



**173RD AIRBORNE
BRIGADE**



**1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY**

"HQ" COMPANY

SCOUTS

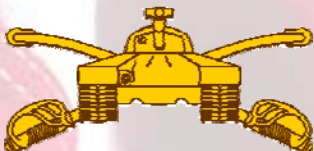
1/50 INF

SCOUT PLATOON



CORPORAL

**RECONNAISSANCE
SPECIALIST**



ARMOR

GREGORIO L. PANGELINAN

"HQ" Company, Scout Platoon, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, RA67190907, MOS 11D10

Home of Record: Mongmong, GU

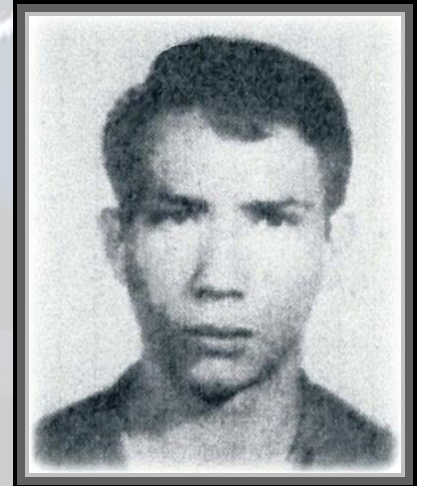
Date of Birth: August 24, 1942, Age at time of loss: 26, Married

173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: February 18, 1969, Date of Casualty: March 9, 1969, Days in Country: 19

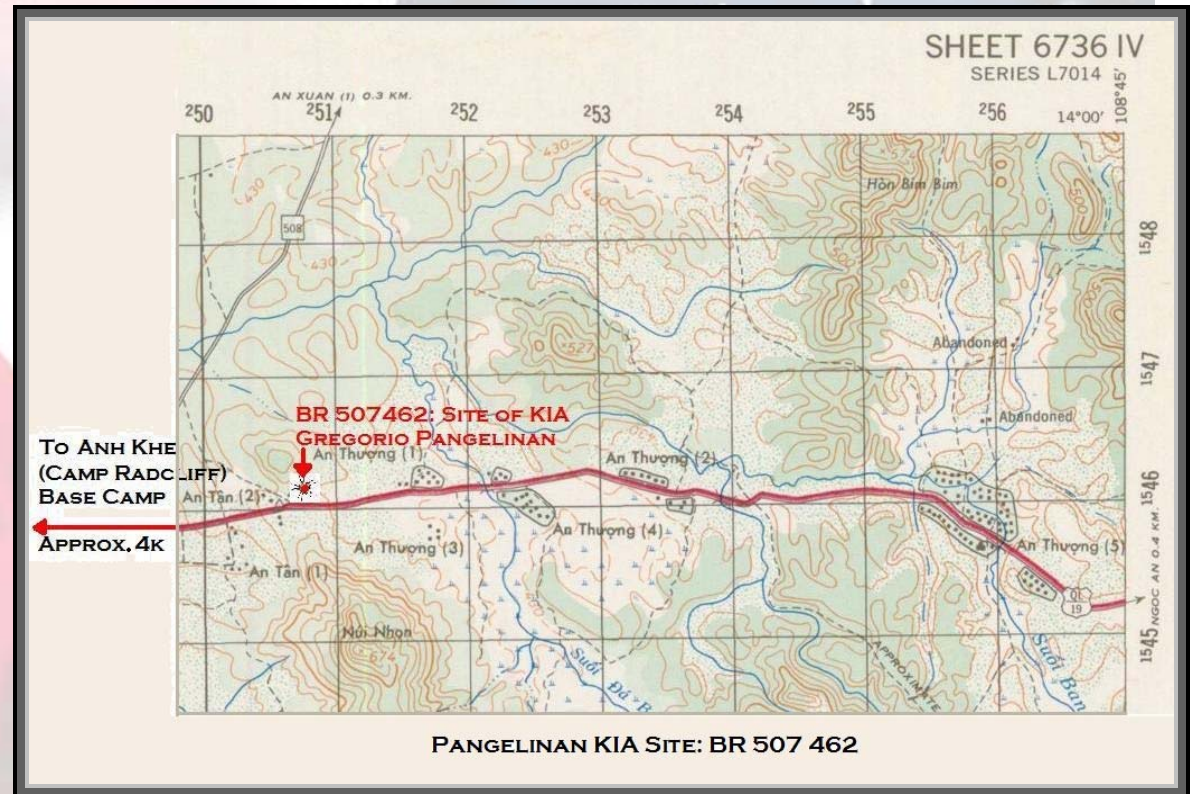
Casualty Type A1, OED, Panel 30W - Row 094

Greg Pangelinan was killed in action when the Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) he was riding on from the Scout Platoon hit a land mine estimated to have been approximately 40 pounds of high explosives. He was killed instantly by the blast and two others were seriously wounded. The APC was completely destroyed by the explosion.



Contact has been made with Greg Pangelinan's son, Martin Pangelinan, who attended our 2009 Reunion Wreath Laying Ceremony at Fort Benning, GA. (Photos on the next page). Greg has promised to try to locate a photo of his dad for us. Martin Pangelinan spent his growing years longing to be a soldier...like the father he never knew. He made his dream a reality and currently holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army Reserves.

Below is a map showing the location of the incident where Corporal Pangelinan was killed.



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At our 2009 Reunion, 14 honored "Family and friends" of men killed in action while serving with the 50th Infantry in Vietnam attended our Wreath Laying Ceremony at our Memorial in front of the 1st Bn., 50th Infantry Headquarter at Fort Benning. Below are photos of Martin Pangelinan, in attendance.



In The photo Above Left, Martin Pangelinan (2nd from right) talks with Association President Jimmy Segars in front of our Memorial. In the photo above right, LTC Pangelinan (Center) and Command Sergeant Major (Patzalek) chat with Reunion Committee Chairperson and former Association President John Topper.

Gregorio L. Pangelinan is buried at Guam Veterans Cemetery, formerly known as U.S. Naval Cemetery #2, Piti, Guam, Mariana Islands, U.S. Territory.



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GREG PANGELINAN'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

HQ 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER UNKNOWN*

MARCH 1968

CORPORAL GREGORIA PANGELINAN DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 18, 1968 TO MARCH 9, 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 PANGELINAN'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

Purple
Heart

National
Defense

Vietnam
Service

Vietnam
Campaign

*The Association "Assumes" the award of the Bronze Star is for Meritorious Service. There is the possibility his award could be for valor, but documentation is currently unavailable to support same. The citation wording shown here is "generic" to a Meritorious Bronze Star.