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SECTION I

THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

ADAMS, ROBERT H JR (SSAN:) FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY
Headquarters and Headquarters Company 101st Airborne Division APO San Francisco
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Awarded: The Silver Star Medal

Date action: 19 February 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 19 February 1968, First Lieutenant Adams distinguished himself while serving as platoon leader with Company A, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry. Company A was conducting combat operations eight kilometers west of Hue, Republic of Vietnam, and was advancing upon a wooded area over open rice paddies when the second platoon, under First Lieutenant Adams, broke contact with the company and veered to the left. Shortly the remainder of the company came under a withering hail of enemy rocket propelled grenade, machine gun, and automatic weapons fire from well fortified bunker positions in trenches to the company's front. First Lieutenant Adams' platoon was advancing obliquely from the left and initially avoided the fire thus providing them with an opportunity to flank the enemy bunkers. But as they approached they were taken under heavy machine gun fire from a bunker to their front. First Lieutenant Adams, with utter disregard for his own safety, rallied his men and led them in a fierce attack, First Lieutenant Adams himself charging the bunker with a pistol and grenades, knocking out the machine gun. Fire from other enemy positions now engulfed the platoon, yet First Lieutenant Adams, undaunted by the severity of the fire, personally led his men forward and overran a second position, silencing all the direct fire on the remainder of the company, while inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and capturing a number of weapons and documents. First Lieutenant Adams' fierce offensive spirit and unreserved courage in the face of devastating enemy fire was an inspiration to his men and was greatly responsible for the total success of the ensuing assault. His initiative and devotion to duty were surpassed only by his personal valor. First Lieutenant Adams' exceptional gallantry is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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