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AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

TC 439. The following award is announced.

MURPHY, WILLIAM J. [REDACTED] SERGEANT United States Army, Co C, 2/
 1st Cav Div

Awarded: Soldier's Medal

Dates of Action: 17 December 1971

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Authority: By direction of the President, under the provisions of the
 of Congress, approved 25 July 1963

Reason: For heroism not involving actual conflict with an armed enemy
 the Republic of Vietnam: Sergeant William J. Murphy distinguished
 himself on 17 December 1971 at the First Cavalry R&R center,
 Vung Tau, Republic of Vietnam. He was swimming on the beach
 with other members of his company when he observed a soldier being
 swept out to sea by a powerful undertow and high waves. With
 regard for his own personal safety, he unhesitatingly entered
 the water and proceeded vigorously to the drowning soldier. Although
 hampered by the strong undertow and great distance, Sergeant
 finally reached the man and succeeded in calming him down sufficiently
 in order to carry him back to the beach. Sergeant Murphy's
 heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of
 military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his
 unit, and the United States Army.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



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