

**RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION FOR VALOR OR MERIT**  
(MACV Directive 672-1)

T H R U Commanding Officer PANK TC AAG APO SF 96227	T O Chief AAG APTW: AAG-AD APO SF 96222	F R O M Commanding Officer DBTTB, PANK TC AAG APO SF 96240
1. NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) <b>BRANDON, JOHN A.</b>	2. SSAN: <b>GL0578</b>	3. GRADE: <b>IT</b> BRANCH/POS: <b>RTZA</b>
5. MONTHS IN RVN: <b>9</b>	6. DEROS: <b>30 Nov 72</b>	7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ( ) YES ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) NO
9. ORGANIZATION AT THE TIME OF ACTION: <b>FTC-AAG-DBTTB, APO SF 96240</b>		8. DUTY POSITION TITLE: <b>Executive Officer/OIG General Subjects</b>
10. DATE(S) OF SERVICE OR ACTION: <b>1 March 1972 - 30 November 1972</b>		
11. CURRENT UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: <b>FTC-AAG-DBTTB, APO SF 96240</b>	12. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: <b>NZATGV SAIGON, SOUTH VIETNAM</b>	
13. AWARD RECOMMENDED:		
( ) DSC      ( ) SM      ( ) AM      ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) SERVICE ( ) SS      ( ) BS <sup>1</sup> V <sup>1</sup> ( ) ACM <sup>1</sup> V <sup>1</sup> ( ) ACHIEVEMENT ( ) LM      ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) BSM      ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) ACM      OAK LEAF CLUSTER ( ) DFC      ( ) AM <sup>1</sup> V <sup>1</sup> ( ) PH      AWD OF AIR MEDAL		
14. PREVIOUS US AWARDS (Purple Heart and higher):		
DECORATION	DATE(S) OF ACTION/SERVICE	AUTHORITY
15. OTHERS RECOMMENDED FOR AN AWARD FOR THE SAME ACTION (NAME & AWARD):		
16. NAMES OF EYEWITNESSES:		

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17. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

Lieutenant John A. Brandon, G40578, Royal New Zealand Artillery, attached to the Dong Ba Thin Training Battalion, Forces Armee Nationale Khmere (FANK) Training Command, Army Advisory Group, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service during the period March 1972 to November 1972, while serving as an Executive Officer and Officer-In-Charge of the General Subjects Committee. During the period 1 March 1972 until 31 July 1972, LT Brandon was assigned as the Executive Officer of Training Detachment A-511. He was responsible for the efficient administrative running of the Training Detachment and the Cambodian battalion under going training. He handled his duties in a highly competent and professional manner, spending long hours in ensuring that the needs of the Detachment and Cambodian troops were met. At all times, LT Brandon was ready and willing to advise the detachment and troops on training and administrative matters. In August 1972, LT Brandon was reassigned to the Training Committee as Officer-In-Charge of the General Subjects Committee. He immediately took command of the group, which included United States, New Zealand and Cambodian instructors, and set about improving the standards of the training aids, lesson plans and instructional techniques. LT Brandon's intense desire to excel and his meticulous attention to detail quickly won him the respect, not only of his superiors and subordinates, but also of the Cambodian troops he instructed. LT Brandon, in addition to his instructional duties, commanded the Fire Direction Center for the Dong Ba Thin Training Battalion. He has handled his duties in a highly competent manner, giving much of his own time to the preparation of Fire Plans for the defense of the area. LT Brandon is a well motivated officer, who shows fairness, firmness and friendliness in his work. LT Brandon's outstanding duty performance was in keeping with the highest traditions of the New Zealand Army reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

<p>18. INCLOSURES:</p> <p>1. Proposed Citation</p> <p>2. BIO Sketch</p>	<p>19. NAME/RANK/POSITION OF ORIGINATOR:</p> <p>JOHN V. HEMLER JR Colonel, FA Commanding</p>	<p>20. SIGNATURE AND DATE:</p> <p><i>John V. Hemler Jr</i> 5 Nov 72</p>
<p>21. RECOMMENDATION OF THRU COMMAND:</p> <p>( ) APPROVAL</p> <p>( ) DISAPPROVAL</p> <p>( ) OTHER</p>	<p>22. NAME/RANK/POSITION:</p>	<p>23. SIGNATURE AND DATE:</p>

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