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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

FLETCHER, LLOYD A. STAFF SERGEANT E6, United States Army,  
Company C, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 502nd 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 an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant Fletcher distinguished himself on 18 May 1967 while conducting a sweeping operation of suspected enemy positions, near Duc Pho. On this date, Sergeant Fletcher's nine man element was suddenly brought under an intense volume of hostile automatic weapons fire from well fortified bunkers. Upon initial contact, the point man was wounded, and completely disregarding his personal safety, Sergeant Fletcher ran forward and brought him back to safety. After quickly evaluating the situation, Sergeant Fletcher directed his small element to the left flank and instructed them to lay down a base of fire. Observing an enemy bunker approximately fifteen meters to his right flank, Sergeant Fletcher assaulted the position singlehandedly, disregarding the increased volume of fire being directed toward him. As Sergeant Fletcher neared the enemy position he was wounded and knocked to the ground by an exploding grenade. In spite of his wounds, Sergeant Fletcher got back up, continued his assault and succeeded in destroying the enemy position, killing two enemy soldiers. He then proceeded to assault two more enemy bunkers, killing three more enemy. Sergeant Fletcher then returned to his men and quickly reorganized them, making sure that the wounded were treated and evacuated. Only after the last man had been given medical treatment, did Sergeant Fletcher seek aid for his own wounds. Sergeant Fletcher's outstanding display of aggressiveness and consummate personal bravery were 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.