



1<sup>ST</sup> CAVALRY  
DIVISION  
(AIRMOBILE)

## JAMES CHRISTIAN FREIDT

3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, "C" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Private First Class, E3, US55879058, MOS 11B10  
Home of Record: Grand Forks, ND

Date of Birth: May 5, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Single  
1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: September 1, 1967, Date of Casualty: October 11, 1967, Days in Country: 40  
Casualty Type A1, MFW, Panel 27E - Row 089



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

THIRD  
PLATOON



"C" COMPANY



PRIVATE FIRST  
CLASS\*



INFANTRYMAN

Jim Freidt was killed in action on the morning of October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1967, when, at dawn, his third platoon was moving to join the rest of Charlie Company on a Cordon and Search of the village of Phu Ha near the coast of Phu My District, Binh Dinh Province.

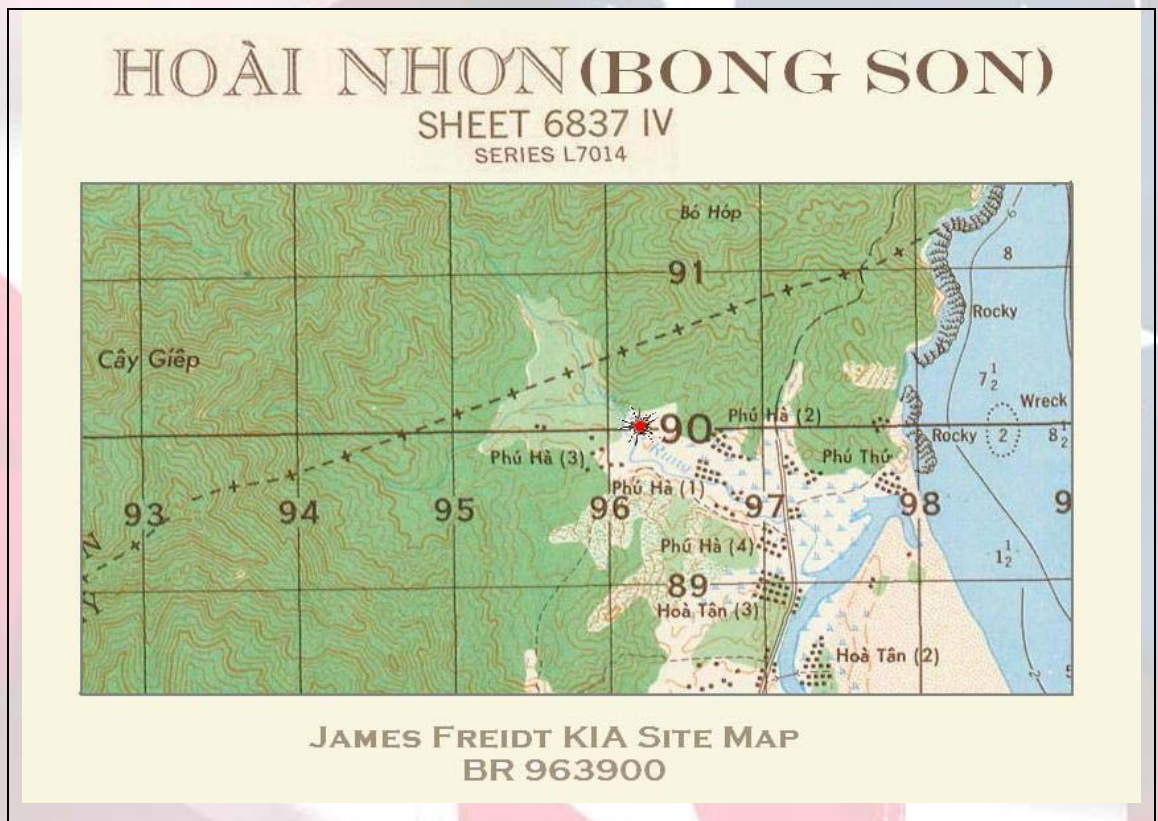
PFC Freidt was walking "point" as his platoon moved along a trail at the base of their elevated night position when he tripped a booby trapped grenade. We believe he died instantly. He was the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry's first fatal casualty.

For a personal story of the night preceding Jim's death, visit:

[http://www.ichiban1.org/html/stories/story\\_first\\_casualty.htm](http://www.ichiban1.org/html/stories/story_first_casualty.htm)



A map of the location of the incident is shown below:



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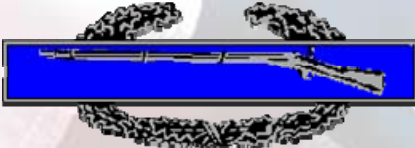
James Freidt's family provided us with the photo of him on page one of this memorial and also sent a copy of a card from the funeral service held for him in Grand Forks, North Dakota, on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 1967.

*In Memory Of*  
 PFC. JAMES C. FREIDT, U.S.A.  
 Born  
 May 5, 1947  
 Killed in Action  
 Republic of Vietnam  
 October 11, 1967  
*Services Held*  
 St. Michael's Church  
 Grand Forks, North Dakota  
 Friday, October 20, 1967  
*Interment*  
 Union Cemetery  
 Mandan, North Dakota

*He who believes in Me, even if he die, shall live; and whoever lives and believes in Me, shall never die.*  
 —Gospel of St. John

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**JAMES FREIDT'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**



Combat Infantry Badge



Purple Heart



National Defense



Vietnam Service



Vietnam Campaign

The patch shown for "PFC" is that which was used at the time of Jim's death. The patch now used for PFC has a single "rocker" under the stripe:

