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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced posthumously.

BEASLEY, PERCY JR. , SPECIALIST FOUR E4, United States Army, Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 25 August 1967

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against an armed hostile force on 25 August 1967 near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Four Beasley distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous action and personal sacrifice. Specialist Beasley was acting as squad leader and moving his squad down a jungle trail, when they were taken under attack with an intense volume of fire from an estimated platoon-sized enemy force. Upon the initial contact, two troopers fell wounded and lay in the open area to Specialist Beasley's front. While the enemy continued to pour heavy fire upon them, Specialist Beasley, with complete disregard for his own safety, charged through the hostile fire and shielded the wounded with his body while placing suppressive fire on the insurgent positions. Once the wounded had been evacuated, Specialist Beasley charged forward, unmindful of the extremely brutal enemy fire, and assaulted the nearest enemy position. Before being mortally wounded, he killed four enemy soldiers. Specialist Four Beasley displayed the utmost in personal courage and dedication through his gallantry and heroic action while engaging a numerically superior hostile force in close combat; he has distinguished himself and reflected the utmost credit upon himself, Task Force Oregon, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.