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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

BANDA, GEORGE F  
APO SF 96383

SP4 91B2P HHC 2d Bn (Aml) 501st Inf (MACNTO)

Awarded: The Silver Star

Date of service: 23 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 in the Republic of Vietnam on 23 April 1970. Specialist Banda distinguished himself while serving as a medical aidman in Company E, 2d Battalion (Airmobile), 501st Infantry, during combat operations near Firo Support Base Granite, Republic of Vietnam. While on a reconnaissance patrol, Specialist Banda's platoon came under fire from a well-protected enemy force. When one of the men in the lead element was critically wounded by automatic weapons fire, Specialist Banda rushed to his aid. He remained in an open area for a considerable length of time administering emergency treatment despite the intensity of enemy fire. 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.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

HUGH A. MACDONALD  
Colonel, GS  
Chief of Staff



THOMAS E. MINIX  
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