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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MCCAFFREY, BARRY R. OF101587 [REDACTED] CAPTAIN INFANTRY United States Army Company B, 2nd Battalion (Airmobile), 7th Cavalry

Awarded: **Silver Star** (First Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date action: 19 February 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Captain McCaffrey distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action on 19 February 1969, while serving as Commanding Officer of Company B, 2nd Battalion (Airmobile), 7th Cavalry during a combat mission. Shortly after an element of his unit engaged and killed two enemy soldiers, two platoons of the unit were taken under heavy automatic weapons fire from an enemy force concealed in bunkers. While leading an assault upon the enemy positions, Captain McCaffrey observed an enemy soldier with a machine gun entering a bunker. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Captain McCaffrey assaulted the bunker and neutralized it with a hand grenade. Because of Captain McCaffrey's decisive action, the assault continued and the enemy was driven from his positions with heavy losses. Captain McCaffrey's gallant action is 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, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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