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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

TC 439. The following AWARD is announced.

SPRINKLE, DAVID T. [REDACTED] SERGEANT United States Army, Company C, 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) APO 96490

Awarded: Silver Star

Dates of action: 3 January 1972

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

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

Reason: For gallantry in action while engaged in military operations against an armed enemy force in the Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant Sprinkle distinguished himself on 3 January 1972 while serving as a rifleman on a combat operation in the Republic of Vietnam. During the late afternoon, an estimated company sized element of the North Vietnamese Army ambushed the platoon patrol. Throughout the ensuing battle, Sergeant Sprinkle directed a suppressive volume of retaliatory fire on the enemy positions as he repeatedly exposed himself to the intense hostile rocket, machine gun and small arms fire. Realizing that the point man and squad leader had been incapacitated with the first volley of unfriendly fire and had left a huge gap in the friendly line, Sergeant Sprinkle moved through the bullet swept area to fill this gap. Shortly after reaching this position, he was seriously wounded when a rocket exploded next to his position. Even while receiving aid he continued to direct a suppressive volume of retaliatory fire on the enemy positions. Sergeant Sprinkle's gallantry in action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



C. A. STANFIEL
Colonel, AGC
Adjutant General

L. H. SCWETTER
MG US ARMY
Chief of Staff



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JULY 9, 1918
HAS AWARDED

THE SILVER STAR

TO

SERGEANT DAVID T. SPRINKLE, [REDACTED]
UNITED STATES ARMY

FOR

GALLANTRY IN ACTION

IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON 3 JANUARY 1972

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH 1972

Creighton W. Abrams

CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS
General, United States Army
Commanding



Robert F. Froelke
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY