



173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE



1ST BATTALION 50TH INFANTRY



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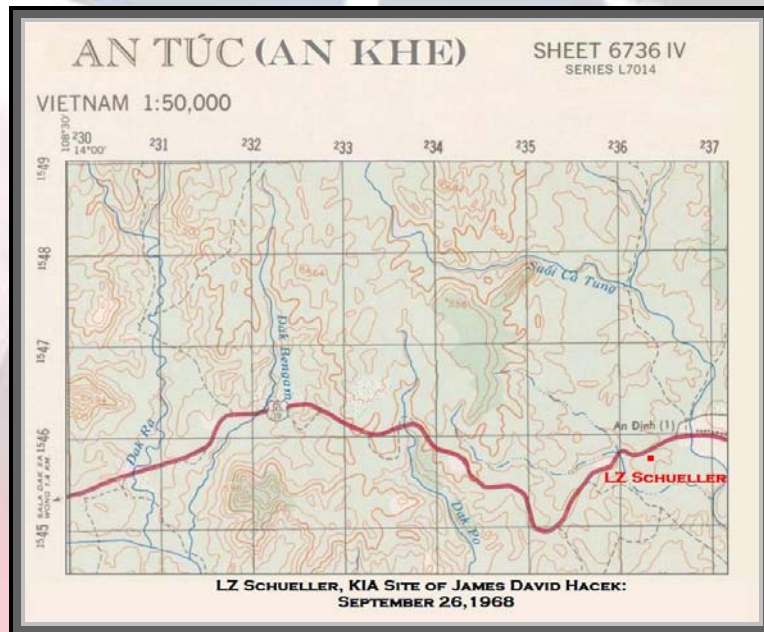
INFANTRY

JAMES DAVID HACEK

Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, RA16812300, MOS 11B20
Home of Record: Crystal Lake, IL
Date of Birth: October 23, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Single
173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: September 10, 1966, Date of Casualty: September 26, 1968,
Days in Country: 747
Casualty Type A1, ARM, Panel 42W - Row 018

Jim Hacek was killed during a mortar attack at LZ Schueller along Highway 19 West of An Khe. During this coordinated attack, Mortars and Rockets were used on positions along highway 19, specifically Strong Points 2 and 3 while a Truck Convoy between Bridges 24 and 25 also came under attack. Total losses for the attack were two men killed and 4 men wounded. Counterattacks resulted in 1 enemy KIA.

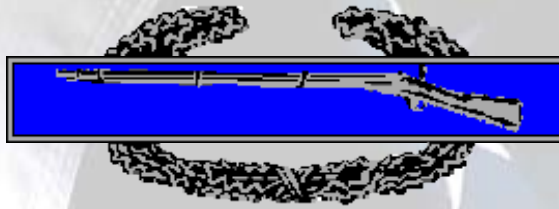
A map of the location of Jim Hacek's death is shown below:



Jim Hacek is buried at St John's Cemetery, Algonquin & Church Roads, Barrington Hills (Fox River Grove), McHenry County, IL (Photos below).



JAMES HACEK'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS*:



Combat Infantry Badge



HQ 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)

GENERAL ORDERS

1968

CORPORAL JAMES D. HACEK DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER, 1966 TO SEPTEMBER, 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. CORPORAL HACEK'S 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

*The Association does not possess the General Order for the Bronze Star indicated above. James Hacek's Grave Marker is engraved with "BSM" which is our determination of the award. Wording on the citation above was "standard" for a meritorious Bronze Star.