Jim Freidt was killed in action on the morning of October 11th, 1967, when, at dawn, his third platoon was moving to join the rest of Charlie Company on a Cordon and Search of the village of Phu Ha near the coast of Phu My District, Binh Dinh Province.

PFC Freidt was walking “point” as his platoon moved along a trail at the base of their elevated night position when he tripped a booby trapped grenade. We believe he died instantly. He was the first man killed from Charlie Company and the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry’s second fatal casualty.


A map of the location of the incident is shown below:
James Freidt’s family provided us with the photo of him on page one of this memorial and also sent a copy of a card from the funeral service held for him in Grand Forks, North Dakota, on October 20th, 1967.

In Memory Of
PFC. JAMES C. FREIDT, U.S.A.
Born
May 5, 1947
Killed in Action
Republic of Vietnam
October 11, 1967
Services Held
St. Michael’s Church
Grand Forks, North Dakota
Friday, October 20, 1967
Interment
Union Cemetery
Mandan, North Dakota

He who believes in Me, even if he die, shall live; and whoever lives and believes in Me, shall never die.
—Gospel of St. John

JAMES FREIDT’S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Combat Infantry Badge

Purple Heart
National Defense
Vietnam Service
Vietnam Campaign