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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)\*

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BROOKS, THOMAS JR PRIVATE FIRST CLASS Company A 1st Battalion (Airborne)  
502nd Infantry APO-San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star (Posthumous)  
Effective month: N/A

Date action: 8 July 1969

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action while engaged in military operations against an armed

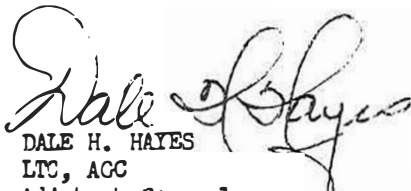
hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 8 July 1969. Private Brooks distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in the Third Platoon of Company A, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry, during a combat operation in Quan Tien Province, Republic of Vietnam. Private Brooks was in the lead element when it came under heavy enemy fire. Crawling through dense elephant grass, Private Brooks disclosed several enemy positions which put the enemy at a distinct disadvantage by eliminating the element of surprise. He laid down intense suppressive fire while his fellow squad members crawled for cover. When his squad had attained relative safety, he sought cover for himself but was struck and mortally wounded. Private Brooks' 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.

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