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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 32G. The following AWARD is announced.

EMERSON, HENRY E. LIEUTENANT COLONEL INFANTRY United States Army
MHC, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star (Second Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 9 June 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Lieutenant Colonel Emerson distinguished himself on 9 June 1966 while serving as a battalion commanding officer during a combat mission near Dak To, Republic of Vietnam. While Lieutenant Colonel Emerson was communicating with his ground elements from his command and control aircraft, he suddenly received intense hostile fire. After the source of fire was located, he immediately relayed their positions to his ground elements. Although his aircraft was constantly receiving intense ground fire, he continued to advise and direct his element leaders for eight hours until the Viet Cong force was defeated. Through his courage and outstanding leadership, he contributed immeasurably to the defeat of the Viet Cong force. Lieutenant Colonel Emerson'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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