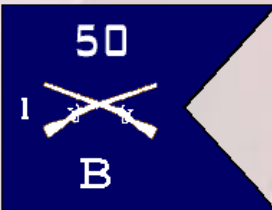




1<sup>ST</sup>  
AIR CAVALRY  
DIVISION



1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION  
50<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY



"B" COMPANY



PRIVATE  
1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS



INFANTRY

## THOMAS EDWARD CAST

"B" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Private First Class, E3, US67153615, MOS 11B10  
Home of Record: Detroit, MI

Date of Birth: September 10, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Single  
1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: December 5, 1967, Date of Casualty: December 27, 1967, Days in Country: 22  
Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 32E - Row 070

Thomas Cast was only with "B" Company a short time, but experienced some of the most brutal combat experienced by the 50th Infantry Regiment in Vietnam, including the Battles of Tam Quan from December 6th to the 20th of 1967.

The 1st Cavalry Division Intelligence Summary for December 27, 1967 reads: "At 2119 Hours at Map Grid Coordinates CR008786 (See Map Below), six or seven individuals with backpacks and several weapons were observed moving North. The individuals were engaged by B Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry and a brief fire fight ensued, resulting in one US soldier being killed in action. The contact was broken after only 3 minutes. Two hours later B Company searched the area and found two dead enemy soldiers with packs containing rice and assorted clothing.

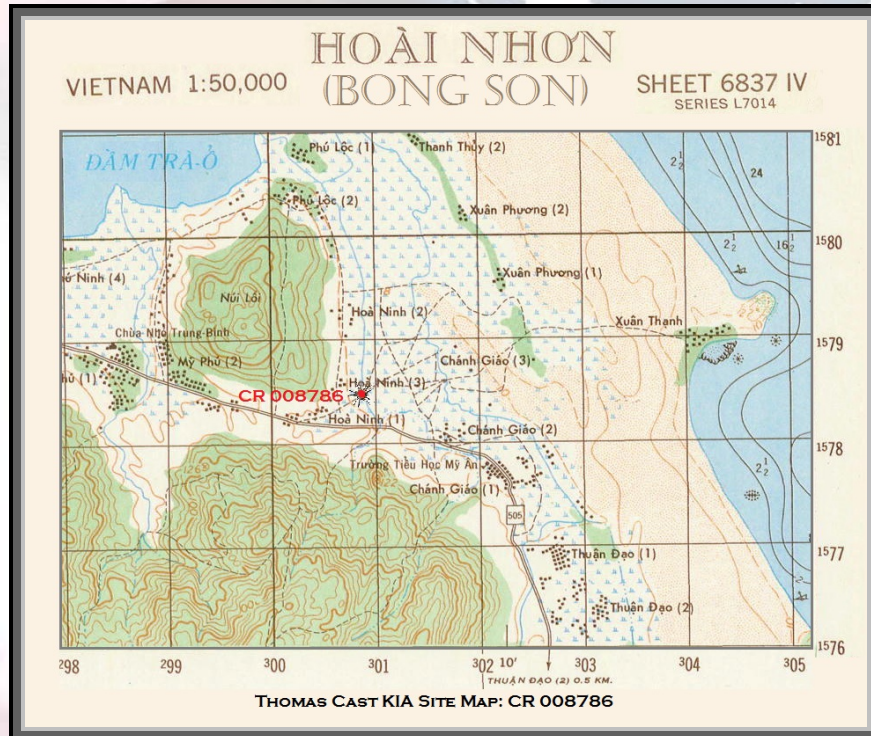
A search is on for surviving family members...who may be in the Detroit, Michigan area and/or Birmingham, Alabama.

Thomas Cast was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star with "V" (Valor) Device for his actions.

Currently, no photo exists for this man.

If you can supply us with a photo, we would be grateful...and see that it gets distributed to the appropriate Internet memorial web pages.

Contact Jim Sheppard:  
[kiss-ac@juno.com](mailto:kiss-ac@juno.com)



Continued...

Thomas Edward Cast is buried at Detroit Memorial Park Cemetery, 4280 13 mile road, Warren, Macomb County, Michigan 48092, pictured below:



### THOMAS CAST'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



Combat Infantry Badge



Bronze Star (Valor)

Purple Heart

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

HQ, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 705

2 FEBRUARY, 1968

FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CAST DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY VALOROUS ACTION ON 27 DECEMBER 1967, WHILE SERVING AS A RIFLEMAN WITH COMPANY B, 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY DURING A COMBAT MISSION IN THE NUI LOI MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. SPOTTING ENEMY MOVEMENT TO HIS FRONT, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CAST VOLUNTEERED TO FLANK THE HOSTILE FORCE AND GOT CLOSE ENOUGH TO THEIR POSITIONS TO THROW HAND GRENADES, MOVING TO WITHIN TEN METERS OF THE HOSTILE POSITIONS, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CAST BEGAN THROWING HAND GRENADES AND SUCCEEDED IN DESTROYING SEVERAL ENEMY BUNKERS. AT THIS TIME PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CAST WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED, BUT HIS ACTION CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HIS UNIT'S MISSION. HIS DISPLAY OF PERSONAL BRAVERY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.