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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO J2C. The following AWARD is announced.

PAVLANSKY, JOHN F. JR. FIRST LIEUTENANT, INFANTRY, United States Army, Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date of action: 18 May 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 18 May 1967 near Chu Pao, Republic of Vietnam. First Lieutenant Pavlansky distinguished himself by exceptionally heroic action as his platoon was moving along a jungle trail and became engaged with an enemy force concealed in well-fortified bunkers. During the initial contact the platoon sustained numerous casualties from the enemy automatic weapons fire. Lieutenant Pavlansky moved forward through the enemy fire to the point of contact and quickly reorganized his lead elements into a position to lay down an effective base of fire. He exposed himself to the vicious fire with complete disregard for his own safety while moving among the positions directing fire and physically placing his men into position. Several times he purposely drew the enemy fire to enable his men to maneuver. When the platoon suddenly received intense volumes of fire from its flank, Lieutenant Pavlansky organized and personally led three of his men in an assault on the enemy position, knocking it out with grenades. He then shouted to the remainder of his platoon to move forward in the assault. Through his personal courage and inspired leadership, Lieutenant Pavlansky personally led his platoon through enemy positions and destroyed eight enemy bunkers. First Lieutenant Pavlansky's outstanding display of unquestionable valor, determination and aggressive devotion to duty while engaged in close combat are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect the utmost 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.