

ROBERT DENNIS "DENNY" CLATFELTER

"D" Company, 1st Platoon, 4th Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry
Private First Class, E3, RA16999705, MOS 11B1P

Home of Record: Springfield, IL

Date of Birth: September 23, 1948, Age at time of loss: 20, Single
173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: February 21, 1969, Date of Incident: April 19th, 1969,
Died of Wounds: June 12, 1969, Days in Country: 111
Casualty Type A2, OED, Panel 22W - Row 031



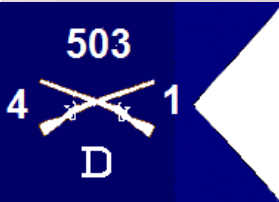
173RD AIRBORNE
BRIGADE

"THE ROCK"



4TH BATTALION
(AIRBORNE)
503RD INFANTRY

1ST PLATOON



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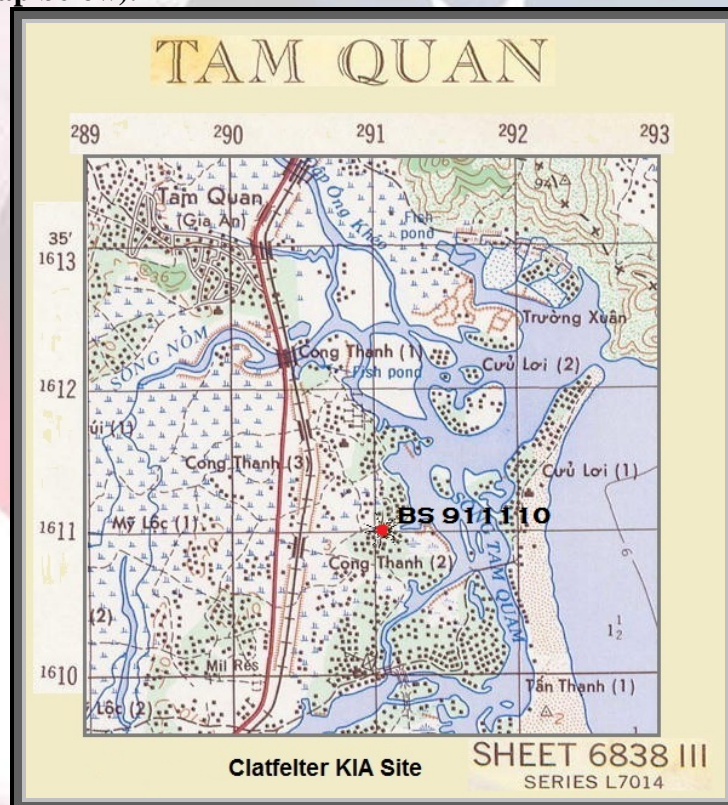
PRIVATE
1ST CLASS



INFANTRYMAN

We have determined that Robert "Denny" Clatfelter was not a member of the 1st Battalion (M), 50th 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. 50th Infantry Casualties on the date of Clatfelter's death are all accounted for.

A review of the Battalion History for the 4th Battalion, 503rd Infantry for the period covering Robert Clatfelter's death shows that Clatfelter was severely wounded and 5 others killed on April 19th, 1969, by a booby trap or command detonated land mine. Clatfelter is documented as having "died from wounds" on June 12th, 1969. That same Battalion History does list that Robert Dennis Clatfelter was awarded a Bronze Star on May 23rd. The Incident took place at BS 911110 in the general vicinity of Tam Quan, North of Bong Son in Binh Dinh Province (See map below).



Robert's name is inscribed on our 50th Infantry Vietnam Memorial in front of Battalion Headquarters, Fort Benning, Georgia. His name will remain on our memorial.

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"Denny" Clatfelter is buried at Marshall Cemetery, E. Clarksville road (County Highway 8), Marshall, Clark County, Illinois (Photo Below)



ROBERT CLATFELTER'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



Airborne Jump Wings (Basic Parachutist Badge)



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

HQ 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT CLATFELTER DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 1969 TO JUNE 1969. THROUGH HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS AND PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, HE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED OUTSTANDING RESULTS. HE WAS QUICK TO GRASP THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW PROBLEMS WITH WHICH HE WAS FACED AS A RESULT OF THE EVER-CHANGING SITUATIONS INHERENT IN THE COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATION AND TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS TO SOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS. THE ENERGETIC APPLICATION OF THIS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE HAS MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO ASSIST THAT COUNTRY IN RIDDING ITSELF OF THE COMMUNIST THREAT TO ITS FREEDOM. HIS INITIATIVE, ZEAL, SOUND JUDGMENT AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WERE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT ON HIM AND ON THE MILITARY SERVICE.



Bronze
Star



Purple
Heart



National
Defense



Vietnam
Service



Vietnam
Campaign