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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
(POSTHUMOUSLY)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

MORALES, TOMMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 United States Army
Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, APO San Francisco 96347.

Awarded: Silver Star (Posthumously)

Date action: 8 September 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: Gallantry in action: Private First Class Morales distinguished himself by gallantry in action on 8 September 1966 near Tuy Hoa, Republic of Vietnam during a heliborne assault. Upon landing, the first platoon and the helicopters received intense enemy automatic and small arms fire from concealed enemy positions. Private First Class Morales, unable to find his squad leader, immediately took charge of his squad. Although the squad was without organization, he quickly organized the squad for an assault on the enemy positions. Assuming a job of great responsibility, Private First Class Morales displayed outstanding leadership and courage as he encouraged his men forward. Inspired by their intrepid leader, the squad was able to overrun the heavily fortified enemy position. During the ensuing battle, Private First Class Morales was mortally wounded. His courage, aggressiveness, and devotion to duty inspired his comrades immeasurably. Private Morales' unimpeachable valor, at the cost of his own life, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the American fighting man and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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