

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAL DIVISION
APO San Francisco 96374

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

1. TO 320. The following AWARD is announced.

GROENSWOOD, HENDRICK L. SPECIALIST FOUR EM, United States Army, Company A, 2d Battalion (Airborne), 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division APO 96347

Awarded: Silver Star

Date action: 25 August 1967

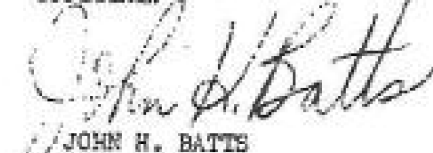
Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For gallantry in action against a hostile force on 25 August 1967 near Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. While on a search and destroy mission, Specialist Four Groenewood's platoon suddenly engaged an estimated reinforced enemy squad in fortified positions. Seeing that several of the wounded lay in an exposed area, Specialist Groenewood moved to an exposed position in order to provide covering fire so that the medics could pull the wounded to safety. Then observing an enemy bunker nearby, Specialist Groenewood, displaying intense courage and no regard for his own safety, charged the emplacement. When his weapon jammed, he picked up another and continued in his valiant assault. Nearing the position, he was wounded by the hostile fire; yet, despite his wound and undaunted by the fire being directed at him, he continued his assault until he had destroyed the bunker and killed the enemy soldier within. After the action was presumably over, he and his platoon leader were checking a trench when an enemy soldier appeared at the entrance to a tunnel. Still displaying his aggressive spirit, Specialist Groenewood jumped in front of the platoon leader and killed the insurgent. Specialist Four Groenewood's outstanding valor is 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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