

1ST BRIGADE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION  
APO San Francisco 96347

GENERAL ORDERS  
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BALDINGER, MICHAEL

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS E3 USA

Co A, 2nd Bn, 502nd Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device First Oak Leaf Cluster

Date action: 4 February 1966

Theater: Republic of Viet Nam

Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force: Private Baldinger distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 4 February 1966, in the Republic of Viet Nam. While conducting a combat operation, elements of Private Baldinger's company were heavily engaged with an estimated reinforced company of North Vietnamese Army regulars southwest of Tuy Hoa, Republic of Viet Nam. They were met by extremely heavy small arms fire from the entrenched Viet Cong. Unable to move further into the area, they began firing into the enemy's position. Suddenly a cry was heard that a medic was urgently needed. Without hesitation, Private Baldinger left his relatively secure area and ran forward in an effort to reach the wounded men. He ran through an open rice paddy, completely exposed to the withering enemy fire. After reaching the area, he began to administer first aid to the wounded. For one hour Private Baldinger could be seen crawling from one wounded man to the next, even though he himself was completely exposed to the now extremely accurate enemy fire. His actions undoubtedly saved the lives of several Americans that day. Private Baldinger's devotion to duty and personal courage 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 under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962.

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