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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 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 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 6 February 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Captain Murphy distinguished himself on 6 February 1966 while serving as commanding officer on an assault in the village of Canh Tinh, Republic of Vietnam. While enroute to their objective, Captain Murphy's unit received intense hostile fire from well-fortified Viet Cong positions, and was pinned down immediately. Captain Murphy immediately called for air support and artillery fire. He then repeatedly exposed himself to the hostile fire to effectively direct air strikes and artillery fire upon the Viet Cong emplacements. This enabled his force to continue to the objective under the cover of suppressive supporting fire. As Captain Murphy and his force approached the village of Canh Tinh, they received deadly grazing machine gun fire. At this time, Captain Murphy, with complete disregard for his safety, conducted a frontal assault through a hail of Viet Cong fire, breached the hostile perimeter, and stormed the insurgent emplacements. The Viet Cong withdrew and a vicious house to house battle ensued. On one occasion, Captain Murphy's force was pinned down by direct Viet Cong machine gun fire. Dauntlessly, Captain Murphy rushed through the fire, destroyed the bunker with a hand grenade assault, and killed two Viet Cong. Inside the village, another machine gun opened up on Captain Murphy. Again, undaunted by the fire, Captain Murphy assaulted the hostile emplacement and neutralized it with well placed hand grenades, killing four Viet Cong. Through his fearless example and courageous leadership, the village was seized and the Viet Cong routed. Captain Murphy's unimpeachable valor and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect 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 1912