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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

TRABERT, THOMAS W. ) FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY Headquarters  
and Headquarters Company 2d Battalion (Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San  
Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star

Effective month:

Date action: 22 May 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 22 May 1968. First Lieutenant Trabert distinguished himself while serving as Platoon Leader for the 2d Platoon, Company D, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry, while on a search and clear operation along the Song O Au River near Hue, Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Trabert was in command of a three man patrol which was in search of traces of enemy activity and provided security for the rest of the platoon. Shortly after crossing the stream, Lieutenant Trabert observed a North Vietnamese Army platoon preparing its night positions. Lieutenant Trabert then maneuvered his small patrol into position in order to lead it in an attack upon the unsuspecting enemy force. While leading the grenade and small arms assault upon the enemy, Lieutenant Trabert received a painful hand wound, but continued against the entrenched enemy. Having taken the initiative from the enemy, Lieutenant Trabert then called in and directed helicopter gunship fire upon the enemy positions. A sweep of the battle area revealed seventeen enemy casualties, numerous weapons, and evidence of several wounded enemy soldiers. Lieutenant Trabert's actions resulted in the reduction of the enemy force to an ineffective fighting unit. First Lieutenant Trabert'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 the Act of Congress, approved 25 July 1963.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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