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1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

ROYSTER, GEORGE T STAFF SERGEANT E6 United States Army Company
A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, APO San Francisco 96347.

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 2 December 1966

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: Gallantry in action: Staff Sergeant Royster, after having placed his men into an ambush position, observed approximately twenty-five enemy soldiers approaching from an unexpected direction. Immediately, Sergeant Royster moved his men from their initial position to a more advantageous position. Once Sergeant Royster's men were positioned he maintained strict fire discipline until the enemy was within five meters of his position. When the ambush was triggered, Sergeant Royster moved from position to position giving his men encouragement and exposing himself to murderous enemy fire while pointing out enemy targets. Sergeant Royster moved through bullet swept areas time and time again in order to improve his evaluation of the situation. After having determined that only nineteen of the twenty-five enemy soldiers were killed, Sergeant Royster, in a determined effort, charged from his covered area firing his rifle and throwing grenades in a one man assault. Although the enemy was determined, and placed murderous fire on Sergeant Royster, he relentlessly assaulted the enemy position, personally killing four enemy soldiers. Sergeant Royster's actions and leadership resulted in his ambush element killing twenty-three of the enemy. Sergeant Royster's outstanding display of leadership and gallantry in action are within the highest military tradition and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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