



173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE



1ST BATTALION 50TH INFANTRY



"C" COMPANY



CORPORAL



INFANTRYMAN

ROBERT JOSEPH KAZMIERCZAK

"C" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, US51779415, MOS 11B10
Home of Record: Lackawanna, NY

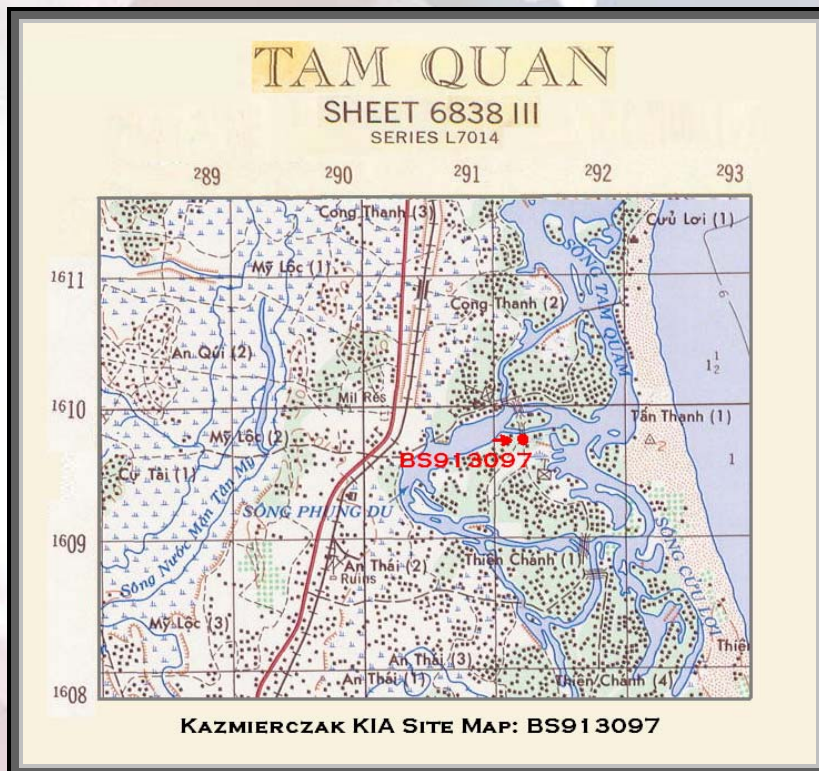
Date of Birth: October 10, 1948, Age at time of loss: 20, Single
173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: January 4, 1969, Date of Casualty: June 14, 1969, Days in Country: 161
Casualty Type A1, OED, Panel 22W - Row 047

Robert Kazmierczak was killed on June 14th while His Platoon from our Charlie Company was working with "D" Company of the 4th Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry. The Daily Staff Journal for the 173rd Airborne Brigade stated:

1303 Hours: "D" Company, 4/503, at coordinates BS 913097, Heard an explosion to their south. They sent out a patrol and found a VC Female with multiple fragmentation wounds to both of her legs. Part of the patrol was escorting her to a medivac helicopter and part of the patrol was searching the area when a booby trapped 105mm Artillery Shell was set off, killing Kazmierczak instantly and wounding 1 other soldier.

Luciano Garza, a member of Kazmierczak's squad remembered: *"Kaz" was the APC Driver for my squad. I can't remember which platoon, but we were in "C" Company and working with a rifle platoon from the 173rd. He and a man from the 173rd tripped the booby trap and he was killed. I remember he was scheduled to go on R&R to Hawaii in a few weeks and was excited about getting married while there."*

Below is a map showing the location where Kazmierczak was killed, about 3 Kilometers south of Tam Quan City:



KAZMIERCZAK KIA SITE MAP: BS913097

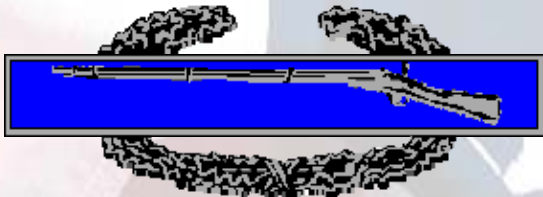


If you can supply a better photo of this man, please contact
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Below is a photo of Kazmierczak standing on his APC (Far Right)



AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF ROBERT KAZMIERCZAK:



Combat Infantry
Badge



Purple
Heart

National
Defense

Vietnam
Service

Vietnam
Campaign