



Sp4 Barry T. Burnite

United States Army



Killed In Action

**Pleiku Province,
South Vietnam
November 17, 1965**

**A Company
2nd Battalion
7th Cavalry Regt
1st Cavalry Div**

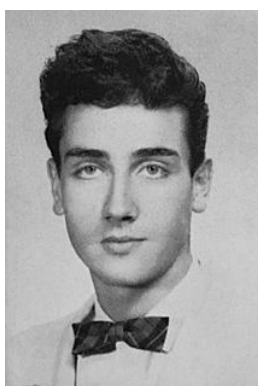


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**Springfield
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November 17, 1965: 2nd Platoon, A Company 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry (in the battle of Ia Drang) began a tactical march to new landing zones...in chest-high elephant grass where visibility was limited...North Vietnamese soldiers attacked by the hundreds...the intense battle lasted for 16 hours.... Sp4 Barry T. Burnite, during the battle was wounded, continued to man his machine gun and fight the overwhelming enemy forces. As he attempted to outflank an NVA position he was mortally wounded. For his actions in battle, he was awarded the Silver Star.

The battle of Ia Drang (November 9-18, 1965) was the first major battle between the United States Army and the forces of North Vietnam as part of the U.S. Airmobile offensive code named Operation Silver Bayonet I. Sp4 Barry T. Burnite's name is on the Vietnam Memorial wall in Washington, D.C. Panel 03E, Line 07. He is buried at Friedensville Cemetery, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania.