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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

HOGAN, CLEC C JR FIRST LIEUTENANT INFANTRY Headquarters
and Headquarters Company 2d Brigade 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) San Francisco
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Awarded: The Silver Star Medal
Effective month: August 1968
Date action: 22 March 1968
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

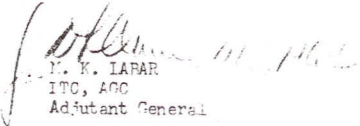
Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 22 March 1968. First Lieutenant Hogan distinguished himself while serving as commanding officer of Company D, 2d Battalion, 501st Infantry. Company D was assaulting a heavily fortified dual bunker system atop a high hill just west of Hue, Republic of Vietnam. The bunkers were extremely formidable, constructed with rock and natural materials, dried and hardened, and were able to support each other by direct fire. As the company closed on the enemy stronghold, First Lieutenant Hogan advanced to the front of his unit in order to determine the extent of the enemy's defenses and the overall strength of the foe's position. As soon as he came within view, a fusillade of enemy automatic weapons and machine gun fire opened up on him, churning up the earth within inches of his position. First Lieutenant Hogan immediately realized that no men could successfully storm this position without supporting fires. And so, fully exposing himself to the fierce enemy onslaught in order to be certain of the positions he was recording, First Lieutenant Hogan called in tactical air strikes and artillery fires. As these fires came raining in on the enemy, only a short distance from First Lieutenant Hogan's position, the officer bravely stayed at his post so that he could determine the effectiveness of the friendly firepower. Then, the artillery and air strikes having subsided, he directed one of his platoons to storm the position. However, the enemy still held their ground tenaciously as a withering hail of bullets tore into the advancing platoon's ranks allowing it to go no further than First Lieutenant Hogan's forward position, although some individuals advanced to within ten meters of the enemy bunkers before being forced to withdraw. Once again, First Lieutenant Hogan called in supporting fires from artillery units and fighter jets, and this time he crawled even closer to the enemy in an effort to assure the effectiveness of this fire. As the lethal weapons pounded the bunker positions, debris showered First Lieutenant Hogan and shrapnel flew over his head. Yet he remained, undaunted, as he directed these fires and then, as they lifted, called for two more platoons to storm the challenging citadel. As the paratroopers rushed up the hillside, the enemy opened fire once again with terrifying accuracy, and as they swarmed past First Lieutenant Hogan's position, the officer stood bolt upright amidst the carnage about him in a gallant effort to encourage the men onward. Despite intensified enemy fire from the bunkers, further machine gun fire from the reverse slope, and enemy mortar fire, the combination of heavy artillery and air power along with the tenacity and courage of First Lieutenant Hogan's men were able to overcome all resistance. Greatly inspired by the sheer audacity and calm courage of their commander, the infantrymen overran the enemy's positions, killing all the defenders. First Lieutenant Hogan's personal bravery and devotion to duty 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 of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress established 9 July 1918.

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