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AMERICAN DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. FC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

BALOG, PAUL, SERGEANT E5, (United States Army, Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 902d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 29 September 1967

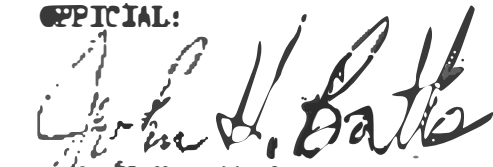
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 29 September 1967 in the vicinity of Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. On that date, Sergeant Balog's platoon became heavily engaged with an estimated two enemy squads emplaced in well-fortified bunkers. In the initial stages of the battle numerous friendly casualties were sustained. Sergeant Balog frequently exposed himself to intense hostile fire while pulling wounded comrades to covered positions, and carrying them to a nearby landing zone to be evacuated. When he returned to the area of contact, Sergeant Balog, his platoon leader and one other man initiated an aggressive assault and succeeded in destroying four enemy bunkers and killing six enemy soldiers. Twice, Sergeant Balog fully exposed himself to hostile fire as he placed grenade fire into the enemy bunkers. During the course of the action, he was wounded in the shoulder by enemy fire. Without concern for his own safety, Sergeant Balog continued to fire at the bunkers until he succeeded in destroying them. When he ran out of ammunition, he obtained an enemy weapon and continued to move through the area. Suddenly, Sergeant Balog observed an enemy soldier in a well camouflaged spider hole and he rushed forward and killed him. Sergeant Balog's outstanding gallantry in action and his devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the American Division, 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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