

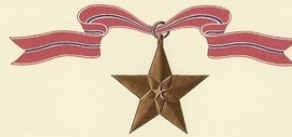
Jim Strano pictured in the field with "A" Company:



JAMES STRANO'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

HQ, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 14936

14 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 STRANO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY VALOROUS ACTION ON 23 JANUARY 1968, WHILE SERVING AS A RIFLEMAN WITH COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY DURING A COMBAT MISSION IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. WHEN HIS UNIT CAME UNDER INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STRANO EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY FIRE AS HE FLANKED THE HOSTILE POSITIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE WELL ENTRENCHED HOSTILE FORCE. AFTER NEUTRALIZING ONE ENEMY EMBLEMMENT, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STRANO WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED UPON NEUTRALIZING AN ENEMY FORTIFICATION, SERGEANT CARPENTER 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