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AWARD OF THE SLIVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ROMANS, ROY E. SERGEANT E5 United States Army KHC, 2d Bn (Abn), 502d Inf, 1st Bde, 101st Abn Div, APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star Date action: 10 May 1966 Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action: Sergeant Romans distinguished himself on 10 May 1966 while serving as squad leader of a platoon on a combat operation near Bu Gia Kap, Republic of Vietnam. While moving toward their objective, Sergeant Romans' platoon received intense hostile fire and sustained two casualties. Unhesitatingly Sergeant Romans charged forward to assist in the extraction of his fallen comrades. As he attempted to evacuate a wounded man, the Viet Cong. launched a determined assault on his position. Completely exposed. Sergeant Romans concentrated a volume of suppressive fire on the insurgents. He then successfully established and defended a small perimeter forward of the wounded men. While receiving intense hostile fire, he then organized his men and personally led them in an aggressive assault on the Viet Cong emplacements. Through his heroic efforts, Sergeant Romans was most instrumental in routing the insurgents. His unimpeachable valor in close combat against a numerically superior Viet Cong force was in keeping with the highest traditions of the mulitary service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.

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