

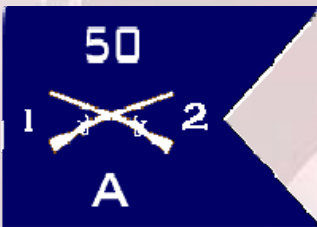


**173<sup>RD</sup> AIRBORNE  
BRIGADE**



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

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLATOON**



**"A" COMPANY**



**CORPORAL**



**INFANTRYMAN**

## **RANDY GRAHAM CAGLE**

**2nd Platoon, "A" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, US255746737, MOS 11B10  
Home of Record: Menlo, GA**

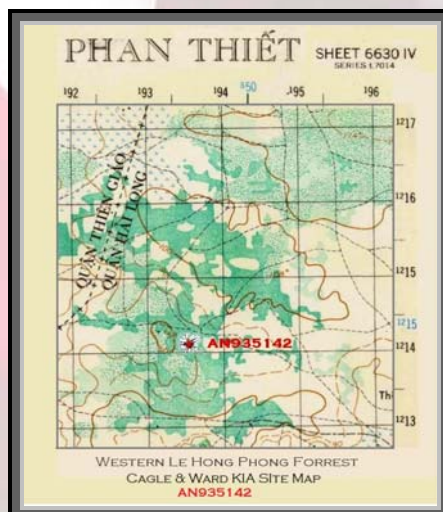
**Date of Birth: September 20, 1950, Age at time of loss: 18, Single  
173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Thuan Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: July 13, 1969, Date of Casualty: September 11, 1969, Days in Country: 60  
Casualty Type A1, OED, Panel 18W - Row 070**

Randy Cagle was the first casualty the 50th Infantry realized after it's move from Binh Dinh Province to Binh Thuan Province...and it's new Area of Operations. The unit remained attached to the 173rd Airborne in it's new location until early October of 1969...when it became part of Task Force South, 1st Field Force, Vietnam.

"A" Company's 2nd Platoon was operating with it's Armored Personnel Carriers in the Western Le Hong Phong Forrest, NorthEast of it's new Base Camp at LZ Betty near Phan Thiet. At 1:10 PM, the antenna from one of the 2nd Platoon's APCs hit a trip wire strung between trees above the trail they were using. A 50 pound Chinese Claymore Mine blasted across the top of Cagle's APC Killing him and the RTO for the Artillery Forward Observer, SGT Johnny Ward. 5 others were wounded in the explosion.



A map of the location of Corporal Cagle's Death in Binh Thuan Province is shown below(left). Below (right) is a photo of "A24", the Armored Personnel Carrier upon which Cagle was riding when the left antenna tripped the explosion that took his life.



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# PHOTOS OF RANDY CAGLE



Above, Left: Randy after Basic Training...Above right: Hamming it up at LZ Betty in Binh Thuan Province. Below left: Cagle (Middle) with buddies after AIT at Fort Benning, GA. Below Right Cagle & his dad Glenn.



Randy Cagle is buried at AMI Cemetery, Menlo, Chattooga County, Georgia, pictured below:

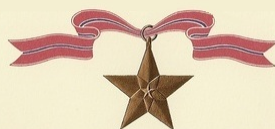


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# RANDY CAGLE'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

HQ I FIELD FORCE VIETNAM

GENERAL ORDERS

15 OCTOBER 1969

FOR DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY, 1969, TO SEPTEMBER, 1969. CORPORAL CAGLE, THROUGH HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS AND PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED OUTSTANDING RESULTS. HE WAS QUICK TO GRASP THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW PROBLEMS WITH WHICH HE WAS FACED AS A RESULT OF THE EVER-CHANGING SITUATIONS INHERENT IN THE COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATION AND TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS TO SOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS. THE ENERGETIC APPLICATION OF THIS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE HAS MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO ASSIST THAT COUNTRY IN RIDDING ITSELF OF THE COMMUNIST THREAT TO ITS FREEDOM. CORPORAL CAGLE'S INITIATIVE, ZEAL, SOUND JUDGMENT AND DEVOTION TO DUTY HAVE BEEN IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT ON HIM AND ON THE MILITARY SERVICE.



Bronze  
Star



Purple  
Heart



National  
Defense



Vietnam  
Service



Vietnam  
Campaign