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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARDS are announced.

HOGAN, CLEO C CAPTAIN INFANTRY Company D 2d Battalion (Airborne) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star Medal Effective month: October 1968 Date action: 10 April 1968 Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action in the Republic of Vietnam on 10 April 1968. As part of a combat operation near Quang Tri City, Republic of Vietnam, Captain Hogan led his men in a combat assault on a suspected enemy position. Upon descending into the landing zone, the company began receiving hostile mortar fire. Captain Hogan quickly dispersed his men to lessen the effect of the mortars and then deployed his troops against the enemy force. He halted the advance one hundred and fifty meters from the woodline that contained the enemy positions, and requested gas dispensers to harass the enemy while his company made the attack. As the dispensers were delivered to the company location. the enemy opened fire with small arms and automatic weapons. Captain Hogan, completely disregarding the intensity of the fire, moved forward to position the gas dispensers and then led the attack against the fortified positions. The second platoon leader's radio-telephone operator was killed in the heavy fire, causing a lapse in communications. To maintain control of the attack, Captain Hogan started to move forward toward the second platoon's location; as he did so, the enemy directed a large volume of small arms and rocket fire at him as he raced and crawled across the open rice paddy. While crawling, he spotted two of the enemy firing from a nearby house. Captain Hogan crawled to within thirty-five meters of the location and fired a light antitank weapon. One enemy was killed and the other was forced out of the house, where Captain Hogan shot him with his M-16 rifle. Crawling farther. Captain Hogan spotted other enemy in bunkers and trench lines and decided to move his company back and call in artillery. After the barrage, an attack was launched to recover the body of the radiotelephone operator, but the hail of enemy fire forced Captain Hogan to. again withdraw his company. Two additional companies were airlifted to the location and the area was cordoned for the night. The next day, Captain Hogan led his company in an assault on the village, killing sixty of the enemy and capturing eleven. Captain 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.

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