



**25TH INFANTRY
DIVISION**



50TH INFANTRY



"F" COMPANY



SERGEANT



INFANTRYMAN

GARY RICHARD MCFALL

"F" Company (Long Range Patrol), 50th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division

Specialist Four, E5, Posthumous Promotion to Sergeant, E5

US56711958, MOS 11F20, Home of Record: Northridge, CA

Date of Birth: August 11,, 1944, Age at time of loss: 24, Married

25th Infantry Division, Tay Ninh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: March 5, 1968, Date of Casualty: September 13, 1968, Days in Country: 192

Casualty Type A1, Artillery, Rocket, or Mortar, Panel 44W - Row 051

Sergeant Gary McFall was an Assistant Team Leader with Team 25, Company F (Long Range Patrol), 50th Infantry. The men of these elite patrol units often developed strong ties with organic 25th Infantry Division combat units and it was common for them to ride voluntarily with Infantry line companies during operations not directly associated with their Long Range Patrol duties.

In the weeks following the widespread and coordinated attacks during what became known as the Battle of Cu Chi (August, 1968), mop up continued as the defeated and bloodied communist forces retreated to sanctuaries in Cambodia or melted back into the nearby jungles of Tay Ninh Province.

On September 15th, SGT McFall and his Team Leader, Sergeant Howard Handley, from LRP

Team 25, volunteered to accompany elements from the 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 23rd Infantry, who were sent

North on Route 4 on a mine sweep operation. At approximately 1340 hours,

the unit was ambushed by an enemy force 3 kilometers north of the prominent Nui Ba Den mountain. The sweep team

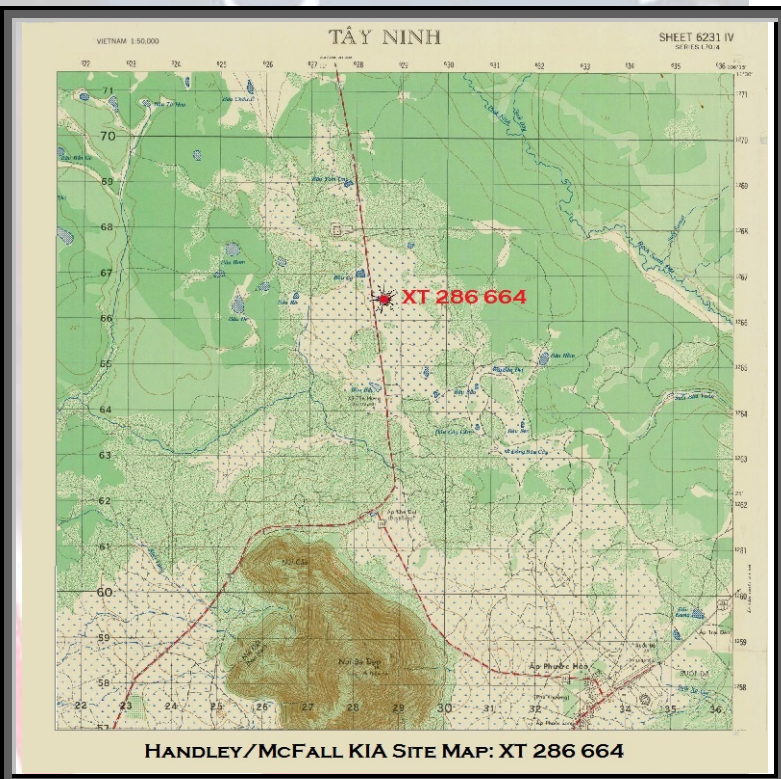
was supported by artillery and helicopter gunships after rocket fire took the lives of 5 men and wounded 10 others.

Specialist McFall and Sergeant Handley were killed in the initial rocket volley. Enemy losses in the contact could not be

determined. McFall was posthumously promoted to Sergeant and awarded the Bronze Star.

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Looking South on modern day Route 4..near the location of the ambush of the Mine Sweep team from 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 23rd Infantry on 13 Sep 1968.

Gary McFall is buried at Oakwood Memorial Park, 22601 Lassen Street, Chatsworth, Los Angeles County, CA.



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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF GARY MCFALL:



Combat Infantry Badge



Bronze
Star
2 Awards



Purple
Heart



National
Defense



Vietnam
Service



Vietnam
Campaign