



4TH
INFANTRY
DIVISION



1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY



"A" COMPANY



SERGEANT



INFANTRYMAN

STEVEN DALE BURTON

2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, "A" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Specialist 4th Class, E4, Posthumous Promotion to SGT, US55853600, MOS 11B20
Home of Record: Columbus, IN

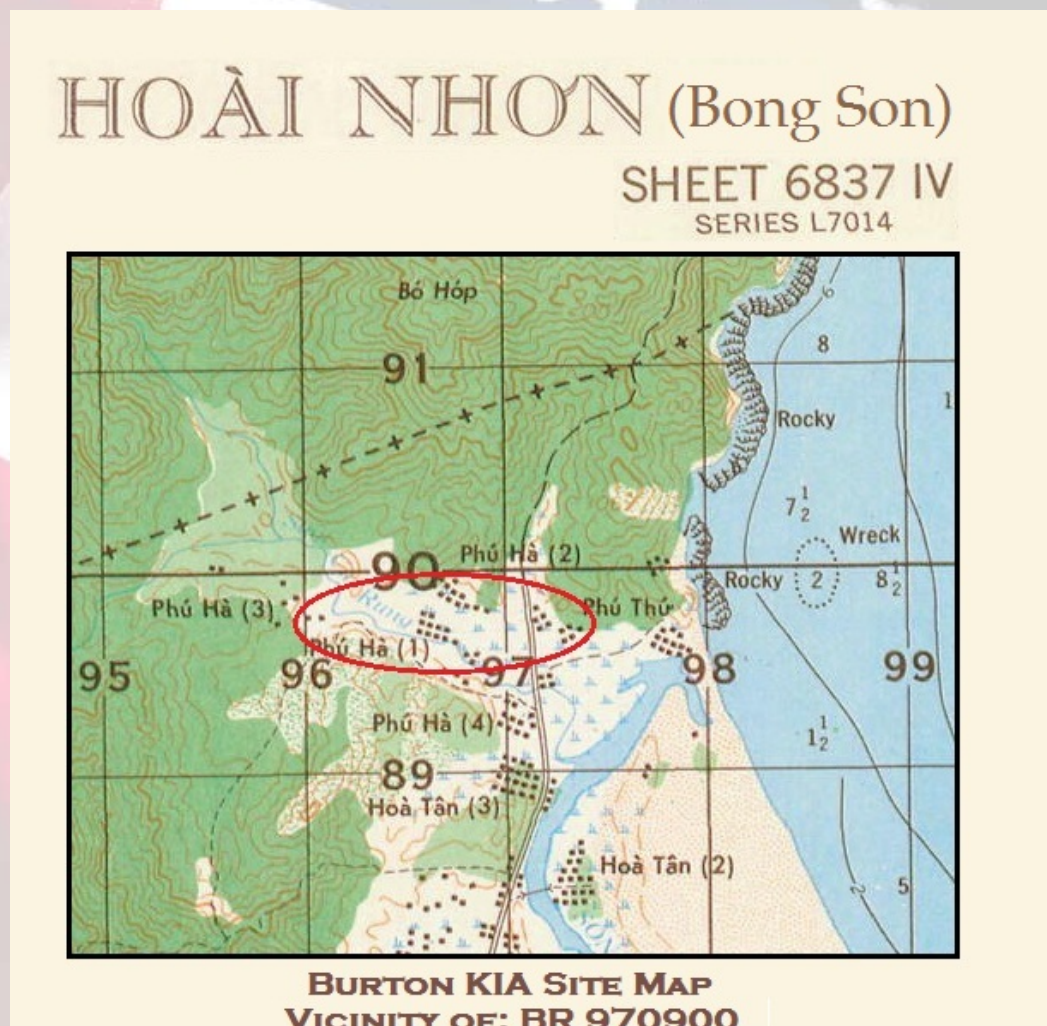
Date of Birth: June 16, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Single
4th Infantry Division, Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: September 1, 1967, Date of Casualty: March 31, 1968, Days in Country: 212
Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 47E - Row 020

Steve Burton was killed as "A" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry operated in the Coastal Central Highlands between Bong Son and Phu My in Binh Dinh Province. Well respected by those with whom he fought...one wrote: "He was the best combat soldier I had ever seen. He saved the lives of many men...only to lose his own."



Toby Jordan of the 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon of "A" Company, recalls that he sat next to Burton on top of Armored Personnel Carrier #122 when a Sniper's round killed him almost instantly in a small valley near the villages of Phu Ha (2) and Phu Thu.

A map of the area where Steve Burton was killed is shown below:



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Steve is buried at Garland Brook Cemetery, Bartholomew County, in his home town of Columbus, Indiana.



STEVEN BURTON'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



Air Medal



Purple Heart



National Defense



Vietnam Service



Vietnam Campaign