

## FREDERICK LEE MANLY

**“B” Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 77<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery**  
Forward Observer, Attached to: 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, “B” Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry  
Corporal, E4, RA17730840, MOS 13E40  
Home of Record: Lamar, CO

Date of Birth: December 23, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Single  
1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) (FO), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: October 20, 1966, Date of Casualty: January 2, 1968, Days in Country: 439  
Casualty Type A2, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 33E - Row 020



1<sup>ST</sup>  
CAVALRY  
DIVISION  
(AIRMOBILE)



1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION  
77<sup>TH</sup> FIELD  
ARTILLERY



“B” BATTERY



WORKING WITH  
“B” COMPANY  
1<sup>ST</sup>BN/5<sup>TH</sup> CAV

**MONGOOSE BRAVO**



CORPORAL



FIELD ARTILLERY

We have determined that Fred Manly 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. Since our After Action Report for the Battle of An Tinh indicated 6 men lost in action, we believe the assumption was that they were all 50<sup>th</sup> infantry, in error. In fact, 3 men were lost from the 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry and 3 from the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, in addition to Manly, who was a Forward Observer attached to Bravo Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Cavalry.



Corporal Manly was mortally wounded on the sandy beach near An Lac/Thanh Thuy, where he died while providing supporting fire as the 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon came under heavy fire. Also killed from the 5<sup>th</sup> Cav in this action were Terry Birmingham and Tommy “Smoker” Stover. The scene was described to the 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Association by former “Mongoose Bravo” soldier Hugh Foster.

Manly’s name is inscribed on our 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Vietnam Memorial in front of Battalion Headquarters, Treadwell Barracks, Sand Hill, Fort Benning, Georgia. By a unanimous vote of Association Members, his name will remain on our memorial.

### FREDERICK MANLY’S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



Air  
Medal



Army  
Commendation  
Medal



Purple  
Heart



National  
Defense



Vietnam  
Service



Vietnam  
Campaign

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Below is a map showing the position of and the forces involved in the Battle of An Tinh, more commonly known as the Battle of An Lac(2), January 2, 1968.

