

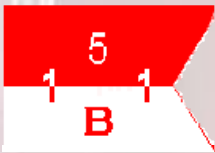


1ST

CAVALRY
DIVISION
(AIRMOBILE)



1ST BATTALION
5TH CAVALRY



"B" COMPANY
1ST PLATOON

MONGOOSE BRAVO



SERGEANT



INFANTRYMAN

TOMMY GENE "SMOKEY" STOVER

1st Platoon, "B" Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry

Sergeant, E5, US56694149, MOS 11B40

Home of Record: Wilmington, CA

Date of Birth: June 28, 1946, Age at time of loss: 21, Married

1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: February 4, 1967, Date of Casualty: January 2, 1968, Days in Country: 332

Casualty Type A3, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 33E - Row 024

We have determined that "Smokey" Stover was not a member of the 1st Battalion (M), 50th Infantry during our tour in Vietnam. 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. Since our After Action Report for the Battle of An Tinh indicated 6 men lost in action, we believe the assumption was that they were all 50th Infantry, in error. In fact, 3 men were lost from the 50th Infantry and 3 from the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry. Also lost was a Forward Observer working with the 1st Battalion, 5th Cav. From "B" Battery, 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery.

No Photo exists for this man.

If you are a friend or relative, and have found this page...please submit a photo to us at:

Kiss-ac@juno.com

Your photo contribution will be distributed to the various National Memorial sites.

Sergeant Stover was mortally wounded on the sandy beach near An Lac/Thanh Thuy and he died there in a heroic effort to retrieve his best friend, SGT Terry Birmingham...who had been mortally wounded and lay helpless on the sandy beach near the battle. Stover moved forward to his friend in an effort to remove him from the intense enemy fire that was being directed on their Platoon. SGT Stover was shot and killed instantly as he reached his dying friend and cradled him in his arms. They died together as did Forward Observer Fred Manly who was providing supporting fire from nearby. The scene was described to the 50th Infantry Association by former "Mongoose Bravo" soldier Hugh Foster.

Smokey's name is inscribed on our 50th Infantry Vietnam Memorial in front of Battalion Headquarters, Treadwell Barracks, Sand Hill, Fort Benning, Georgia. By a unanimous vote of Association Members, his name will remain on our memorial.

SMOKEY STOVER'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



Bronze Star

(Unconfirmed)



Air Medal



Purple Heart



National Defense



Vietnam Service



Vietnam Campaign

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Below is a map showing the position of and the forces involved in the Battle of An Tinh, more commonly known as the Battle of An Lac(2), January 2, 1968.

