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1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

HUFFMAN, JAMES A SECOND LIEUTENANT INFANTRY
Company C 2d Battalion (Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star

Effective month:

Date action: 16 November 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 16 November 1968. Second Lieutenant Huffman distinguished himself while serving as Platoon Leader for Company C, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry, on a combat operation near the village of Phu Loc, Republic of Vietnam. Second Lieutenant Huffman's platoon was part of a large sweep designed to drive the insurgents from their fortified positions. As the platoon moved out, it came under intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Lieutenant Huffman crawled forward through accurate small arms fire and deep mud to his forward element to assess the situation. After his assessment, Lieutenant Huffman again risked his life by inching his way across the enemy-held fields to other elements of his platoon. He personally directed the return fire of the platoon. As the platoon moved forward, Lieutenant Huffman rejoined the forward element, regrouped his men on line, and effectively led a flanking attack on the enemy positions. From informants captured during the sweep, it was determined that an estimated battalion of North Vietnamese lay in ambush for the company. In spite of the increasing enemy fire and torrential rain, Lieutenant Huffman remained in position to cover the withdrawal of his platoon. Second Lieutenant Huffman'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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