



1ST CAVALRY
DIVISION
(AIRMOBILE)



1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY



"D" COMPANY



PRIVATE
1ST CLASS



INFANTRY

WILLIAM EDWARD STAINER

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

Private First Class, E3, US51875889, MOS 11C10

Home of Record: Columbus, OH

Date of Birth: August 8, 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: January 2, 1968, Days in Country: 123

Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 33E - Row 023

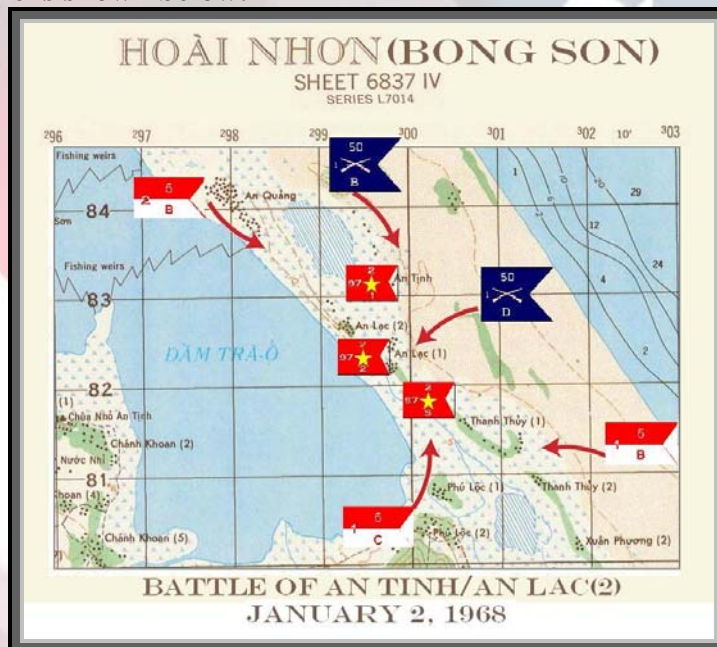
Bill Stainer was a member of "D" Company and was killed by small arms fire as hostilities flared in what became known as the Battle of An Tinh/An Lac(2) on January 2, 1968. Also killed from "D" Company this day was Jerry Riedlberger of St. Paul, MN. Senior Delta Company Medic Randy Smith recalls that he observed Bill in very sincere prayer before the battle...it was as though he knew his time would come & he had never seen a man pray with such seriousness.



"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.

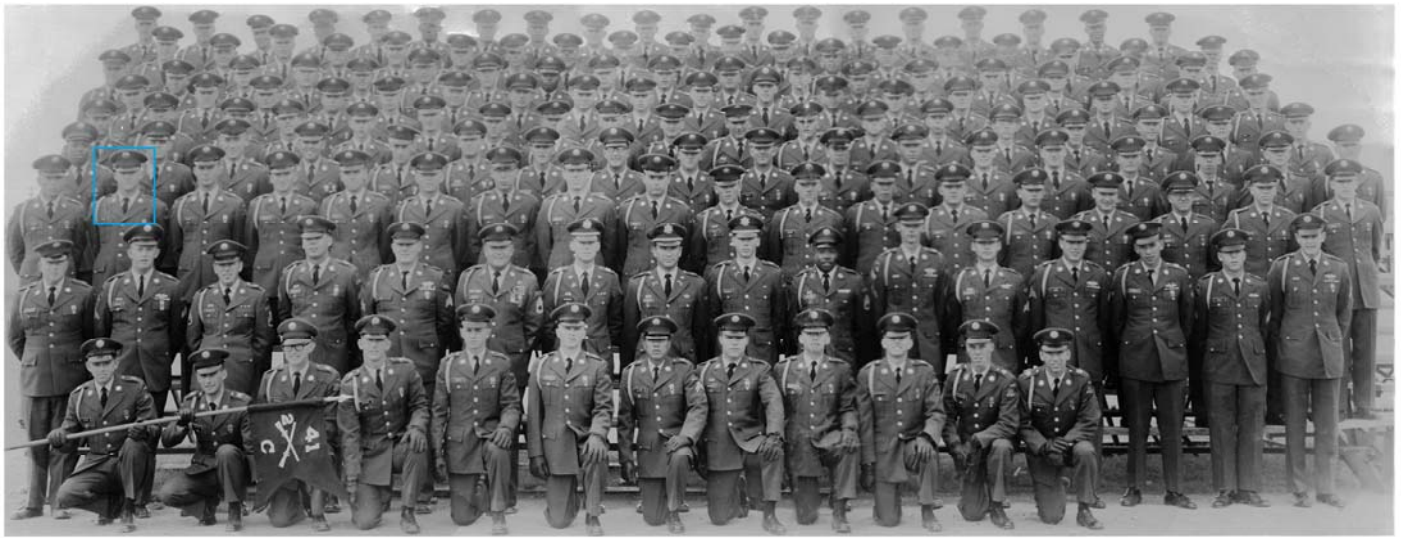
US Forces suffered 7 men Killed and 27 Wounded. The enemy lost 103 Killed and 28 weapons were captured before they managed to slip away during the night during sporadic fighting which continued into the next day.

A map of the Battle is shown below:



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Below is "C" Company, 2nd Battalion (Mechanized), 41st Infantry, at Fort Hood Texas. A large number of these Advanced Infantry Trainees were transferred to the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry during the summer of 1967 as preparations were underway for deployment to Vietnam. PFC Stainer appears in the blue box of the photo below.



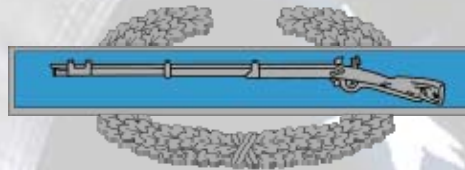
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William Stainer is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery, 1000 Greenlawn Avenue, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio.



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BILL STAINER'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

HQ, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1398

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 STAINER 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. UPON DETECTING A WELL CONCEALED ENEMY POSITION, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STAINER EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE HOSTILE FIRE AS HE ASSAULTED AND NEUTRALIZED THE ENEMY EMPLACEMENT. WHILE RETURNING TO HIS POSITION, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STAINER 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)



Purple Heart



National Defense



Vietnam Service



Vietnam Campaign