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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

CHRISTIAN, DAVID 05345884 ( ) FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY  
United States Army  
Combat Support Company 1st Battalion 26th Infantry

Awarded: Silver Star  
Date of action: 23 September 1968  
Theater: Republic of Vietnam  
Reason: For gallantry in action while engaged in operations involving conflict with an armed force in the Republic of Vietnam: On this date, Lieutenant Christian was leading his platoon on a reconnaissance in force operation near Nuoc Mountain, when an enemy base camp was discovered. The platoon prepared to enter the camp, but was suddenly pinned down by intense small arms fire. Observing that his men were unable to make progress, Lieutenant Christian unhesitatingly exposed himself to the hail of enemy rounds as he threw several grenades into the enemy positions, enabling his platoon to establish an effective base of operations. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Christian then led a rapid assault which routed the insurgents, and resulted in the recovery of valuable documents and supplies. The courage, determination and professional leadership demonstrated were major contributing factors to the successful outcome of the encounter, in which no friendly casualties were sustained. First Lieutenant Christian's unquestionable valor while engaged in combat is hereby recognized.