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Silver Star – THOMAS ROY GROVER

Awarded for actions during the Vietnam War

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918 (amended by an act of July 25, 1963), takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to Specialist Fourth Class Thomas Roy Grover (ASN: US-51978915), United States Army, for gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force on 2 February 1969, while serving as a member of a night ambush patrol with Company D, 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry Regiment, 199th Infantry Brigade (Separate) (Light), in the Republic of Vietnam. On that date the night ambush patrol came under intense enemy fire from a concealed enemy force. Specialist Grover immediately and unhesitatingly left his relatively safe position and entered an exposed area where most of his comrades were located in order to provide suppressive fire and direct them to safety. Only after his comrades reached a safe area did he seek cover for himself, and while moving to another location he was fatally wounded. His unselfish actions contributed significantly to the defeat of the enemy force. Specialist Fourth Class Grover's valorous actions and devotion to duty, at the cost of his own life, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

General Orders: Headquarters, II Field Force Vietnam, General Orders dated March 13, 1969)

Action Date: February 2, 1969

Service: Army

Rank: Specialist Fourth Class

Company: Company D

Battalion: 2d Battalion

Regiment: 3d Infantry Regiment, 199th Infantry Brigade (Separate) (Light)

Tom's tour in Vietnam would have ended in three weeks following his death. He had spent forty five weeks in the field, yet he was willing to give his life to save his men. At the time of Tom's death, I (Ted Grover) was home on leave waiting to be deployed to Vietnam. Since I was also an infantryman, Tom oftentimes expressed his concern regarding my service there. He was well aware of the perils of trying to survive day to day in a jungle war. He was also aware that if he was killed in Vietnam, the Army would not deploy me to a war zone.

It is important to stress on Veterans Day that when a soldier is killed in war, it has a very serious impact on his/her family & friends. This impact is not only grief, but guilt and regrets.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial

• THOMAS R GROVER

Locating a Name

All the names, with panel and line location, are listed in an alphabetical directory at the memorial. Also, if the date of casualty is known, the guide below shows how to find any particular time so the name can be searched out.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial
Washington, D.C.

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

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January 1962	1E-4	March 1967	15E-124	February 1969	33W-30	January 1971	5W-19
January 1963	1E-15	April 1967	17E-83	March 1969	31W-98	February 1971	5W-71
January 1964	1E-39	May 1967	19E-2	April 1969	28W-101	March 1971	4W-13
January 1965	1E-81	June 1967	21E-25	May 1969	26W-89	April 1971	4W-98
April 1965	1E-99	July 1967	22E-90	June 1969	23W-34	May 1971	3W-21
July 1965	2E-26	August 1967	24E-58	July 1969	21W-41	June 1971	3W-60
October 1965	2E-100	September 1967	25E-76	August 1969	20W-82	July 1971	3W-96
November 1965	3E-10	October 1967	27E-35	September 1969	18W-18	August 1971	3W-120
December 1965	3E-119	November 1967	28E-107	October 1969	17W-21	September 1971	2W-7
January 1966	4E-47	December 1967	31E-20	November 1969	16W-11	October 1971	2W-32
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May 1966	7E-15	April 1968	47E-29	March 1970	13W-70	February 1972	2W-103
June 1966	7E-130	May 1968	53E-27	April 1970	12W-64	March 1972	2W-112
July 1966	8E-114	June 1968	62W-19	May 1970	11W-78	April 1972	2W-126
August 1966	9E-92	July 1968	54W-25	June 1970	10W-129	May 1972	1W-10
September 1966	10E-59	August 1968	50W-40	July 1970	9W-108	June 1972	1W-34
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November 1966	12E-2	October 1968	42W-52	September 1970	7W-29	October 1972	1W-76
December 1966	12E-131	November 1968	40W-70	October 1970	7W-102	January 1973	1W-108
January 1967	13E-106	December 1968	37W-15	November 1970	6W-33	January 1975	1W-121

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