



1ST CAVALRY
DIVISION
(AIRMOBILE)



1ST BATTALION
50TH INFRANTRY



"C" COMPANY



PSGT E7



INFANTRY

DOUGLAS BROWN

1st Platoon, "C" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
PSGT, E7, RA24882754, MOS 11B40
Home of Record: Columbus, GA

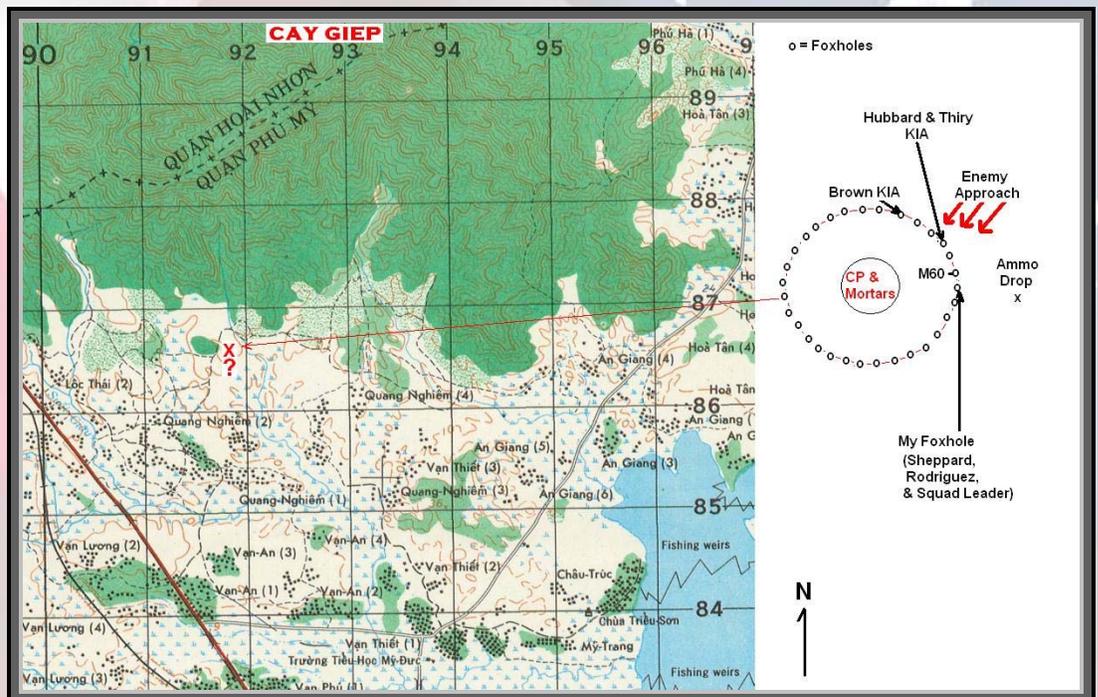
Date of Birth: November 25, 1931, Age at time of loss: 35, Married
1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: September 1, 1967, Date of Casualty: October 31, 1967, Days in Country: 60
Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 28E - Row 102

Platoon Sergeant Douglas Brown died while leading the 1st Platoon of Charlie Company as they responded to an attack by NVA/VC forces in battle on October 31st, 1967 at the base of Cay Giep Mountain. Fellow Charlie Company man Neil Miller recalls: *"The only thing I remember from that night is that I was by PSG Brown in a foxhole. I remember him yelling behind me for everyone to keep firing...and then he got quiet"*. Another Charlie Company man there that night was Jim Sheppard, who wrote an account of the action:

<http://ichiban1.org/pdf/Halloween1967.pdf>

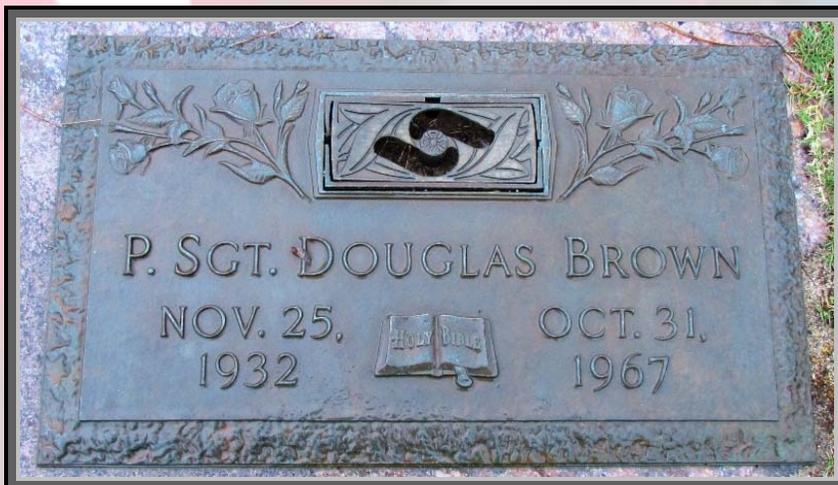
Sheppard adds: "I was one of a few men who were with the 1st of the 50th for Basic Training in 1965 at Fort Hood Texas. The Battalion trained three groups and retained the third group as it prepared for deployment to Vietnam in 1967. PSG Brown was a dominant force in those training days...with his deep voice and strong southern accent. He proved to be a very capable leader in combat, well liked by his men in the 1st Platoon.

Below is a map showing the location of the firefight in which PSG Brown was killed in action:



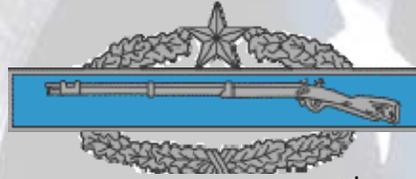
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Douglas Brown is buried at Parkhill Cemetery, 4161 Macon Road, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia.



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DOUGLAS BROWN'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:*



Combat Infantry Badge, 2nd Award*
(Service in Korea and South Vietnam)



HQ, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1505

15 MARCH 1968

FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS INVOLVING CONFLICT WITH AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. PLATOON SERGEANT BROWN DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY VALOROUS ACTION ON 31 OCTOBER 1967, WHILE SERVING AS A PLATOON SERGEANT WITH COMPANY C, 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY DURING A COMBAT MISSION NEAR QUANG NHIEM IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. WHEN HIS UNIT DEFENSIVE PERIMETER CAME UNDER HOSTILE ATTACK, SERGEANT BROWN REPEATEDLY EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE ENEMY FIRE AS HE DIRECTED HIS UNIT'S BASE OF FIRE AGAINST THE ASSAULTING HOSTILE FORCE.. WHILE DIRECTING HIS MEN INTO DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, SERGEANT BROWN WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED, BUT HIS ACTION CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESSFUL REPULSION OF THE ENEMY ATTACK. HIS GALLANT ACTION WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE, AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.



Silver
Star



Air
Medal



Purple
Heart



Good
Conduct



National
Defense



Vietnam
Service



Vietnam
Campaign



Korean*
Service

*The list of awards shown here is, in all likelihood, incomplete. Awards shown are only those verified....with the exception on "Korean Service" and 2nd award of CIB. There is the possibility that PSG Brown did not receive a CIB for his Korean service.