



**173RD
AIRBORNE
BRIGADE**



**1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY**



"A" COMPANY



CORPORAL



INFANTRYMAN

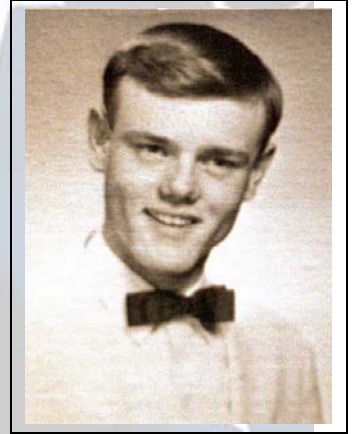
ROBERT SAMUEL ALLEN

"A" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, US51979167, MOS 11B10
Home of Record: North Bergen, NJ
Date of Birth: August 14, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Single
173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: December 10, 1967, Date of Casualty: May 5, 1968, Days in Country: 147
Casualty Type A1, Burns, Panel 54E – Row 042

Bob Allen was killed during the Battle of An Bao on May 5th, 1968. This action was one of the most significant battles experienced by the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry during its tour in Vietnam.

Allen was seen bravely directing fire from his Armored Personnel Carrier in an attempted counter attack as his "A" Company was surrounded by a vastly superior force.

There are currently over a half dozen personal accounts of this battle in our Association Archives. I will link to one by Medic James Fitzgerald, who describes Allen's actions just before his death when his APC was ultimately struck and destroyed by enemy rocket fire.



James Fitzgerald's Personal Account:

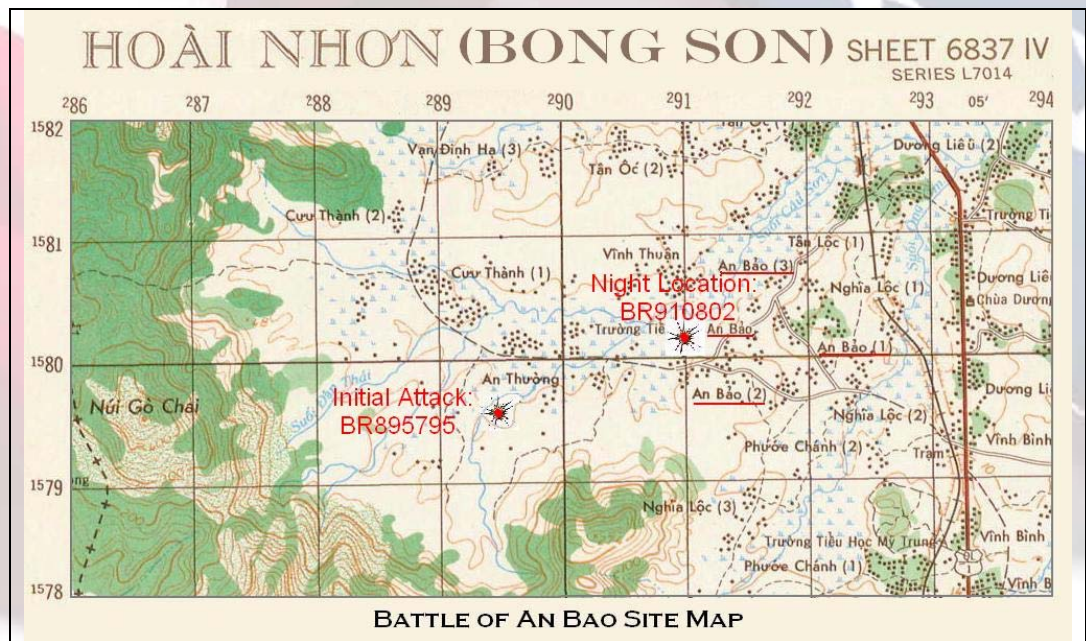
<http://www.ichiban1.org/pdf/Memorial/JimFitzgeraldAnBaoAccount.pdf>

Battle of An Bao, Condensed:

<http://www.ichiban1.org/pdf/Memorial/AnBaoCondensed.pdf>

The 50th Infantry is grateful to Bob Allen's childhood friend, Charley Severino, for contributing the photo shown above right.

A map of the location of the Battle of An Bao in Binh Dinh Province is shown below:



A little league field was named in Bob Allen's honor in his home town of North Bergen, New Jersey. Association Historian Jim Sheppard visited the site and wrote a story in the Association Newsletter for September of 2008. A copy of the Robert Allen Field story is linked here:

<http://www.ichiban1.org/pdf/Memorial/RobertAllenField.pdf>

ROBERT ALLEN'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



Bronze Star
(Unconfirmed)



Air Medal
(Unconfirmed)



Purple Heart



National Defense



Vietnam Service



Vietnam Campaign