



4<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY  
DIVISION



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

"A" COMPANY



3<sup>RD</sup> PLATOON



SPECIALIST 4<sup>TH</sup>  
CLASS



INFANTRYMAN

## CHARLES RAY MOOMEY

"A" Company, 1st Platoon, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry  
Specialist 4th Class, E4, US245821851, MOS 11B20

Home of Record: Taylorville, IL

Date of Birth: March 7, 1943, Age at time of loss: 25, Married  
4th Infantry Division, Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

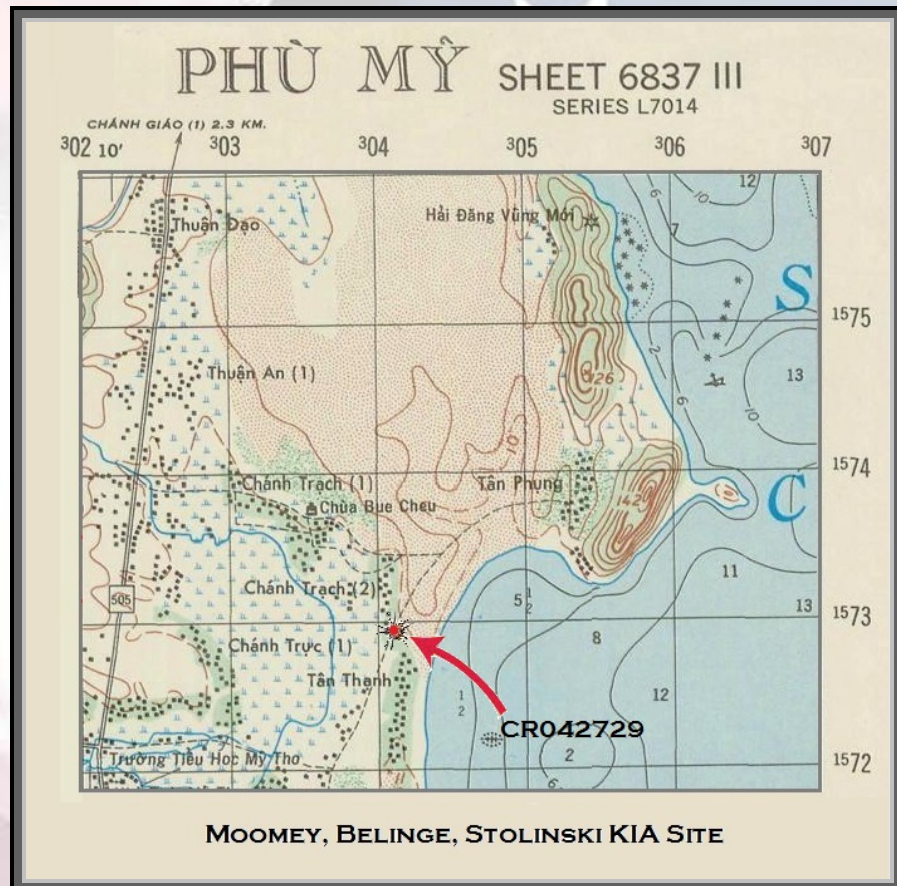
Start of Tour: May 14, 1967, Date of Casualty: March 26, 1968, Days in Country: 317  
Casualty Type A1, Multiple fragmentation wounds, Panel 46E – Row 038

Specialist Charles Moomey was killed along with Richard Belinge and Jim Stolinski when the Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) they occupied, riding point, hit a large mine. Several other members of the 3rd Platoon were injured in the blast as well, including Bob Wuestenberg, who described the event for our files. He relates: "I recall moving in the sand along a tree-lined bank to our left. Stolinski asked if he could drive the APC...and he and the driver switched. Stolinski maneuvered the APC into a left hand turn to climb the bank and hit the mine".



Charles Moomey was likely awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service\*, but orders are not on file with the National Archives. We believe he was awarded this medal "posthumously" as both Belinge and Stolinski received the award.

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



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Charles Moomey is buried at Mount Auburn Cemetery, West Williams Street, Mount Auburn, Christian County, IL, pictured below.



### CHARLES MOOMEY'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



Combat Infantry Badge



HQ 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE

GENERAL ORDERS

2 MAY 1968

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 7 MAY 1967 TO 26 MARCH 1968. THROUGH HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS AND PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, HE 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. HIS 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\*

Air Medal

Purple Heart

Good Conduct

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign