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AMERICAL DIVISION  
APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

I. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

TOVAR, MARTIN W. , FIRST LIEUTENANT, INFANTRY, United States Army, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 15 May 1967

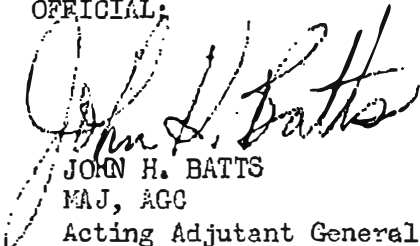
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 15 May 1967 near, Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. First Lieutenant Tovar, platoon leader of the reconnaissance platoon was moving down a jungle trail when an enemy weapons platoon was observed approaching in the opposite direction. He immediately gave the signal to his men to move off the trail and prepare for a hasty linear ambush. On three separate occasions, under cover of heavy rainfall, Lieutenant Tovar approached to within thirty meters of the enemy while positioning his men. Then, waiting until the critical moment, he triggered the ambush. Lieutenant Tovar, with complete disregard for his own safety, led his men in an assault into the killing zone. Lieutenant Tovar's courageous actions and aggressive leadership enabled his platoon to kill eight enemy soldiers and capture several weapons without a single friendly casualty. First Lieutenant Tovar's outstanding display of gallantry, and his devotion to duty are 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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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