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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

SANDLIN, STEVEN R. - PFC 11B10 Co E 2d Bn (Ambl) 502d Inf WACQED)
APO SF 96383

Awarded: The Silver Star (Posthumous)

Date of service: 27 April 1970

Theater: Republic of Vietnam


Authority: By direction of the President of the United States under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 25 July 1963.

Reason: For gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on 27 April 1970. Private Sandlin distinguished himself while serving as a rifleman in Company E, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 502d Infantry, during combat operations in Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam. While on a reconnaissance patrol, Private Sandlin's unit made contact with a numerically superior enemy force and suffered several casualties. Private Sandlin moved among the wounded men, checking their wounds and administering first aid. When the wounded were removed to an area of safety, he provided covering fire. The platoon sergeant was also wounded and Private Sandlin rushed to his position and gave protective fire until he could be removed to a safe area. While moving from one wounded soldier to another giving aid and encouragement, Private Sandlin was mortally wounded by hostile fire. Private Sandlin'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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