

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, AMERICAL DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96374

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BRONZE
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BROOKS, JESSE A RAL1575641 (SSAN 220-52-3975), PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3,
Company C, 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry, 196th Infantry Brigade APO 96256
Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device
Date action: 6 May 1968

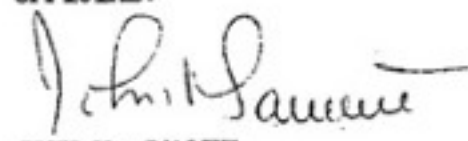
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Private First Class Brooks distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 6 May 1968 while serving as a rifleman in Company C, 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry. On that date, his company was conducting a combat operation in the Quang Tri Province when they came upon a small village. As they approached this village, they suddenly came under intense automatic weapons, artillery, mortar, and small arms fire from an enemy force of undetermined size located in well-concealed bunkers. Immediately, Private Brooks moved into a defensive position and helped set up a devastating base of fire to enable the rest of his company to reach cover. Although several of his comrades fell wounded, Private Brooks continually exposed himself to the hostile fire in order to secure a pickup zone for dust-off helicopters. Private First Class Brooks' personal bravery and unselfish concern for his fellow soldiers are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962.

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