



1<sup>ST</sup>  
AIR CAVALRY  
DIVISION

## ARCHIE BURNETTE, JR.

"B" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Sergeant, E5, Posthumous Promotion to SSG, RA19886919, MOS 11B4D  
Home of Record: Aberdeen, WA

Date of Birth: February 21, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Married  
1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: May 17, 1967, Date of Casualty: January 31, 1968, Days in Country: 259  
Casualty Type A3, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 35E - Row 089

Sergeant Burnette was killed as "B" Company, moving from the South, came under heavy fire from the village of Binh Tri ) at the outset of fighting during the Tet Offensive of January 31st, 1968. He was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" Device (For Valor) for his actions that day.

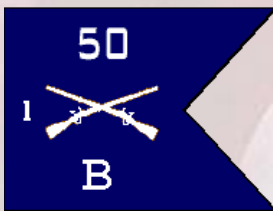


1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION  
50<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY



A recent transfer from Company B of the 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), where he had been a Team Leader...he had only been with the 50th Infantry for 5 days.

The main attack on Phu My was to have come from Binh Tri, where the enemy was being held and reduced by the combination of Mechanized units and Spooky (Aircraft rigged with multiple Gatling Guns).

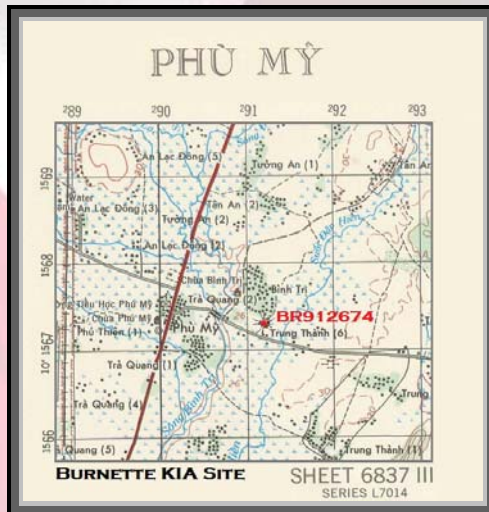


"B" COMPANY

A map of the KIA site is shown below(Left). Archie Burnette, Jr., is buried at Fern Hill Cemetery, Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County, Washington Pictured Below(Right)



STAFF  
SERGEANT



INFANTRY

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# ARCHIE BURNETTE'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

HQ, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1723

21 MARCH, 1968

FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. SERGEANT BURNETTE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY VALOROUS ACTION ON 31 JANUARY 1968, WHILE SERVING AS A RIFLEMAN WITH COMPANY B, 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY DURING A SEARCH AND CLEAR MISSION NEAR BINH TRI, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. WHEN HIS UNIT BECAME HEAVILY ENGAGED WITH A LARGE ENEMY FORCE, SERGEANT BURNETTE EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE HOSTILE FIRE AS HE MOVED THROUGH AN OPEN AREA IN AN ATTEMPT TO WARN HIS COMRADES OF THE LOCATION OF A WELL CONCEALED ENEMY POSITION. AT THIS TIME, SERGEANT BURNETTE WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED. HIS DISPLAY OF PERSONAL BRAVERY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.



Bronze  
Star  
(Valor)



Air  
Medal



Purple  
Heart



National  
Defense



Vietnam  
Service



Vietnam  
Campaign