



9TH INFANTRY DIVISION



50<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY



"E" COMPANY



CORPORAL



INFANTRYMAN

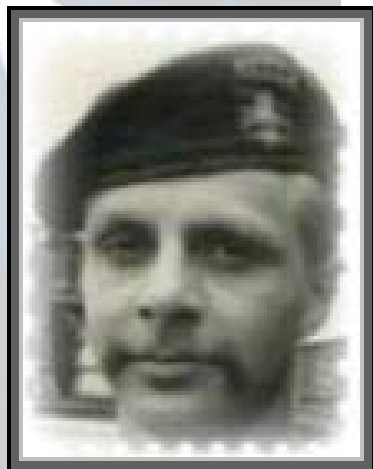
## LOEHLEIN, ROBERT JOHN, JR.

"E" Company (Long Range Patrol), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 9th Infantry Division  
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, US56503466, MOS 11B10  
Home of Record: New Hope, MN

Date of Birth: June 13, 1947, Age at time of loss: 21, Single  
9th Infantry Division, Dinh Tuong Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: May 27, 1968, Date of Casualty: September 25, 1968, Days in Country: 122  
Casualty Type A1, Hostile OED, Ground Casualty, Died of Wounds, Panel 42W - Row 012

PFC Robert John Loehlein, Jr. joined Company E (Long Range Patrol), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 9th Infantry Division, on May 27<sup>th</sup> of 1968

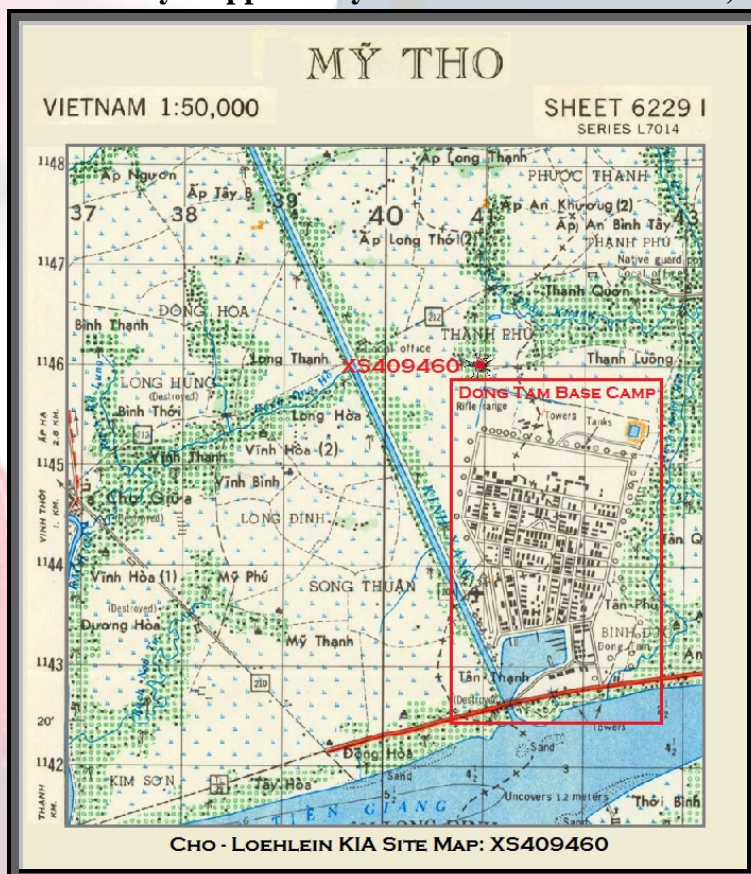
During the period from August through October, PFC Loehlein's 8-man LRP team was working out of Dong Tam and often teamed with the Provincial Reconnaissance Units (PRU). The PRU troops contained personnel from the Central Intelligence Agency's Project Phoenix program. The PRU were hardened anticommunist troops dedicated to destroying the Viet Cong infrastructure and generally possessed very high esprit and great knowledge of Viet Cong operating methods.<sup>(1)</sup>



At approximately 9:00 AM on the morning of 25 September 1968, PFC Loehlein's LRP team and a PRU team were moving near the large Dong Tam Base Camp when a booby trapped Claymore Mine was detonated, killing SSG Herb Cho and

severely wounding 3 other LRP and 1 PRU men. PFC Loehlein was severely wounded and died later that day of his wounds. Loehlein was posthumously promoted to Corporal.<sup>(2)</sup>

A map showing the location of the incident is shown on the left.



CHO - LOEHLEIN KIA SITE MAP: XS409460

**Robert Loehlein is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, 7601 34th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, MN. Plot: Section F, Site 246**



**AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF ROBERT LOEHLEIN\*:**



**Combat Infantry Badge**



(1) Rangers at War, Combat Recon in Vietnam, Shelby L. Stanton. ISBN 0-517-58590-1, Chapter 6, pp 123-130.

(2) 9th Inf. Div Intel Spot Report, 25 Sep 68; DA Form 1594 Daily Staff Journal, 9th Inf. Div G2/G3 25 Sep 68, page 1, Line 38.

\* It is highly likely that Corporal Loehlein was awarded a Bronze Star, Posthumously, as was SSG Cho, who was also killed in the same incident. I currently have no documentation and as such can not yet list the award here.