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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE (FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

1. TC320. The following AWARDS are announced.

BRANDER, FREDERICK C
2d Battalion (Airmobile) 501st Infantry APO San Francisco 96383

FIRST SERGEANT (E-8) Company A

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
Effective Month: October 1968
Date action: 11 April 1968

Theater: Republic of Vietnam
Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic

of Vietnam on 11 April 1968. First Sergeant Brander distinguished himself while serving with Company A, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry. Company A was involved in a combat operation around Phuc Dien, Republic of Vietnam and was able to trap the enemy force in the village and place a cordon around it. The trapped enemy soldiers were trying desperately to break out of the snare and maintain close contact with the friendly troops so that airstrikes and artillery fire could not be called in. First Sergeant Brander, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, raced back and forth along the edge of the line, encouraging his men and giving directions for preventing the enemy's escape. Because of the lack of a secondary force, it was necessary that every man know how to react instantly. As numerous men were wounded, First Sergeant Brander again exposed himself to the intense automatic weapons fire to treat the men and pull them back from the area of contact. When it became obvious to him that some of the men would have to be evacuated; he prepared a medical evacuation landing zone and personally carried a number of the more seriously wounded to the medical evacuation helicopter. First Sergeant Brander's exceptional valor is 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 Executive Order 11046.

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