

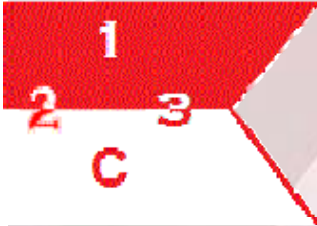


1<sup>ST</sup>  
FIELD FORCE  
VIETNAM



2<sup>ND</sup> SQUADRON, 1<sup>ST</sup>  
ARMORED  
CAVALRY

3<sup>RD</sup> PLATOON



"C" TROOP



PRIVATE  
FIRST CLASS



ARMOR  
RECONNAISSANCE  
SPECIALIST

## NADE MICHAEL STANICH

"C" Troop, 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Cavalry  
Private First Class, E3, RA385506563, MOS 11D10  
Home of Record: Lexington, MI

Date of Birth: August 28, 1949, Age at time of loss: 20, Married  
I Field Force Vietnam, Binh Thuan Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: April 25, 1970, Date of Incident: July 3, 1970, Died of Wounds: July 4, 1970  
Days in Country: 70, Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 09W - Row 120

We have determined that Nade Stanich was not a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (M), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry when killed in action in July of 1970.

We currently do not have access to the information that reported him as one of our KIAs, but it was indicated in a note on our original "In Memoriam" pages that someone within our Association identified him as such. It is possible he had transferred from the 50th Infantry to the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry, where he was subsequently killed in action...but not likely.

Stanich's name is inscribed on our 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Vietnam Memorial in front of Battalion Headquarters, Fort Benning, Georgia. Although we realize we listed him on our 50th Infantry Memorial in error, the 50th Infantry Association voted unanimously to have his name remain on our memorial.

We could find no incidents in the Official IFFV Task Force South Unit Records for July 4, 1970 involving the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry...however, we found mention of a combat action in the Intelligence Summary for July 3rd. The following is paraphrased from that document:

*"At 4:30 PM on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1970, in the vicinity of AN847235 (Map Coordinates), 3 Armored Personnel Carriers (M113) and 1 Tank (M48) on a Reconnaissance and Trafficability Mission from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon of Charlie Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Squadron 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry, were ambushed by an unknown size enemy force from the South West with 7 to 10 B40 Anti-Tank Rockets. The Armored Personnel Carriers (APCs) returned fire with M60 Machine Guns, .50 Caliber Machine Guns, 90mm (Tank Cannon) While Maneuvering during this firing, one APC hit a mine believed to be a Plastic Composition Type. The Crater left by the blast was 4' x 3'. G/S expended on 3 or 4 VC in the vicinity as well (Map Coordinates AN848226).*

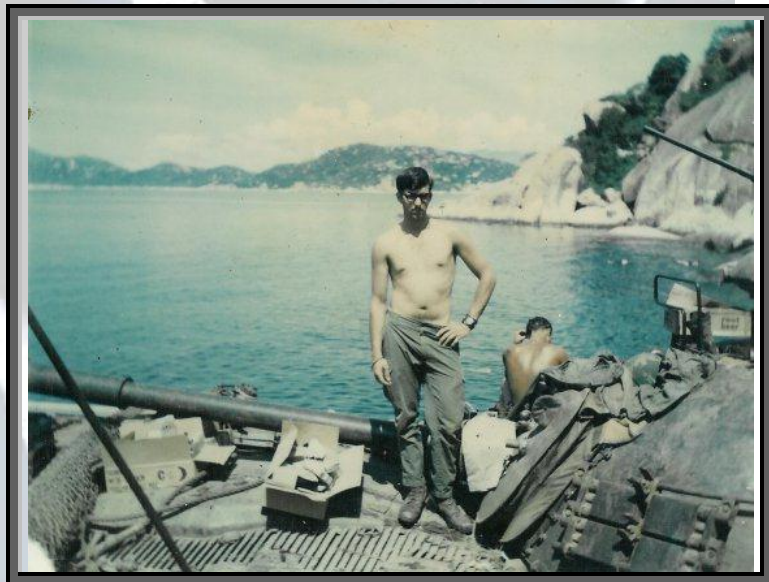
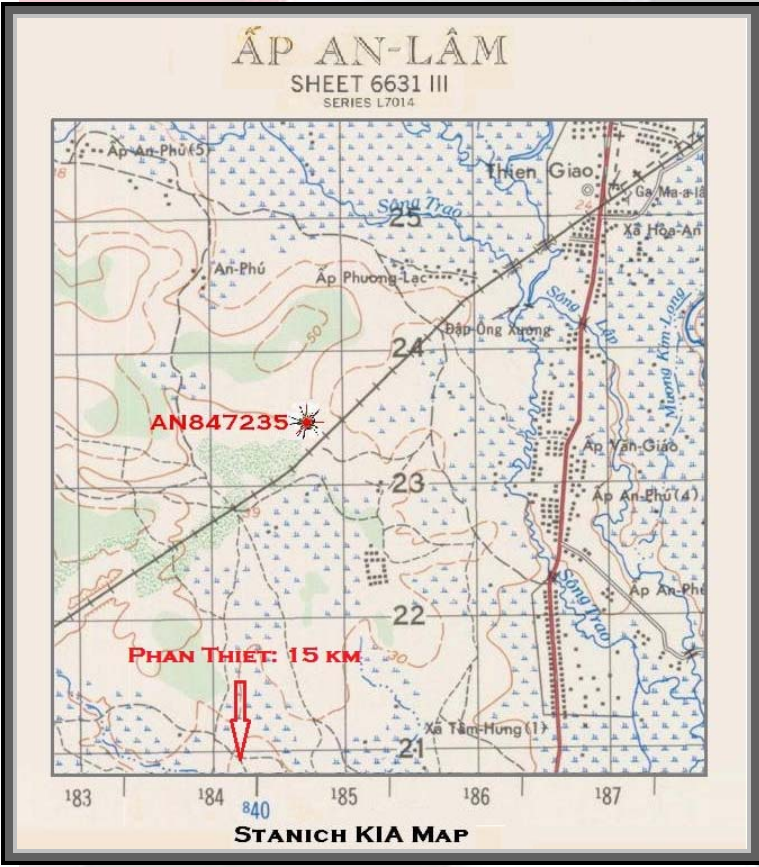
*A Reaction Force swept the area and found an enemy fighting position behind Railroad Tracks & a trail leading off to the South West. Artillery was employed along the trail. Friendly Casualties for the action: 1 (US) KIA and 11 (US) WIA (Wounded In Action), 1 APC Destroyed, 1 APC moderately damaged, and 1 APC slightly damaged. Enemy Casualties were unknown. (No enemy bodies found...and no mention of blood trails)"*

It appears as though Nade Stanich was severely wounded during this attack on July 3rd and died of his wounds on July 4th.

Read a description of his actions on his Valorous Bronze Star citations in the "Awards and Decorations" section of this memorial (Page 3). Nade Stanich was awarded two Bronze Stars, posthumously...one for Valor and one for Meritorious Service.



Below left is a map showing the location of the action on July 3rd, 1970...on the right is a photo of Nade Stanich standing on an M48 Tank arriving at Phan Thiet sometime in 1970.



Nade Stanich is buried at Lakeport Cemetery, Lakeshore and Burtch Roads, Burtchville Township, Saint Clair County, Michigan, pictured below.



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## NADE STANICH'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

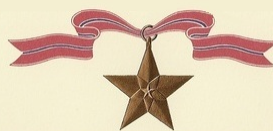


THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

HQ 1ST FIELD FORCE VIETNAM  
GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 904

10 AUGUST 1970

FOR HEROISM IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM: PRIVATE 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS STANICH DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY VALOROUS ACTIONS ON 3 JULY 1970, WHILE SERVING AS A DRIVER OF AN ARMORED VEHICLE WITH THE 3RD PLATOON OF TROOP C, 2<sup>ND</sup> SQUADRON, 1<sup>ST</sup> CAVALRY. ON THAT DAY THE SCOUT SECTION WAS CONDUCTING SWEEP OPERATIONS NORTHEAST OF PHAN THIET WHEN THEY CAME UNDER INTENSE ENEMY ROCKET AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. DRIVING THE SECTION LEADER'S VEHICLE, HE IMMEDIATELY DEPLOYED IT INTO A DEFENSIVE POSITION. DESPITE THE WITHERING ENEMY FIRE CONCENTRATED ON HIS POSITION, HE REPEATEDLY EXPOSED HIMSELF WHILE INSURING THE OTHER VEHICLES WERE TAKING PROPER DEFENSIVE ACTIONS. HIS QUICK REACTION WAS EXEMPLARY. HIS AGGRESSIVE ACTIONS IN THE INITIAL MOMENTS WERE FOLLOWED BY THE OTHER DRIVERS AND WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE UNIT'S EFFECTIVE REACTION TO THE CONTACT. DURING THE COURSE OF THE ACTION HIS VEHICLE WAS STRUCK BY AN ENEMY ROCKET AND HE WAS FATALLY WOUNDED. HIS COURAGEOUS AND INSPIRING ACTIONS WERE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROPER DEFENSIVE PROCEDURES BEING INITIATED WHICH RESULTED IN THE EVENTUAL ROUT OF THE ENEMY. PRIVATE 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS STANICH'S HEROIC ACTIONS WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT ON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

HQ 1ST FIELD FORCE VIETNAM  
GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 900

10 AUGUST 1970

FOR DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD 23 APRIL 1970 TO 4 JULY 1970. 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.



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