

## TERRY WAYNE BIRMINGHAM

1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, "B" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry

Specialist 4th Class, E4, Posthumous Promotion to SGT, US54387706, MOS 11B20

Home of Record: Trumann, AR

Date of Birth: June 16, 1948, Age at time of loss: 19, Married

1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: February 19, 1967, Date of Casualty: January 2, 1968, Days in Country: 317

Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 33E - Row 016

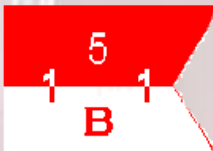


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CAVALRY  
DIVISION  
(AIRMOBILE)



1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION  
5<sup>TH</sup> CAVALRY



"B" COMPANY  
1<sup>ST</sup> PLATOON

**MONGOOSE BRAVO**



SERGEANT



INFANTRYMAN

We have determined that Terry Birmingham was not a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (M), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry during our tour in Vietnam. We currently do not have access to the information that reported him as one of our KIAs, but it was indicated in a note on our original "In Memoriam" pages that someone within our Association identified him as such. Since our After Action Report for the Battle of An Tinh indicated 6 men lost in action, we believe the assumption was that they were all 50<sup>th</sup> infantry, in error. In fact, 3 men were lost from the 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry and 3 from the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Also lost was a Forward Observer working with the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 5<sup>th</sup> Cav. From "B" Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 77<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery.

Sergeant Birmingham was mortally wounded on the sandy beach near An Lac/Thanh Thuy and he died there in spite of heroic efforts to retrieve him led by SGT Tommy "Smokey" Stover...who braved enemy fire in a vain attempt and was killed by fire from the same enemy position that killed Birmingham. They died together as did Forward Observer Fred Manly who was providing supporting fire from nearby. The scene was described to the 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association by former "Mongoose Bravo" soldier Hugh Foster.

Terry's name is inscribed on our 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Vietnam Memorial in front of Battalion Headquarters, Treadwell Barracks, Sand Hill, Fort Benning, Georgia. By a unanimous vote of Association Members, his name will remain on our memorial.

No Photo exists for this man.

If you are a friend or relative, and have found this page...please submit a photo to us at: [Kiss-ac@juno.com](mailto:Kiss-ac@juno.com)

Your photo contribution will be distributed to the various National Memorial sites.

### TERRY BIRMINGHAM'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



Air Medal



Purple Heart



National Defense



Vietnam Service



Vietnam Campaign

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Below is a map showing the position of and the forces involved in the Battle of An Tinh, more commonly known as the Battle of An Lac(2), January 2, 1968.

