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

TC 439. The following AWARDS are announced.

LEWIS, FRANK F. SGT (Then SP4) 11B20 Co A 2d Bn (Ambl) 501st Inf  
(WACNAO) APO SF 96383

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device (First Oak Leaf Cluster)  
(Posthumous)

Date of Service: 6 May 1970

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provision  
Of Executive Order 11046.

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 6 May 1970. Specialist Lewis distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in Company A, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 501<sup>st</sup> Infantry, defending Fire Support Base Henderson, Republic of Vietnam. When the fire base came under a coordinated mortar and sapper attack, several sappers penetrated the perimeter and advanced toward the command post bunker. Before Specialist Lewis was able to open fire, the insurgents took cover in the foxhole. Specialist Lewis left the security of his bunker and maneuvered under heavy fire to the enemy location. Although seriously wounded by a satchel charge, he crawled to the foxhole and destroyed the insurgents with a hand grenade. As he maneuvered back to his original position to help repel the attack, he was mortally wounded by enemy grenade fire. Specialist Lewis' personal bravery and devotion in 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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

Hugh A. McDonald  
Colonel, GS  
Chief of Staff

///Original Signed///  
THOMAS E. MINIX  
LTC, AGC  
Adjutant General

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