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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

BANDA, GEORGE F

SP4 91B20 HHC 2d Bn (Amb) 501st Inf (WACPTO)

Awarded: The Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device

Date of service: 6 May 1970

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

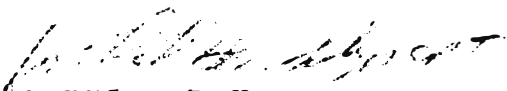
Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of Executive Order 11046.

Reason: For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 6 May 1970. Specialist Banda distinguished himself while serving as a medical aidman in the reconnaissance platoon of Company E, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, during combat operations southwest of Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam. Specialist Banda was helping secure Fire Support Base Henderson when an estimated North Vietnamese Army Battalion began to attack the firebase. The insurgents fought their way through the perimeter and spread throughout the firebase throwing satchel charges at the artillery and mortar positions and at defensive positions on the bunker line. Soon after the fighting began a man near Specialist Banda was badly wounded by an enemy satchel charge, and Specialist Banda moved through the intense hostile fire to the wounded man's position. Once there, he spent many minutes exposed to the enemy fire treating and comforting the man. After moving the injured man to a safer place, Specialist Banda was himself wounded. In spite of his wound he continued to treat his wounded comrades. Only after all others had been evacuated did he allow himself to be treated. Specialist Banda'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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