

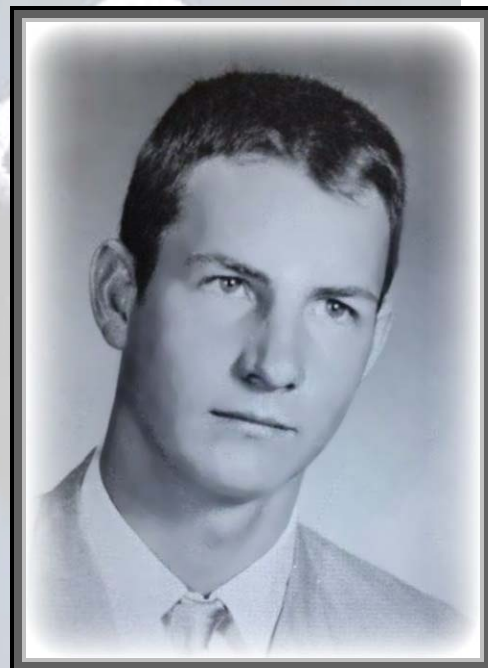


## AUSTIN RAY CHENOWETH

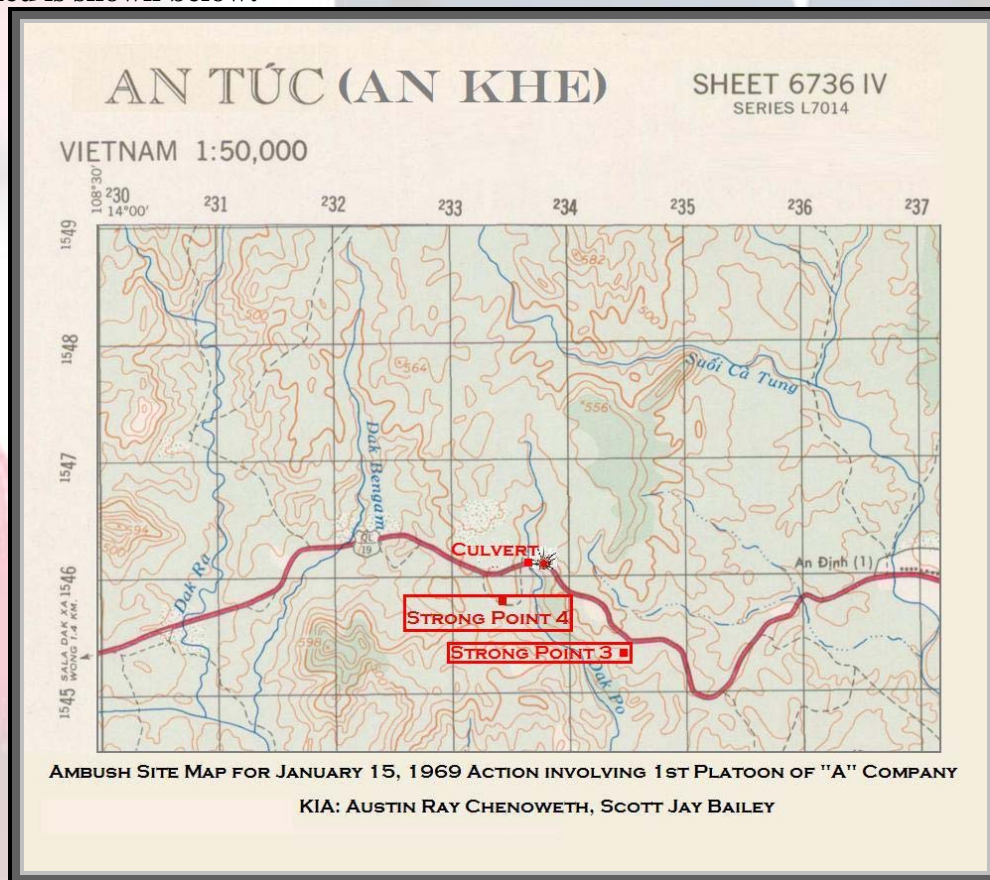
"A" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, E4, US54403472, MOS 11B2P  
Home of Record: Dove Creek, CO

Date of Birth: February 19, 1947, Age at time of loss: 21, Single  
173d Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: November 21, 1968, Date of Casualty: January 15, 1969, Days in Country: 55  
Casualty Type A1, Gun, Small arms fire (Should be: A1, MFW), Panel 34W - Row 005

Ray Chenoweth was killed in action during an ambush on Highway 19 West of An Khe. The Daily Staff Journal for the date reads: (The 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon) "A" 1/50<sup>th</sup> with 1 (M48) tank (1/69<sup>th</sup> Armor) made contact in the vicinity of Strong Point #4 with an enemy force armed with small arms, 60mm Mortars, B40 Rockets and anti-tank grenades. The entire element received intense fire with 2 Armored Personnel Carriers (APCs) hit by B40 Rockets. Two additional Platoons from "A" Company reacted swiftly and the enemy broke contact & attempted to withdraw. The 2 APCs were destroyed and the M48 Tank was damaged. There were 11 U.S. men wounded and 2 killed. The enemy had 10 killed and 1 man captured. Killed in this action along with Ray Chenoweth was Scott Bailey.



A map of the location of the ambush in which Ray was killed is shown below:



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Photos taken of the Ambush Site & destroyed APC (Contributed by Bob O'Connor, Mortars, 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon):



Ray Chenoweth is buried at Grace Hill Cemetery, Perry, Noble County, Oklahoma in Section C.



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## RAY CHENOWETH'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

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**Airborne Jump Wings (Basic Parachutist Badge)**



**Combat Infantry Badge**



**Bronze  
Star  
(Valor)**



**Purple  
Heart**



**National  
Defense**



**Vietnam  
Service**



**Vietnam  
Campaign**