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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

TACUBAN, ELMO A. SERGEANT E5 United States Army
Co C, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 10 June 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Sergeant Tacuban distinguished himself on 10 June 1966 while serving as a squad leader during a search and destroy mission near Dak To, Republic of Vietnam. While maneuvering through the dense jungle terrain, Sergeant Tacuban's squad received intense Viet Cong fire. Sergeant Tacuban immediately deployed his men and, with complete disregard for his safety, led them forward in a daring assault which killed one Viet Cong and captured one machine gun. He then reorganized his squad and continued toward the objective. Suddenly, the Viet Cong opened fire and severely wounded Sergeant Tacuban and four of his comrades. Nevertheless, he continued to direct his squad and deliver suppressive fire onto the insurgent troops. Only after all of his wounded comrades were evacuated did Sergeant Tacuban move to the rear. Through his courage and outstanding leadership, he contributed immeasurably to the success of the mission. Sergeant Tacuban's extraordinary heroism in close combat against a hostile force was 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 1918.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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