

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAL DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SROUSE, GREGORY RA 13 987 931, PRIVATE E2, United States Army, Company C, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 327th Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 28 September 1967

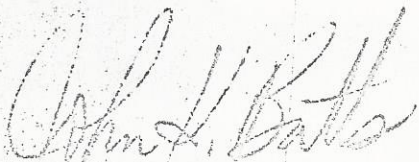
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 28 September 1967 in the Republic of Vietnam. Private Sprouse's platoon, while crossing an open rice paddy was ambushed by an estimated North Vietnamese Army company deployed on the surrounding high ground. Ignoring extremely heavy automatic fire from three sides, Private Sprouse then returned to the completely exposed paddy and moved the body of a mortally wounded soldier to a nearby river bed. When the platoon began running low on ammunition, Private Sprouse courageously volunteered to leave his safe location and attempt to retrieve a machinegun and ammunition from a cite where the machinegunner had been killed. Sprinting across fifty yards of open rice field, he brought back the critically needed machinegun and ammunition despite continuous hostile fire. Private Sprouse's fearless actions helped his beleaguered platoon repel an estimated enemy company for almost seventeen hours. Private Sprouse's unquestionable valor while engaged in close combat against a numerically superior hostile force was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.

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