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**Authority: By direction of the president under the provisions of the act of congress, approved 9 July 1918.**

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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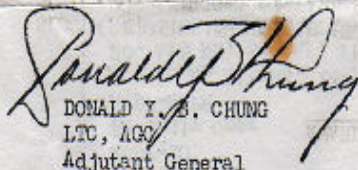
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FOR THE COMMANDER:

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LTC, AGO  
Adjutant General



Spec. 4 Craig Slocum, left, is awarded the Silver Star, nation's third highest award for bravery, by brigade commander near Duc Pho, Vietnam.

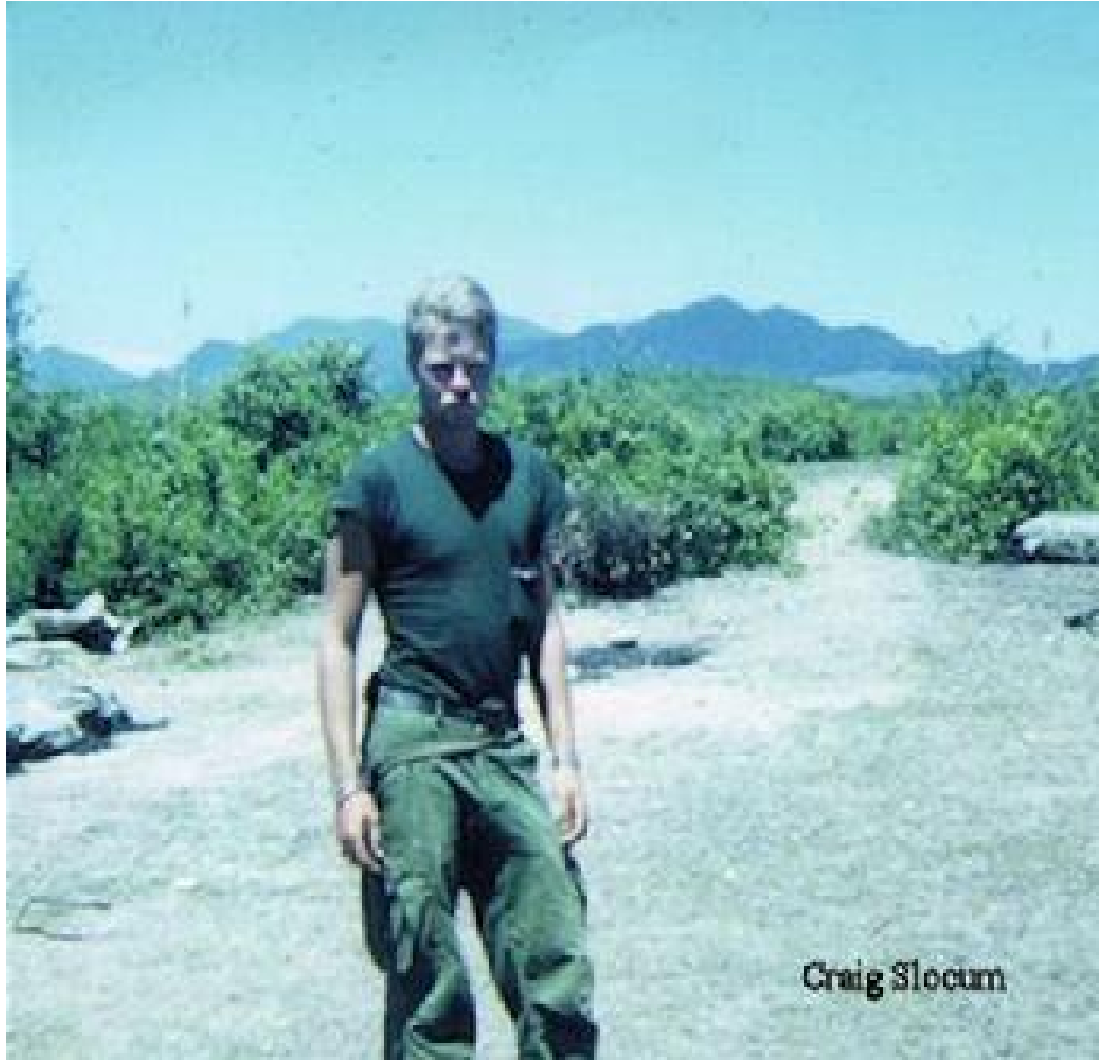
## GI Tosses Enemy Grenade, Is Awarded Silver Star

ROCKLAND. — Mr. and Mrs. Clifford A. Slocum, Jr. of 83 Stanton St., have received word that their son, Army Spec. 4 Craig Slocum, 21, has returned to duty after five days of rest and recreation in Hong Kong. Spec. 4 Slocum recently was awarded the Silver Star, the nation's third highest honor for bravery.

While serving with the American Division's 11th Infantry Brigade, he was presented the award near Duc Pho, Vietnam. A team leader in A Company, 4th Battalion, Third Infantry, he set up an ambush and waited for the enemy at a road fork with his unit.

Hearing something hit the ground near his unit he saw it was a live grenade. He yelled "Grenade", left his position, grabbed the grenade and, just as he hurled it, the grenade exploded. He suffered minor shrapnel wounds in his hands. According to the award, his action possibly saved the lives of two fellow soldiers.

Slocum graduated from Rockland High School in 1965, attended Quincy Junior College and Franklin Institute, before entering the service, Feb. 10, 1967. He has been serving in Vietnam since December 1967.



Craig Slocum



Mike Cooney, Slocum

Mallard, Miller, Slocum, Telgenhof



Diamond, Slocum, Grant

