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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ZAPERT, VALENTINE J FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY Company E 1st Battalion (Airmobile) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star
Effective month: NA
Date action: 18 May 1969
Theater: Republic of Vietnam
Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 18 May 1969. Lieutenant Zapert distinguished himself while serving as platoon leader of the reconnaissance platoon, Company B, 1st Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, during a reconnaissance in force operation near Tam Ky, in Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam. Company B, with the reconnaissance platoon attached, received intense enemy mortar fire. Many were wounded by the initial shelling, among them the commanding officer of Company B. Lieutenant Zapert, realizing that his segment of the perimeter was secure and relatively safe from the shrapnel of the exploding enemy mortars, moved to the company headquarters to assist the acting company commander. Assuring himself that the acting company commander had the situation under control, he left his covered position and went into the area of concentrated enemy fire to treat and evacuate the wounded in his relatively secure portion of the perimeter. Having repeatedly subjected himself to the enemy in evacuating all the wounded, Lieutenant Zapert again ascended to the crest of the hill to adjust aerial rocket artillery upon the enemy position. Through his outstanding courage and determination many lives were saved. Lieutenant Zapert'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 25 July 1963.

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