



4TH INFANTRY
DIVISION



1ST BATTALION 50TH
INFANTRY

1ST PLATOON



"A" COMPANY



SERGEANT



INFANTRYMAN

JAMES FRANCIS STOLINSKI

"A" Company, 1st Platoon, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
SGT, E5, US56542488, MOS 11C40

Home of Record: Omaha, NE

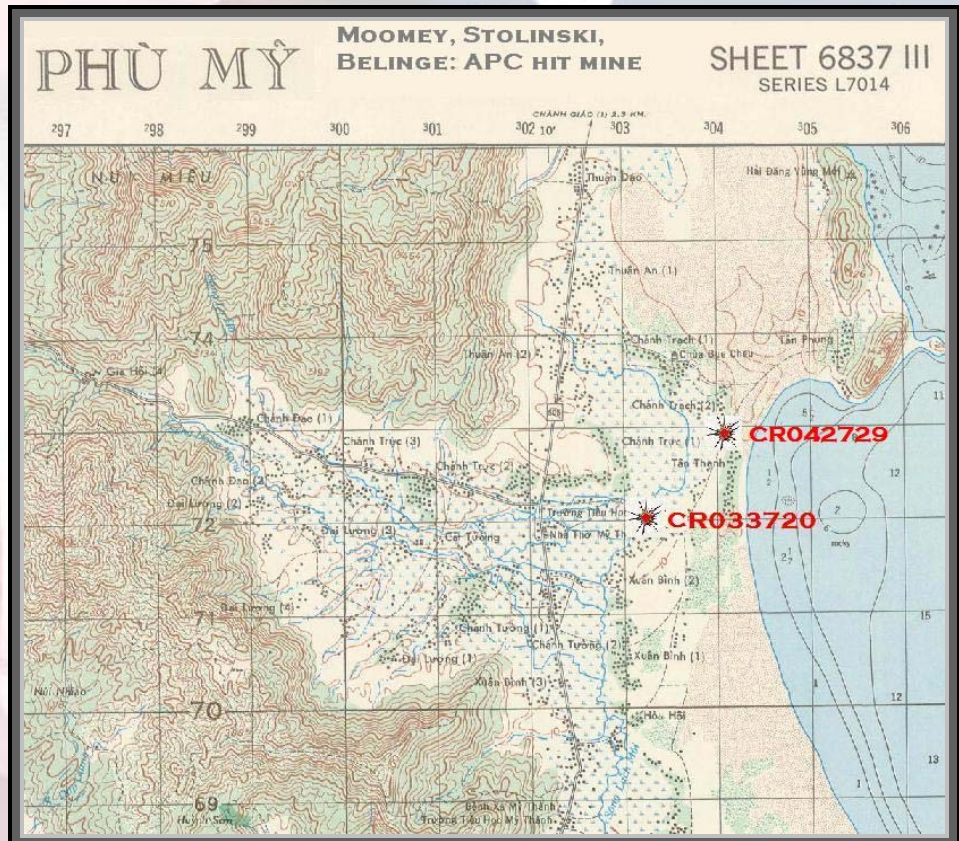
Date of Birth: August 6, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Single
4th Infantry Division, Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: April 12, 1967, Date of Casualty: March 26, 1968, Days in Country: 349
Casualty Type A1, MFW, Panel 46E - Row 042

Sergeant Stolinski was killed along with Richard Belinge and Charles Moomey when the Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) they occupied, riding point, hit a large mine. Several other members of the 3rd Platoon were injured in the blast as well, including Bob Wuestenberg, who described the event for our files. He relates: "I recall moving in the sand along a tree-lined bank to our left...on our way to set up a night position. Stolinski asked if he could drive the APC...and he and the driver switched. Stolinski maneuvered the APC into a left hand turn to climb the bank and hit the mine". He had been excited at the realization that he had less than 30 days left "In Country".



A map of the location of the incident (CR042729) is shown below. The second location indicated on the map below (CR033720) is from an earlier log entry of March 26th and does not fit Bob Wuestenberg's narrative description of the event....being nearly a thousand meters from the sand.

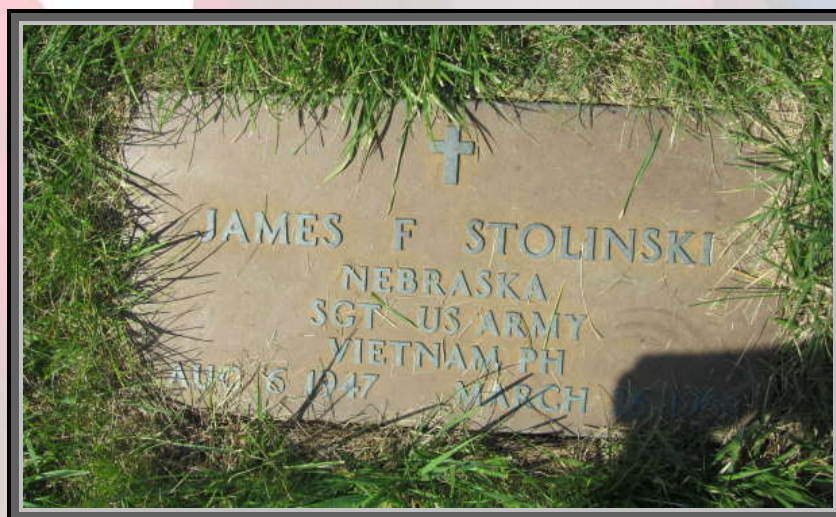
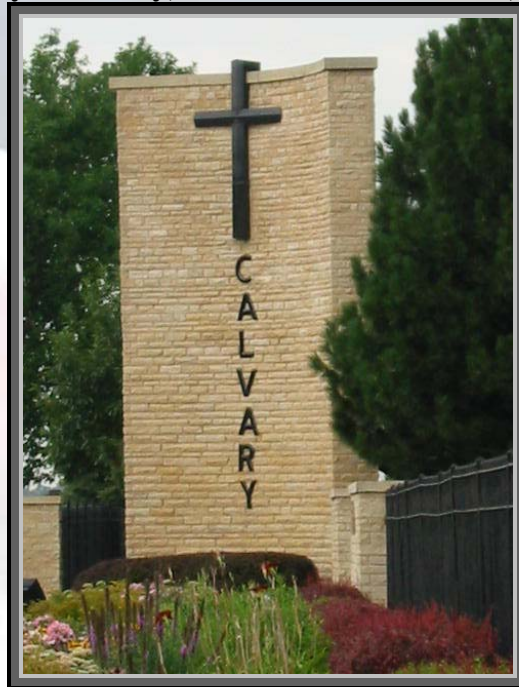


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The photos below were on a roll of unexposed film that was returned to the family after Jim was killed.



James Stolinski is buried at Calvary Cemetery, 7710 West Center Road, Omaha, Douglas County, NE 68124



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JIM STOLINSKI'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

HQ 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1222

2 MAY 1968

SERGEANT JAMES STOLINSKI DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1967 TO MARCH 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. SERGEANT STOLINSKI'S INITIATIVE, ZEAL, SOUND JUDGMENT AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WERE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT ON HIM AND ON THE MILITARY SERVICE.



Bronze
Star



Air
Medal



Purple
Heart



Good
Conduct



National
Defense



Vietnam
Service



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Campaign