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THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

DANFORD, HOWARD H. . . . . LIEUTENANT COLONEL INFANTRY Headquarters,  
Headquarters Company 2nd Battalion (Airborne) 502nd Infantry 101st Airborne Division  
APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star

Date action: 10 March 1968


Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: Lieutenant Colonel Danford distinguished himself by gallantry in action while engaged in military operations against an armed hostile force on 10 March 1968 in the Province of Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam. Contact began when Company A of the 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 502nd Infantry, encountered an enemy force utilizing automatic weapons, RPG rockets, mortars and hand grenades in fortified bunkered positions. The contact continued most of the day and ammunition was a dire necessity. Lieutenant Colonel Danford organized an immediate ammunition resupply and escorted its insertion into the engaged Company A. When over the contact area, the enemy fire power was recognized to be extremely heavy. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he was the order to descend. Though his helicopter received heavy enemy automatic weapons fire, his determination and courage enabled the seriously needed ammunition to be inserted into the engaged Company A. With this ammunition Company A was able to fight their way into the enemy complex and defeat a numerically superior force, and partially disable them for immediate future aggression. Lieutenant Colonel Danford's outstanding display of gallantry in action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects 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 established 9 July 1918.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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