

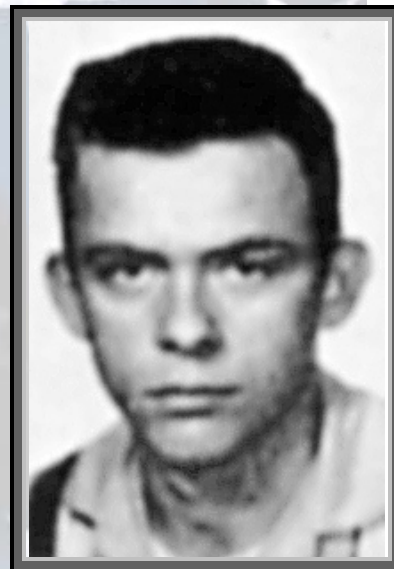


1<sup>ST</sup>  
AIR CAVALRY  
DIVISION

**ALBERT L. CAMPFIELD**  
2nd Platoon, 4th Squad, "A" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Specialist 4th Class, E4, US55854284, MOS 11B20  
Home of Record: Columbus, IN

Date of Birth: August 31, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Married  
1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: July 28, 1967, Date of Casualty: January 23, 1968, Days in Country: 179  
Casualty Type A1, MFW, Panel 35E - Row 014

During the weeks prior to the 1968 Tet Offensive, the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry began to "bump heads" with various North Vietnamese Army units...most notably in December with the Battle of Tam Quan. January saw this trend continue with more major contacts at An Tinh / An Lac (2) and Trung Thuan.



Albert Campfield, Tommy Lee Carpenter, Emilio Garcia and James Strano were killed as our "A" Company moved to counter-attack the elements of the 95th Battalion, 2nd VC/NVA Regiment, 3rd NVA Division who were attacking the Popular Force outpost at Chan An. A captured enemy soldier revealed that the main force of the enemy Battalion lay in Ambush on the approaches to Chan An on Highway 504. "A" Company made immediate contact on the highway as they closed on Trung Thuan...just west of the Popular Forces outpost.

The enemy took very heavy casualties throughout the day long battle. Even after having the cover of darkness to secret away dead bodies, 137 NVA/VC bodies were found left on the battlefield in the morning of January 24th. In addition, 33 weapons were captured.

Albert Campfield was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" Device (For Valor) for his bravery in battle at Trung Thuan. A map of the location is shown below.



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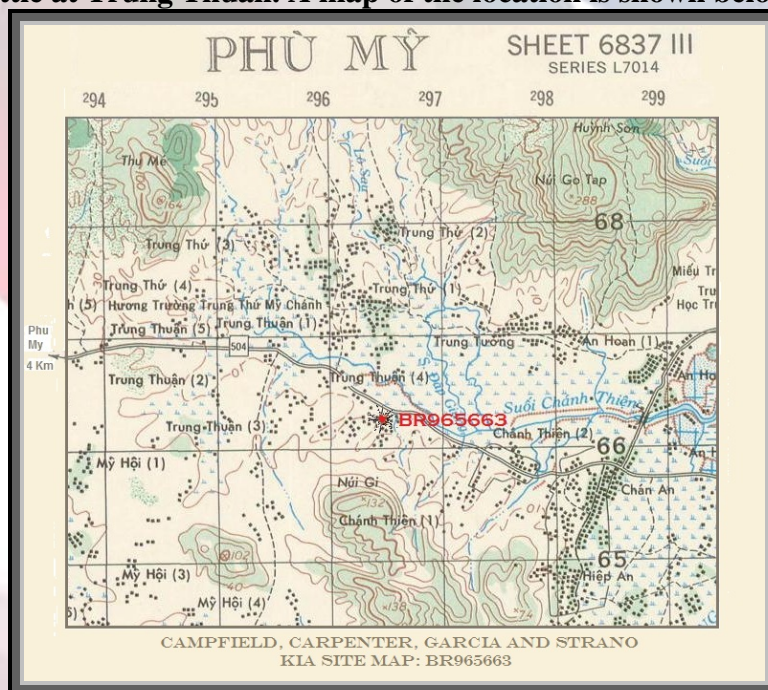
"A" COMPANY



SPECIALIST 4<sup>TH</sup>  
CLASS



INFANTRY

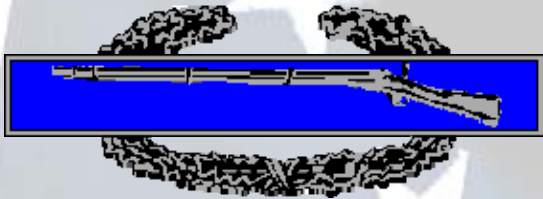


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Albert Campfield is buried at Garland Brook Cemetery, McKinley Avenue, Lincoln Park, Columbus, Bartholomew County, Indiana (Photo Below)



**ALBERT CAMPFIELD'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

HQ, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1494

14 MARCH, 1968

FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. SPECIALIST FOUR CAMPFIELD DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY VALOROUS ACTION ON 23 JANUARY 1968, WHILE SERVING AS A SQUAD RIFELMAN WITH COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY DURING A COMBAT MISSION IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. WHEN HIS UNIT CAME UNDER INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE, SPECIALIST CAMPFIELD EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY FIRE AS HE SUCCEEDED IN NEUTRALIZING SEVERAL ENEMY POSITIONS. DISREGARDING HIS OWN SAFETY, HE THEN FLANKED THE HOSTILE FORTIFICATION AND DREW THE ENEMY FIRE TO HIMSELF AND AWAY FROM HIS COMRADES. AT THIS TIME SPECIALIST CAMPFIELD 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)

Purple Heart

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign