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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

TAYLOR, ARTHUR E. JR. MAJOR INFANTRY United States Army
HHC, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Ede, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 9 June 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Major Taylor distinguished himself on 9 June 1966 while serving as aircraft commander of a helicopter on a reconnaissance mission in support of a friendly ground force conducting a combat operation near Dak To, Republic of Vietnam. Major Taylor voluntarily accepted the hazardous mission of flying directly into a Viet Cong infested area at low level to locate and pinpoint hostile emplacements. Immediately upon entering the operational area, Major Taylor's pilot began evasive flight maneuvers. Major Taylor then began communicating with his ground elements, issuing orders and relaying emergency requests to his command post. Suddenly, four hostile .50 caliber machine guns opened up on the aircraft. Undaunted by the hostile fire which engulfed the helicopter, Major Taylor, with complete disregard for his safety, spotted the Viet Cong machine gun emplacements and radioed their locations to ground elements. He instructed the friendly force in the vicinity of recommended routes of advance to the insurgent positions. His professionalism and courage, under intense hostile fire while flying in adverse weather conditions, was instrumental in defeating the Viet Cong force. Major Taylor's extraordinary heroism in close combat against a hostile force was 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 1912.