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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

STOEWE, RUSSELL J () CAPTAIN INFANTRY Company C 1st Battalion
(Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star Medal

Effective month: November 1968

Date action: 4 April 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam


Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 4 April 1968. Captain Stoeve distinguished himself during the conduct of combat operations in Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. The company was heavily engaged with a well entrenched enemy battalion. Captain Stoeve was well to the front directing the movement of his elements. Throughout the battle he personally directed the retaliatory fire of his men while repeatedly exposing himself to the intense hostile small arms, rocket propelled grenade, and machine gun fire. On several occasions he personally directed the withdrawal of his platoons in contact and coordinated for close air support. Only when he was certain the company had withdrawn completely would he withdraw, thus allowing close air support aircraft to unload their ordnance. Several times Captain Stoeve formed rescue teams to evacuate the wounded under hostile fire while he himself returned fire, covering the extraction of the wounded and dead. His courage and outstanding leadership contributed immeasurably to the success of the mission. Captain Stoeve's 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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