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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL (FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

ADAMS, ROBERT H JR () SECOND LIEUTENANT INFANTRY Company C
~~1st Battalion (Airborne)~~, 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Effective month: October 1968

Date action: 23 February 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 23 February 1968.

Second Lieutenant Adams distinguished himself while serving as platoon leader with Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 501st Infantry. Company A was providing the rear security for a battalion size assault on a North Vietnamese Regimental basecamp north of Hue, Republic of Vietnam. As the battle grew in intensity, the attacking force began receiving heavy rocket propelled grenade and sixty millimeter mortar fire from the right flank. Company A was instructed to move to the area and silence the enemy resistance. As Lieutenant Adams moved his platoon toward a hedgerow, the platoon came under heavy rocket propelled grenade and machine gun fire from the concealed enemy force. Knowing that to delay might be disastrous, he led his platoon in a headlong dash to the hedgerow. Apparently noting that Lieutenant Adams was the rallying force in the unit, the enemy concentrated a furious burst of fire on him, destroying his rifle in his hands. He stopped momentarily, picked up the grenade launcher of a wounded man, and again resumed his assault on the enemy. With his men following him, the enemy positions were overrun and the platoon, more slowly now, pursued the fleeing enemy. After an hour of continuous fighting, Lieutenant Adams had succeeded in reaching his objective and the company began to set up a defensive perimeter. Very soon though, sniper fire began to erupt from within the perimeter and Lieutenant Adams, with several other men, attempted to locate the snipers. He soon discovered that there were three North Vietnamese in a small area. Concealing his movement with smoke grenades, Lieutenant Adams crept forward in a low crouch and as the smoke cleared, found himself almost face to face with the surprised enemy. He quickly shot all three of the enemy soldiers and finally was able to declare the area secured. Second Lieutenant Adams' personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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

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