

ROMAN GALE "DUKE" MASON

"E" Company (Long Range Patrol), 50th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division
Specialist 4th Class, E4, Posthumous Promotion to SGT, RA16994364, MOS 36K20
Home of Record: Arnold, MO

Date of Birth: September 25, 1947, Age at time of loss: 21, Single
9th Infantry Division, Kien Hoa Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: May 8, 1968, Date of Casualty: January 27, 1969, Days in Country: 260
Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire,, Panel 33W - Row 003



9TH INFANTRY
DIVISION



50TH INFANTRY



"E" COMPANY



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Specialists Roman Mason and Leon Moore were both killed by small arms fire while on a combat mission. Another member of the Long Range Patrol Company was also killed on that day, First Lieutenant Richard Thompson, who was killed by a hand grenade explosion. Specialist Mason, known by High School friends as "Duke" and by his fellow Long Range Patrollers as "Speed" was posthumously promoted to Sergeant, E5.

"E" Company was in it's last days utilizing the 50th Infantry Designation. As of February 1st, 1969, the unit would be known as Company "E", 75th Rangers.

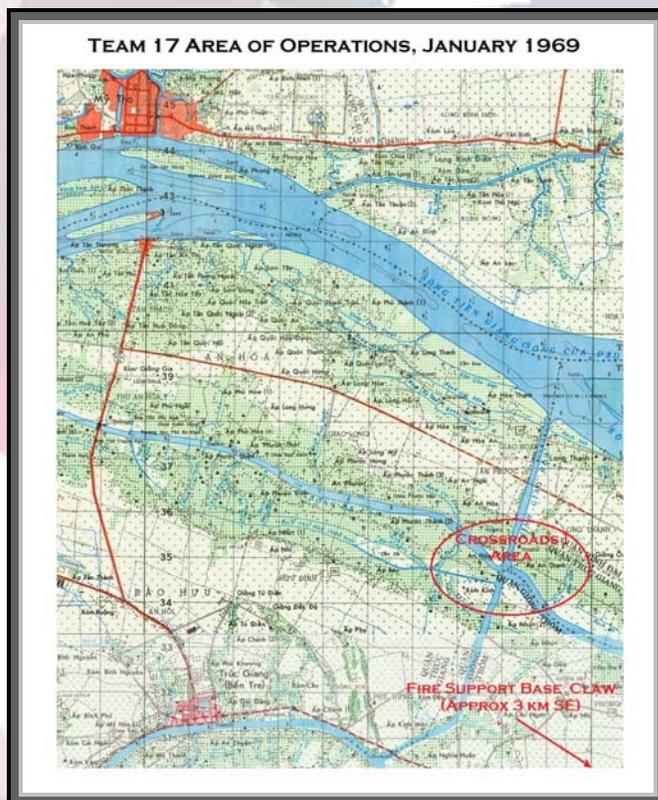
The three men Killed on January 27th were members of Team 17 with their Team Leader being Sergeant Richard Ehrler. They worked with the 2nd Brigade and the Mobile Riverine Force. A multiple page account of the action which took their lives is found in the book:

"Phantom Warriors" by Gary Linderer. Read a copy of this account at:

<http://www.ichiban1.org/pdf/Memorial/27January1969.pdf>

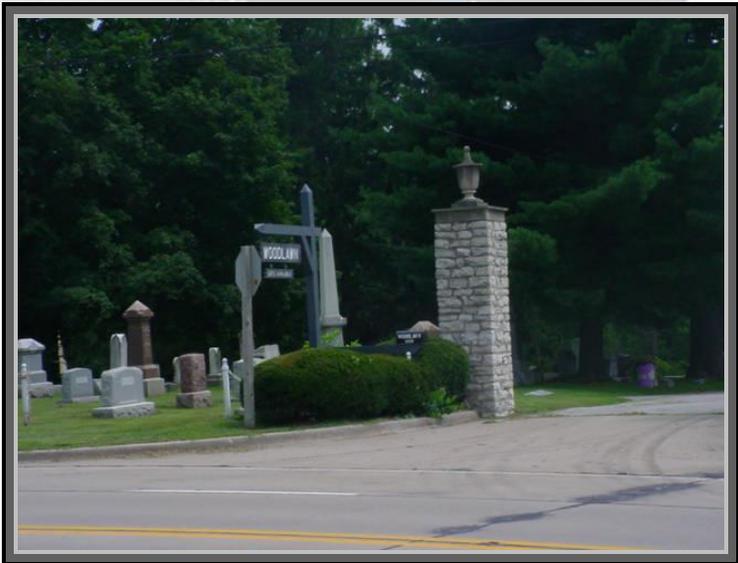
Visit the website dedicated to the men of what became the 75th Rangers at:

<http://www.75thrra.com>



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Sergeant Mason is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois,
Plot: Block 4/Section G/Plot 10.



AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF ROMAN MASON:



**Bronze
Star
2 awards**

**Purple
Heart**

**National
Defense**

**Vietnam
Service**

**Vietnam
Campaign**