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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

WESLEY, WALTER B. CAPTAIN INFANTRY United States Army  
MFC, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 10 June 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Captain Wesley distinguished himself on 10 June 1966 while leading a provisional company to reinforce two companies near Dak To, Republic of Vietnam. When the lead element received intense Viet Cong fire, Captain Wesley immediately exposed himself and deployed two squads to assault the insurgents from the flanks. As they continued to move, they again received intense fire from well-concealed Viet Cong positions. Observing that most of the leaders of one platoon had been wounded, Captain Wesley, with complete disregard for his safety, moved forward through the hostile fire to reorganize his elements. He then skillfully adjusted suppressive artillery fire and air strikes on the insurgent positions. Later that day, Captain Wesley remained exposed to the intense Viet Cong fire and directed the evacuation of the battle casualties. Through his courage and outstanding leadership, he undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and contributed immeasurably to the defeat of the Viet Cong force. Captain Wesley's extraordinary heroism 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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