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HEADQUARTERS AMERICAL DIVISION
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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

GUTIERREZ, LIONEL PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3, United States Army, Company B, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 18 May 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam


Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 18 May 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. While on a search and destroy mission, Private First Class Gutierrez's platoon was suddenly taken under a tremendous volume of enemy automatic weapons fire. In the initial stages of the fire fight numerous casualties were inflicted. When another platoon moved into the area to assist, they too were brought under intense fire and pinned down. Private Gutierrez moved through the vicious enemy fire with complete disregard for his own safety to an exposed position where he could best give the pinned-down platoon covering fire. Seeing that a wounded man lay in an area exposed to hostile fire Private Gutierrez rushed forward to aid the wounded soldier. Placing himself between the wounded man and the enemy positions, Private Gutierrez began to administer much-needed first aid. While giving the wounded man aid, Private Gutierrez began receiving heavy automatic fire. Unable to locate the enemy soldier's exact position, Private Gutierrez deliberately exposed himself to draw the enemy fire so that he might pinpoint the position. Private Gutierrez continued to expose himself until he located the enemy positions and then succeeded in killing the enemy soldier. Private First Class Gutierrez's unquestionable valorous actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the United States Army.

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

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