

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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APO San Francisco 96383

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

HAY, JOHN E FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY Company E, 1st
Battalion (Airborne) 502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

→ Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Effective month: January 1969

Date action: 3 December 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 3 December 1968. Second Lieutenant Hay distinguished himself while serving as the Reconnaissance Platoon Leader of Company E, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry, in the District of Quang Dien, Republic of Vietnam. While on a combat operation in the sand dunes along the coast, the platoon came under heavy small arms and machine gun fire and was pinned down in a crossfire. Lieutenant Hay, with complete disregard for his personal safety, attempted to locate the enemy positions. Having located these positions, he moved from position to position, coordinated the supporting fire of his men and maneuvered on the enemy bunkers. Through his courage, he contributed immeasurably to the success of the mission, which resulted in two enemy killed, one enemy captured, four weapons captured, and no friendly casualties. First Lieutenant Hay'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 Executive Order 11046.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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for ML Marsh MAJAGC

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