Pfc. Jas. Akiviana Suffers Wounds In Vietnam Battle

Pfc. James Akiviana of Barrow and Fairbanks was wounded in Vietnam on July 7 by small arm fire while on combat operations when a hostile force was encountered.

He received wounds on both thighs. He was treated and hospitalized in Vietnam. He was not seriously wounded.

Akiviana is 23, solidly built and is known as a rough and ready young man. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Akiviana, 210 Lakeview Tr. Ct., Fairbanks.

On reaching Vietnam, he was assigned to the 199th Light Infantry Brigade. He is a rifleman assigned with Company A, 4th Battalion of the Brigade 12th Infantry near Long Binh.

Pfc. Akiviana entered the Army in September 1968 and completed his basic training at Fort Lewis, Wash. where he was last stationed before leaving for Vietnam.