



1ST
FIELD FORCE
VIETNAM



1ST BATTALION 50TH
INFANTRY



"A" COMPANY



PRIVATE
FIRST CLASS



INFANTRYMAN

JAMES HARRY SACHASCHIK

"A" Company, 1st Battalion (mechanized), 50th Infantry
Private First Class, E3, US351425260, MOS 11B10
Home of Record: Dolton, IL

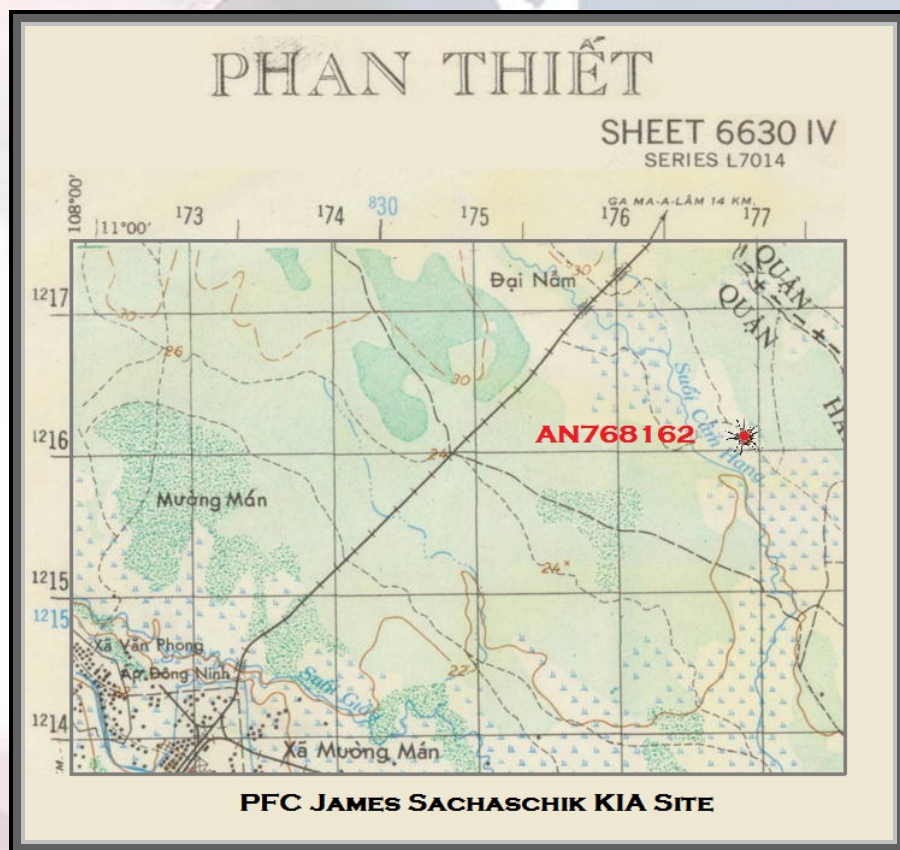
Date of Birth: April 19, 1949, Age at time of loss: 20, Single
I Field Force Vietnam, Binh Thuan Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: November 3, 1969, Incident Date: February 7, 1970
Died of Wounds: February 24, 1970
Days in Country: 113, Casualty Type A2, OED, Panel 13W, Row 052

PFC James Sachaschik was severely wounded on February 7th while searching a deserted enemy base camp. Company A had found an enemy base camp with at least 10 bunkers. While beginning a search of the area, Sachaschik and another man were severely wounded when a booby trapped 105mm artillery shell was set off. Dust-off Med-evac was called and the Company withdrew and called in an artillery strike on the base camp. Sachaschik survived for 17 days in an Army Hospital before he succumbed to his wounds on February 24th.



He was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" Device (For Heroism), posthumously.

A map of the location (AN768162) is shown below.



PFC JAMES SACHASCHIK KIA SITE

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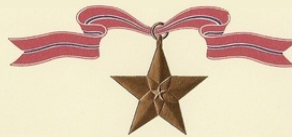
PFC Sachaschik is buried with his Mother and Father, Rose and Fred, at Oak Hill Cemetery, 119th & Kedzie Avenue, between S. Central Park Avenue and S. Kedzie Avenue in Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois. He is entombed at the Garden of Meditation Mausoleum building. East Wall, Pier 4, Crypt 30. The Cemetery is also referred to as Oak Hill - Merrionette Park Cemetery.



JAMES SACHASCHIK'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

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GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 326

24 MARCH 1970

FOR HEROISM IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM: PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SACHASCHIK DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF WHILE SERVING AS A RIFLEMAN ON A SEARCH AND CLEAR MISSION WITH HIS PLATOON. ON 7 FEBRUARY 1970, HIS UNIT WAS SEARCHING AN ENEMY BASE CAMP AREA AND BUNKER COMPLEX SUSPECTED TO HAVE BEEN BOOBY-TRAPPED BY THE ENEMY. WHILE SEARCHING THE AREA ON FOOT, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SACHASCHIK WAS BADLY WOUNDED WHEN A VIET CONG BOOBY TRAP WAS DETONATED NEAR HIM. ALTHOUGH HE LATER SUCCEMPTED TO HIS WOUNDS, HE EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS IN THE AREA OF THE EXPLOSION. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SACHASCHIK'S LOYALTY AND VALOR WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT ON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.



Bronze Star

Purple Heart

Good Conduct

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign