

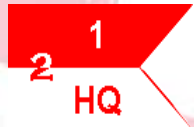


1ST

**FIELD FORCE
VIETNAM**



**2ND SQUADRON
1ST ARMORED
CAVALRY**



**HEADQUARTERS
TROOP**



**PRIVATE
1ST CLASS**

MARK SYLVESTER BEHRENT

"HHT" Troop, 2nd Squadron, 1st Armored Cavalry
Private First Class, E3, RA388567877, MOS 91B20

Home of Record: Appleton, WI

Date of Birth: October 8, 1950, Age at time of loss: 19, Single

I Field Force Vietnam, Binh Thuan Province, Republic of Vietnam

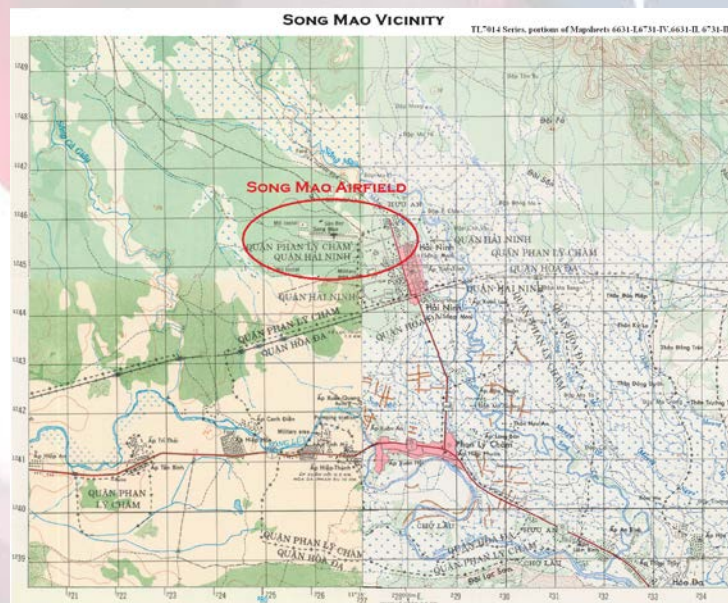
Start of Tour: March 14, 1970, Date of Casualty: June 16, 1970, Days in Country: 94
Casualty Type C2, Non-Hostile, died of illness/injury, Panel 09W - Row 056

We have determined that Mark Behrent was not a member of the 1st Battalion (M), 50th Infantry during our tour in Vietnam. When initially creating our "In Memoriam" listings, we had limited data to substantiate some of the names we "Assumed" had been in our unit.

Following is an account of Mark's brief tour of duty in Vietnam. Mark arrived in Vietnam on March 14th of 1970 and was assigned as a Medic to the 2nd Squadron, 1st Armored Cavalry Regiment stationed in Binh Thuan Province.

Just 2 weeks after his arrival, he participated in the Battle of Song Mao on April 1st... when 3 battalions of NVA Sappers launched an attack on the MACV (Military Assistance Command) compound and the base of the "Blackhawks": The 2nd Squadron, 1st Armored Cavalry. Being a Combat Medic, Mark would have been in the forefront of this battle where 2 men were killed and 13 men wounded in the fight to repel the enemy attack. Certainly a very traumatic beginning to his tour in Vietnam.

On April 29th, just 4 weeks after this horrific battle, Mark was severely wounded by a "Self-Inflicted" gunshot in the vicinity of the Song Mao Airfield where he had endured his first combat experience. Official documentation mentions suicide, but the wound could have been accidental. The army document describing the incident described Mark as "Not mentally responsible at the time of the act". This could mean severe PTSD or something as tragic as being drunk and accidentally discharging his weapon. Mark was evacuated to the Great Lakes Naval Hospital where he remained in a coma until his eventual death on June 16th of 1970.



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Mark is buried in Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Appleton, WI: Section C, Row 142...near the road.



Mark's name is inscribed on our 50th Infantry Vietnam Memorial in front of Battalion Headquarters, Sand Hill, Fort Moore, Georgia. Although listed there in error...his name will remain on our memorial.



AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Medical Badge



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