



**1ST CAVALRY
DIVISION
(AIRMOBILE)**



**1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY**



"D" COMPANY



**PRIVATE
1ST CLASS**



INFANTRY

GERALD FRANK "JERRY" RIEDLBERGER

"D" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry

Private First Class, E3, US56501337, MOS 11B10

Home of Record: St Paul, MN

Date of Birth: December 17, 1946, Age at time of loss: 21, Single

1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: December 13, 1967, Date of Casualty: January 2, 1968, Days in Country: 20

Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 33E - Row 022

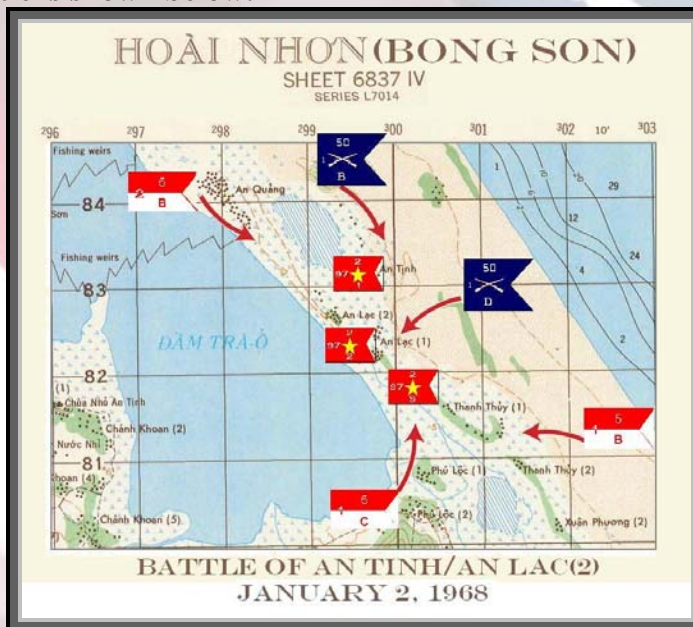
Jerry Riedlberger was a member of "D" Company and was killed by small arms fire as hostilities flared in what became known as the Battle of An Tinh/An Lac(2) on January 2, 1968. Also killed from "D" Company this day was Bill Stainer of Columbus, Ohio. Senior Delta Company Medic Randy Smith recalls that Jerry died swiftly...as he had no vital signs when the Medivac Helicopter landed to evacuate the dead and wounded.

"D" Company had approached the village of An Lac(2) to investigate a report that the enemy had moved into this area "in force". Riedlberger and Stainer were killed as the NVA/VC forces opened fire from the North in An Tinh. A captured enemy soldier revealed that three Companies of the 97th Battalion, 2nd VC Regiment, 3rd NVA Division were trapped in the village complex bordered by a large lake to the West...and open sandy beach on the other three sides. "D" was joined by "B" Company of the 1/50th as well as "B" and "C" Companies from the 1st Battalion 5th Cavalry and "B" Company of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry.



US Forces suffered 7 men Killed and 27 Wounded. The enemy lost 103 Killed and 28 weapons were captured before they managed to slip away during the night during sporadic fighting which continued into the next day.

A map of the Battle is shown below:

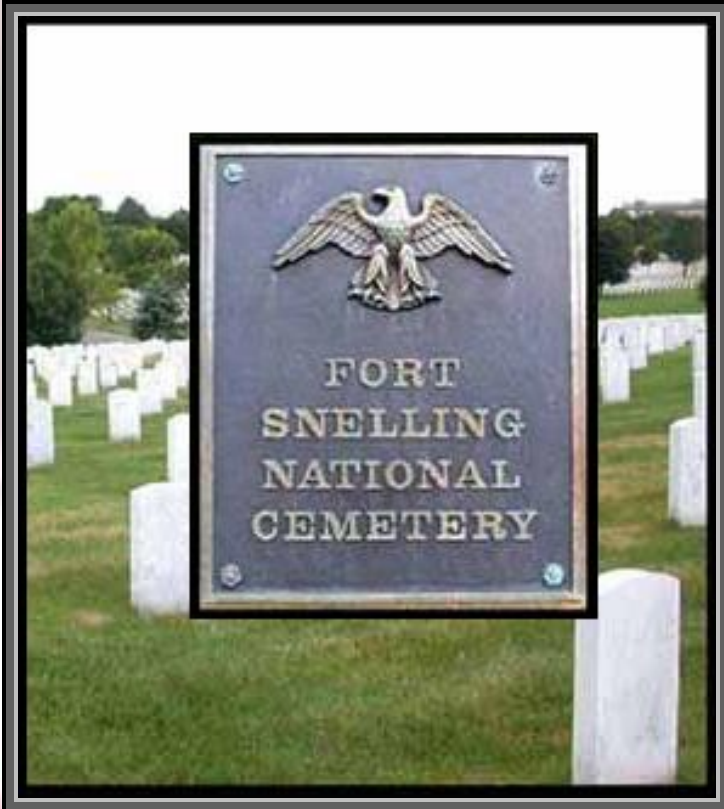


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The 50th Infantry Association wishes to thank Jerry's family for providing us with the photos used on this memorial page. Below are photos of Jerry in Basic Training. He wore the "Acting Corporal" stripes of a Squad Leader, a privilege reserved for the better trainees.

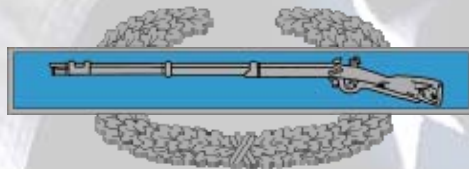


Gerald Riedleberger is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, Plot X, #305



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JERRY RIEDLBERGER'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

HQ, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1407

10 MARCH, 1968

FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RIEDLBERGER DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY VALOROUS ACTION ON 2 JANUARY 1968, WHILE SERVING AS A RIFLEMAN WITH COMPANY D, 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY DURING A CORDON AND SEARCH MISSION NEAR AN LAC, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. WHEN HIS UNIT CAME UNDER INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE AND SUSTAINED SEVERAL CASUALTIES, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RIEDLBERGER EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY FIRE AS HE ASSISTED HIS WOUNDED COMRADES. WHILE MOVING FORWARD IN AN ATTEMPT TO REACH A FALLEN SOLDIER LYING IN AN OPEN AREA, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RIEDLBERGER 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)



Air
Medal



Purple
Heart



National
Defense



Vietnam
Service



Vietnam
Campaign