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RONALD AVERY MALL

"E" Company (Security), 50th Infantry
Specialist Four, E4, RA448446099, MOS 11B20
Home of Record: Farmington, NM

Date of Birth: August 12, 1946, Age at time of loss: 25, Married
1st Log Command, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam, Start of Tour: July 4, 1971
Incident Date: April 1, 1972, Casualty Date: April 13, 1972, Days in Country: 283
Ground Casualty, Non- Hostile, Vehicle Loss or Crash, Panel 02W - Row 136



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Specialist Four Ronald Mall died as a result of unknown non-hostile causes. Officially a Vehicle loss or crash, but we are investigating some odd circumstances reflected by the few official documents available.



"E" Security, 50th Infantry was a rifle security company in DaNang East, based in Camp Baxter, assigned to USA-SUPCOM DaNang, reporting to the Provost Marshall (Major Butz). His Commanding Officer was CPT Buder. His unit supplied security for the Marble Mountain P.D.O. Yard, a P.O.L. Dump, Camp Adenir, a Philco-Ford installation, Deep Water Pier, the China Beach P.X., a reefer yard, a beer & soda yard, Freedom Hill R&R Center, and other facilities in the DaNang Vicinity of Quang Nam Province.



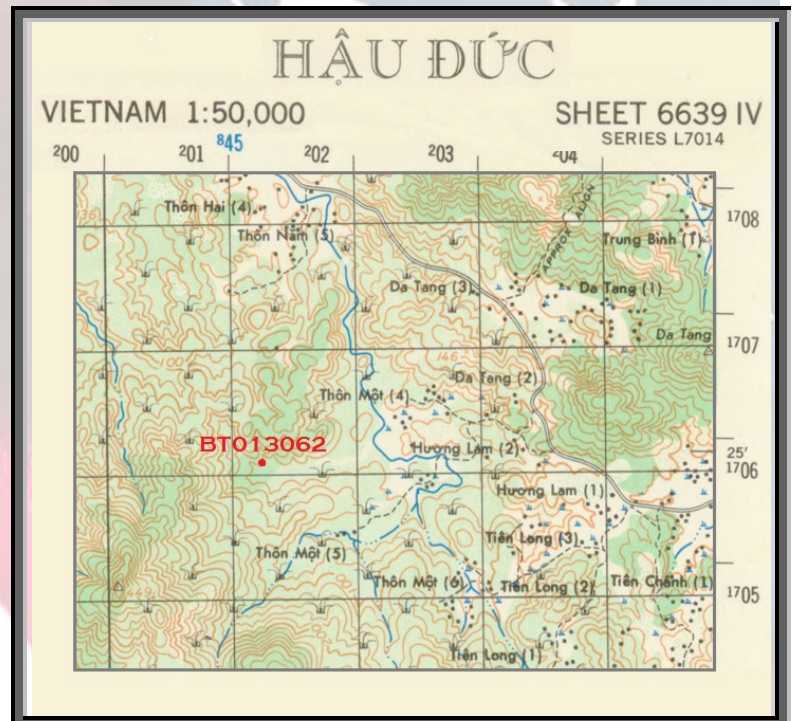
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RIFLE SECURITY
50TH INFANTRY

Below is a map showing the location of the "reported" site of Specialist Mall's Accident. The red dot marks the grid coordinates given by the [U.S. Army] Casualty Information System (TAGCEN). He died 12 days later in the Philippines.



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The Grid Coordinates that were given for this "Vehicle Crash" are over 100 kilometers from the 50th Infantry Security Company area of operations in Da Nang. Additionally, there is no road at that spot. In fact, the location is on the side of a hill within a thick bamboo forest.



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Obviously not all details are known at this time. If you have knowledge of this incident, please contact Jim Sheppard, Historian, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Assn.

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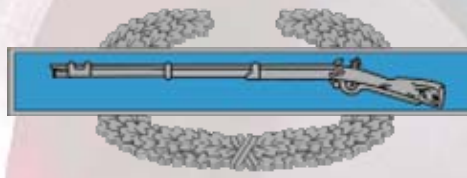
Below is a random photo...source unknown, of men at Camp Baxter. The blue sign, center right behind truck, says "50th Infantry" on the bottom and has what appears to be a 50th Inf. Unit Crest on top of a CIB at the top.



Ronald Mall is buried at Memory Gardens Cemetery, 6917 East Main, Farmington, San Juan County, New Mexico



AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF RONALD MALL:



Combat Infantry Badge



Good Conduct

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign