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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

JOHNSON, DAVID C. FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY United States Army
RNG, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO US Forces 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 27 January 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam


Reason: For gallantry in action: First Lieutenant Johnson distinguished himself on 27 January 1966 while acting as company commander in a search and destroy operation of a suspected Viet Cong base camp in the village of Phu Qui, Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Johnson was maneuvering his company to attack the Viet Cong village when they received intense small arms and automatic weapons fire from well-fortified hostile positions. Lieutenant Johnson, from his position saw that half of his left flank platoon was pinned down by hostile fire on open terrain. Realizing their extreme danger, Lieutenant Johnson, with complete disregard for his personal safety, ran one hundred meters across the bullet swept rice paddies to the beleaguered platoon. While completely exposed to the intense hostile fire, he ran from man to man and personally directed them in a fire and movement assault. Lieutenant Johnson's aggressive fighting spirit inspired his men to increase their efforts and was most instrumental in overrunning the Viet Cong force. His unimpeachable valor in close combat against a 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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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