



**173RD  
AIRBORNE  
BRIGADE**

**"THE ROCK"**



**1ST BATTALION  
(AIRBORNE)  
503RD  
INFANTRY**



## **LARRY FRANKLIN "BALL" COGGINS**

**"B" Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry  
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, RA12980801, MOS 11B1P  
Home of Record: Troy, NC**

**Date of Birth: June 27, 1945, Age at time of loss: 22, Single  
173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Phu Yen Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: August 13, 1967, Date of Casualty: October 30, 1967, Days in Country: 78  
Casualty Type C2, Non-Hostile, Illness or Injury, Panel 28E - Row 099**

We have determined that Larry Coggins was not a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (M), 50<sup>th</sup> 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. There was some documentation that omitted the "3" in "503rd Infantry" by mistake. This may have contributed to his erroneous listing as a 50th Infantry soldier in the original Coffelt Database.

Larry Coggins died of an undisclosed, non-hostile illness or injury and was awarded a Bronze Star.

A photo of Larry Coggins in Basic Training is shown below.



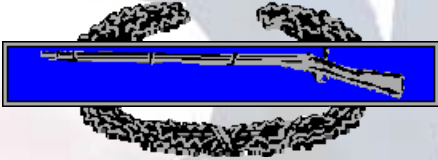
Larry's name is inscribed on our 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Vietnam Memorial in front of Battalion Headquarters, Fort Benning, Georgia. By a unanimous vote of our membership, his name will remain on our memorial.

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Larry Coggins is buried at Southside Cemetery, South Main Street, Troy, Montgomery County, North Carolina (See photo below).



**LARRY COGGIN'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**



Combat Infantry Badge



Airborne Jump Wings (Basic Parachutist Badge)



Bronze Star



Good Conduct



National Defense



Vietnam Service



Vietnam Campaign