



1<sup>ST</sup>

CAVALRY  
DIVISION  
(AIRMOBILE)



1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION 5<sup>TH</sup>  
CAVALRY



"A" COMPANY  
HARD CORE ALPHA



STAFF SERGEANT



INFANTRYMAN

## CARLYLE GUENTHER

"A" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry  
Staff Sergeant, E6, US56499912, MOS 11B40  
Home of Record: Garfield, MN

Date of Birth: October 12, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Single  
1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: June 6, 1967, Date of Casualty: May 5, 1968, Days in Country: 334  
Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 55E - Row 014

We have determined that Carlyle Guenther 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. It is most likely that a simple "typo" error cast him as 1st of the 50th where he should have been 1st of the 5th.

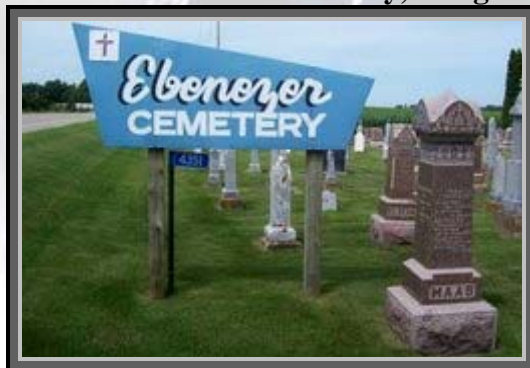
Staff Sergeant Guenther was killed in action at Landing Zone Peanuts, located near Lang Vei, west of Khe Sanh in Quang Tri Province. On May 5th, a large element from the North Vietnamese Army attacked the fire base at LZ Peanuts. Eleven men were killed from 5th Cavalry Regiment elements and "A" Battery, 1st Battalion 77th Artillery, all 2nd Brigade units of the 1st Cavalry Division. This was during Operation Scotland II, immediately after Operation Pegasus which relieved the besieged U.S. Marines at Khe Son.

Carlyle'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 Association Members, his name will remain on our memorial.

Below is a map showing the location of LZ Peanuts in Quang Tri Province.



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**CARLYLE GUENTHER'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**



Combat Infantry Badge



HQ 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 3438

16 MAY 1968

FOR DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1967 TO MAY 1968. 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 HAVE BEEN IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT ON HIM AND ON THE MILITARY SERVICE.



Bronze Star

Air Medal\*

Purple Heart

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign

\*The award of the Air Medal is "unconfirmed", however, members of the 1st Cavalry Division were so saturated with Combat Assaults that an Air Medal first award was usually reached within a month of active line company duty. Not only is it likely Guenther qualified, but after 334 days in such duty, he likely qualified for quite a number of Oak Leaf Clusters for additional Air Medal awards.