



1ST

CAVALRY
DIVISION
(AIRMOBILE)

GARY EVERET CLAYTON

“C” Company, “Chargin’ Charlie”, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry

Sergeant, E5, US54383004, MOS 11C4P

Home of Record: Oklahoma City, OK

Date of Birth: November 19, 1946, Age at time of loss: 21, Married

1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: April 14, 1967, Date of Casualty: January 2, 1968, Days in Country: 263

Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 33E - Row 017



1ST BATTALION
5TH CAVALRY

We have determined that Gary Clayton 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. 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 50th infantry, in error. In fact, 3 men were lost from the 50th Infantry and 3 from the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry. Also lost was a Forward Observer working with the 1st Bn, 5th Cav. From “B” Battery, 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment.



“C” COMPANY
CHARGIN' CHARLIE

Sergeant Clayton was mortally wounded During the Battle of An Tinh on January 2, 1968(See Map on next page).

Gary’s name is inscribed on our 50th 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.

GARY CLAYTON’S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



SERGEANT



INFANTRYMAN



Airborne Jump Wings (Basic Parachutist Badge)



Combat Infantry Badge



Bronze
Star



Air
Medal



Purple
Heart



National
Defense



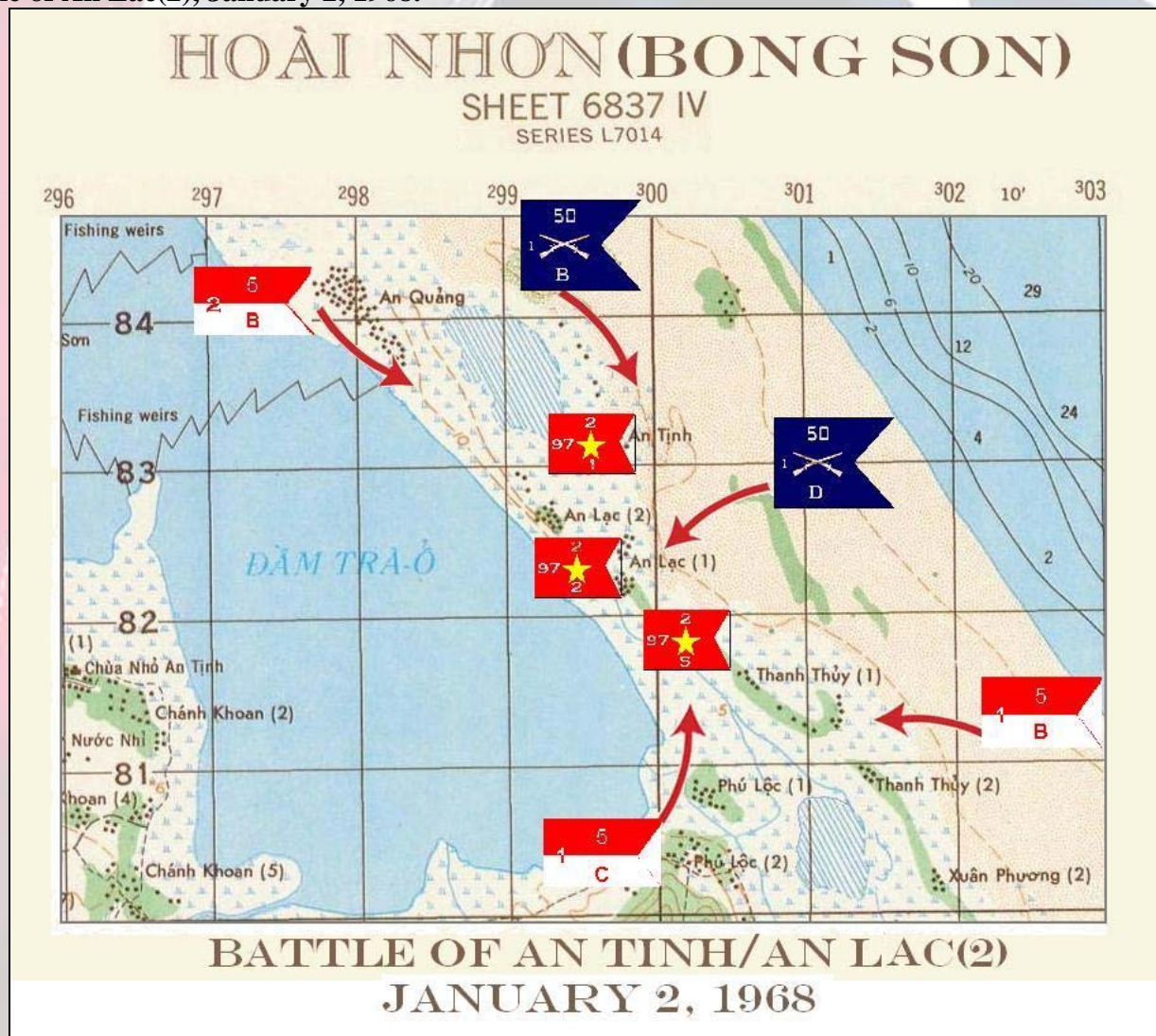
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Below is a map showing the position of and the forces involved in the Battle of An Tinh, more commonly known as the Battle of An Lac(2), January 2, 1968.



Gary Clayton is buried at Sunnyslane Cemetery, Del City, OK (Pictured below)

