



**4TH INFANTRY
DIVISION**



**1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY**

3RD PLATOON



"C" COMPANY



**SPECIALIST
4TH CLASS**



INFANTRYMAN

TODD ARTHUR HANDY

**3rd Platoon, "C" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Specialist 4th Class, E4, US51797687, MOS 11B20**

Home of Record: Xenia, OH

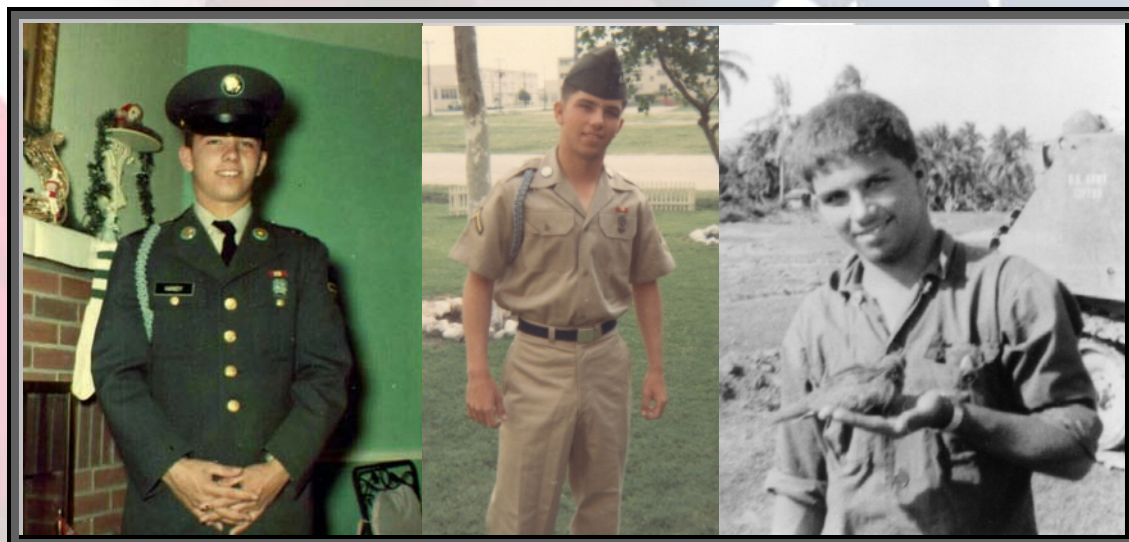
**Date of Birth: October 26, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Single
4th Infantry Division, Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam**

**Start of Tour: September 1, 1967, Date of Casualty: March 2, 1968, Days in Country: 183
Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 42E - Row 040**

At about 9:30 in the morning on March 2nd, 1968, the 2nd & Third platoons of Charlie Company were "Air Assaulted" to two locations near the Northwestern edge of the Nui Mieu Mountains. The 2nd Platoon had an uneventful insertion, but the 3rd Platoon immediately began receiving fire from an estimated Platoon of NVA soldiers in a hedgerow between them and the "Rock pile" area at the base of the Nui Mieu. It was later learned that the 3rd Platoon had landed practically on top of the Headquarters element of a North Vietnamese Army Battalion! In time, incoming fires increased. Early in the contact, Russell Haas was killed near Harry Wilson. Medic Erwin Sims was also killed when he braved intense enemy fire to try to administer aid to the fallen Haas. Also killed during the course of the contact were Todd Handy and Clarence Hills. Air strikes and Artillery were called in over the next 24 hours and the enemy withdrew back into the mountains, leaving behind 30 of their dead. A large amount of supplies including weapons, ammunitions and communication wire were captured along with 3 enemy soldiers. It was believed that a high ranking NVA officer was killed in the contact.



Todd Handy is pictured below...from left to right: At Home after Basic Training, in front of Charlie Company at Fort Hood, Texas after Basic Training & In the field shortly before being killed in action (Note he is holding a bird he found with a damaged wing)



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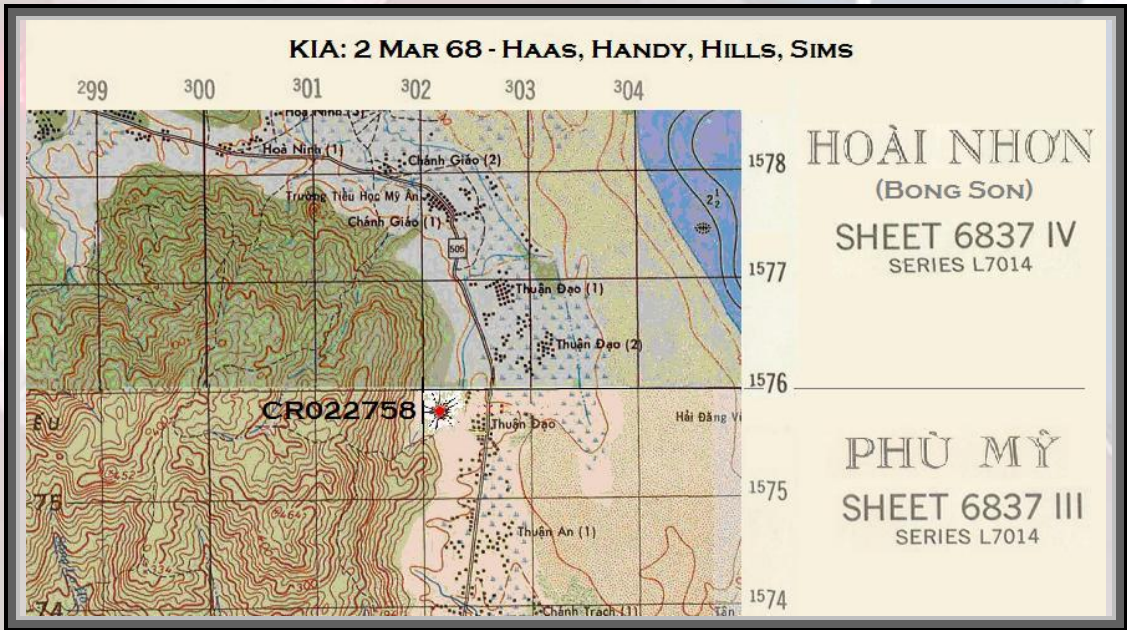
During a return trip to Vietnam in 2007, 3rd Platoon Leader Harry Wilson took the photos used to create this panoramic view of the location where Haas, Handy, Hills and Sims were killed in action (Shown below & corresponding with Map locations indicated on the next page).



Positions of some of the NVA elements of March 2nd, 1968 are shown below in photos taken in 2007.



A period Topo map of the location of the action on March 2nd, 1968, is shown below:



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Photo below (left) shows Charlie Company after pulling back to allow air strikes and artillery to pound the NVA positions (Smoke in background). Below (right), Charlie Company is assembled on the beach the day of the battle near Thuan Dao.



Todd Handy is buried at Woodland Cemetery, Xenia, Greene County, Ohio, pictured below.



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TODD HANDY'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



Bronze
Star



Army
Commendation



Air
Medal



Purple
Heart



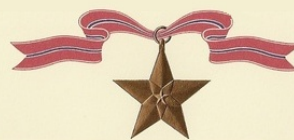
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THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

HQ, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMObILE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1493

14 MARCH, 1968

FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. SPECIALIST FOUR HANDY DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY VALOROUS ACTION ON 2 MARCH 1968, WHILE SERVING WITH COMPANY C, 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY DURING A SEARCH AND CLEAR MISSION NEAR THUAN DAO, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. WHEN HIS UNIT BECAME HEAVILY ENGAGED WITH A LARGE ENEMY FORCE, SPECIALIST HANDY CONTINUALLY EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE HOSTILE FIRE AS HE PROVIDED COVERING FIRE FOR HIS COMRADES. AT THIS TIME SPECIALIST HANDY WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED. HIS DISPLAY OF PERSONAL BRAVERY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.