

Sergeant Mitchell W. Stout

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Sergeant Mitchell W. Stout, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery, distinguished himself on 12 March 1970 during an attack by a North Vietnamese Army sapper company on his unit's firing position at the Khe Gio Bridge, Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant Stout was in a bunker with member of a searchlight crew when the position came under heavy enemy mortar fire and ground attack. When the intensity of the mortar attack subsided, an enemy grenade was thrown into the bunker. Displaying great courage, Sergeant Stout ran to the grenade, picked it up and ran out the bunker. As he reached the door, the grenade exploded. By holding the grenade close to his body and shielding its blast, he protected his fellow soldiers in the bunker from further injury or death. Sergeant Stout's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action, at the cost of his own life, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.



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