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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

HURLBUT, THOMAS W PRIVATE FIRST CLASS Company A, 1st Battalion (Airborne)
502d Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star (Posthumous)

Effective month: N/A

Date action: 8 July 1969

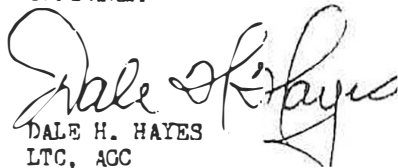
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 8 July 1969. Private Hurlbut distinguished himself while serving as machine gunner with the First Platoon of Company A, 1st Battalion, 502d Infantry, during a combat operation in Quan Tien Phuoc Province, Republic of Vietnam. Private Hurlbut, advancing forward through intense enemy fire, laid down a steady volley of fire with his machine gun. Receiving fire from all sides, he continued to deliver suppressive fire to cover the evacuation of the wounded. Realizing the threat proposed by his machine gun, the North Vietnamese directed their mortars and all organic fire against him. Withstanding the onslaught, he defied all attempts of the enemy to eliminate his gun. Undaunted, he continued to fire until struck by hostile fire and mortally wounded. Private Hurlbut's personal bravery and devotion to duty were 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 of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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