



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



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

3<sup>RD</sup> PLATOON  
50  
1 3  
B  
"B" COMPANY



SPECIALIST  
4<sup>TH</sup> CLASS



INFANTRY

## BERNARD JOHN "BUTCH" BURNS, JR.

3rd Platoon, "B" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Specialist 4th Class, E4, US52678078, MOS 11B20

Home of Record: York, PA

Date of Birth: July 16, 1946, Age at time of loss: 21, Single

1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: September 1, 1967, Date of Casualty: February 6, 1968, Days in Country: 158  
Casualty Type A1, OED, Panel 37E - Row 051

Specialist Bernard "Butch" Burns was killed while "B" Company worked on a combined operation with the 41st ARVN Regiment in the eastern Nui Mieu Mountains of Binh Dinh Province on February 6th, 1968. Also killed was Lieutenant Dennis Burke.

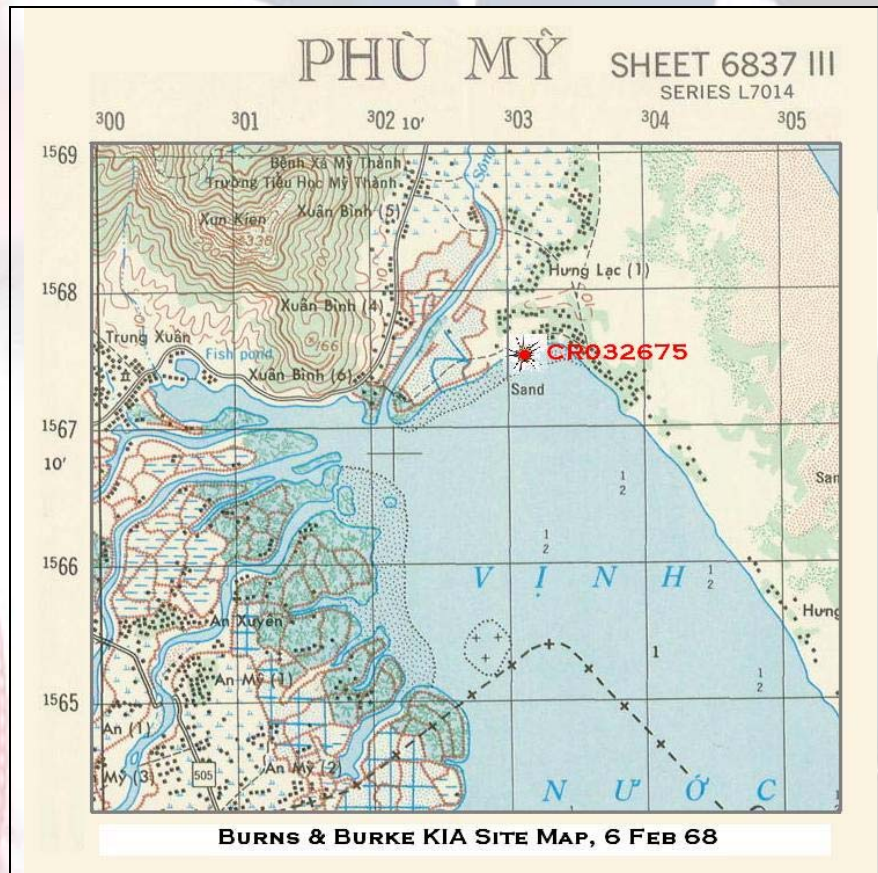
The men were killed when the Lead Armored Personnel Carrier on which they rode hit a mine estimated at 500 pounds. Aside from the two men killed, 4 others from the 3rd platoon were seriously wounded, but survived. Death was swift and the two men who died did not suffer.

Currently, no photo exists for this man.

If you can supply us with a photo, we would be grateful...and see that it gets distributed to the appropriate Internet memorial web pages.

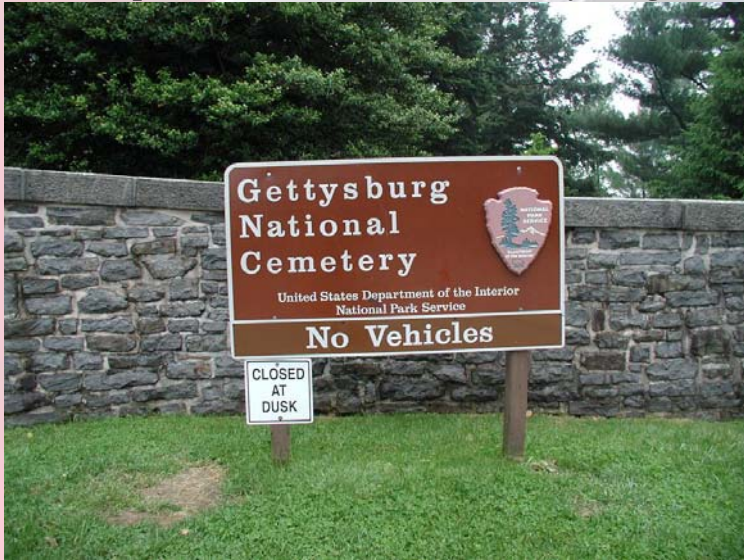
Contact Jim Sheppard:  
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A map of the location of the incident is shown below:



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**Specialist Burns is buried at Gettysburg National Cemetery, Annex Section, Site C2**



**BUTCH BURNS' AWARDS AND DECORATIONS\***



**Combat Infantry Badge**



**Air Medal**



**Purple Heart**



**National Defense**



**Vietnam Service**



**Vietnam Campaign**

\*The list of awards shown here is, in all likelihood, incomplete. Awards shown are only those verified or strongly "assumed" to have been awarded.