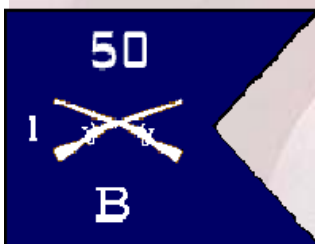




173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE



1ST BATTALION 50TH INFANTRY



"B" COMPANY



CORPORAL



INFANTRYMAN

JAMES ARTHUR STELL

"B" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, US52956917, MOS 11B10
Home of Record: Point Marion, PA
Date of Birth: March 3, 1948, Age at time of loss: 20, Single
173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: May 13, 1968, Date of Casualty: July 20, 1968, Days in Country: 68
Casualty Type A1, OED, Panel 51W - Row 022

On July 20, 1968, a combined cordon and search operation with elements of the 40th ARVN Regiment and "B" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry was being conducted just a few miles Northeast of LZ Uplift at the village of Phu Quang.

At 0700 hours, a man from "B" Company stepped on a mine in the vicinity of map grid coordinates BR957771 (See map below). 1 ARVN and 2 US Soldiers were wounded and James Stell was killed immediately by the blast.



STELL, KIA 20 JULY 1968: BR957771

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James Stell is buried at Evergreen Memorial Park, 7042 Morgantown Road, Point Marion, Fayette County, Pennsylvania (Photo below).



JAMES STELL'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



**THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

HQ 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)
1967
GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 2056

4 AUGUST

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 MAY 1968 TO JULY 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

Purple Heart

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign