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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

FETHERMAN, GERRARD R. , FIRST LIEUTENANT, INFANTRY, United States Army, Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 18 May 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reasons: For gallantry in action. First Lieutenant Fetherman distinguished himself by heroic action and personal bravery against a hostile force on 18 May 1967 near Duc Phan, Republic of Vietnam. While on a search and destroy mission, his platoon came under a tremendous volume of automatic weapons fire from well dug-in enemy positions. Seeing that his platoon was surrounded, he exposed himself to the hostile fire, ran to his lead element and directed their fire until gaining fire superiority. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Fetherman again moved through the heavy enemy fire to his other squad, and leading the squad, started to maneuver them to engage the enemy. The advance was halted and they were pinned down by the intensity of the enemy fire. Undaunted by the tremendous amount of hostile fire, Lieutenant Fetherman exposed himself to their fire and aggressively assaulted the position, destroying it with grenades. Continuing his valiant effort, he assaulted another enemy bunker, silencing it with small arms fire. Inspired by Lieutenant Fetherman's courageous example, his squad quickly attacked the remaining enemy positions and succeeded in forcing the enemy to withdraw in a complete route leaving behind six of their dead, two machine guns, and four other weapons. First Lieutenant Fetherman's outstanding display of unquestionable valor, fortitude, and devotion to duty in close combat are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, Task Force Oregon, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.