of a Viet Cong machine gun to extract the body of a fallen patrol leader. On the following morning, Captain Murphy led a successful assault on the village. Through his courage and outstanding leadership, he contributed immeasurably to the defeat of the Viet Cong force. Captain Murphy'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 title 36 of Congress, approved 9 July 1916.

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