

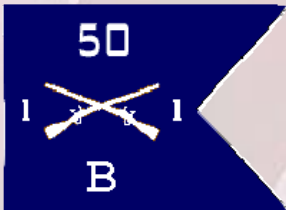


1ST
FIELD FORCE
VIETNAM



1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY

"B" COMPANY



1ST PLATOON



CORPORAL

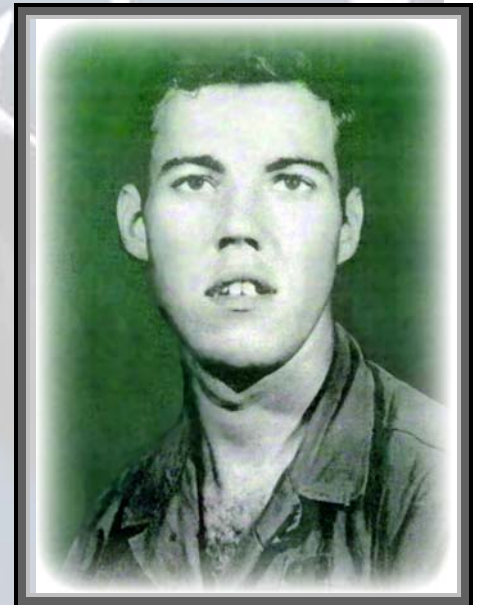


INFANTRYMAN

ROBERT A. McMILLIN

1st Platoon, "B" Company, 1st Battalion (mechanized), 50th Infantry
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, US247863514, MOS 11B10
Home of Record: Spartanburg, SC
Date of Birth: January 24, 1949, Age at time of loss: 20, Married
I Field Force Vietnam, Binh Thuan Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: July 24, 1969, Date of Incident: October 30, 1969
Died of Wounds, November 7, 1969, Days in Country: 106
Casualty Type A2, OED, Panel 16W - Row 043

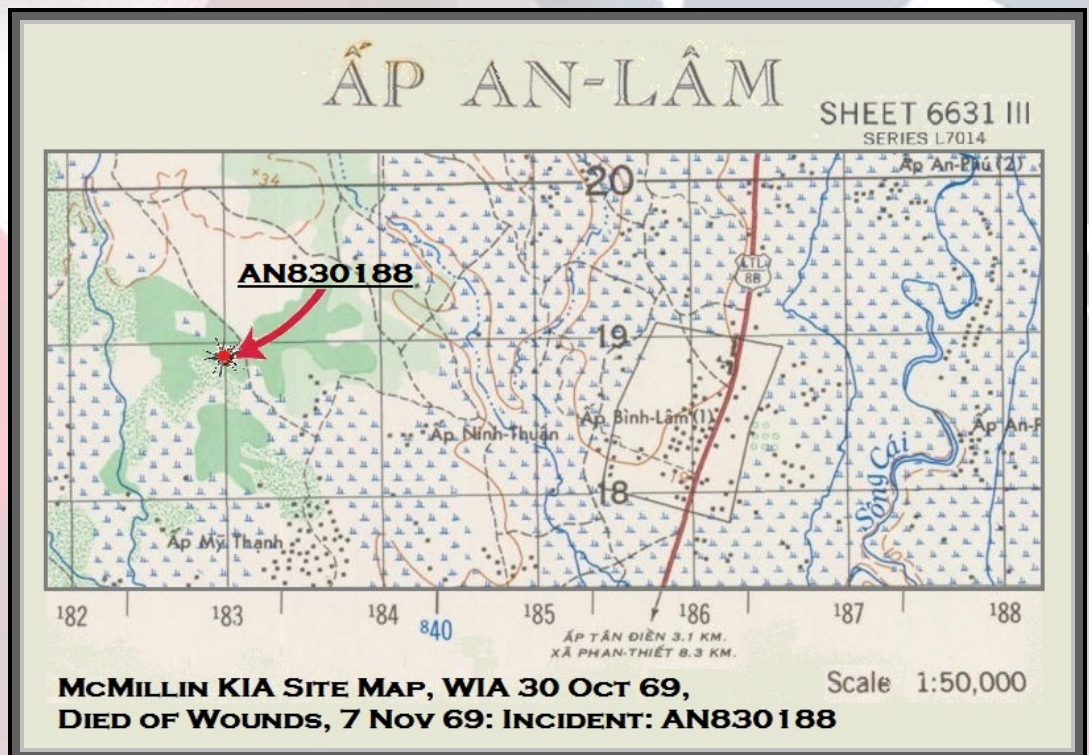
Robert McMillin was killed as the 1st Platoon of "B" Company operated near an area know for it's booby traps. Actually, he tripped an M-26 Grenade that was rigged to a trip wire on October 30, 1969. He received extensive wounds to both legs and struggled to survive for more than a week as Army surgeons did all they could to save him. He died of his wounds on November 7, 1969.



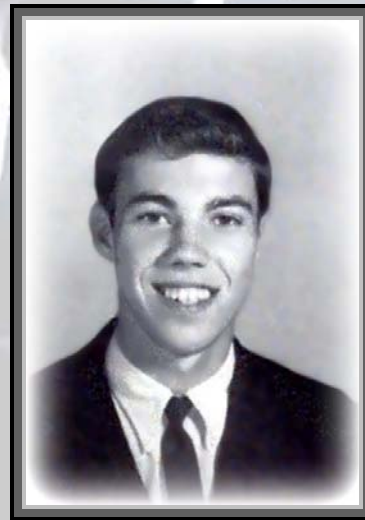
His Platoon Leader, Mike Chisam related:

"The day I took over the 1st Platoon, "B" Company was located just north of Ap Binh Lam. Captain Robert Hagen, an Armor Officer, was the Commanding Officer. My first patrol was in the area of Stitt's Woods...so named later for the Forward Air Controller who called in an Air strike and blew the place apart. The woods was surrounded by rice paddies and some flat open ground. We did NOT go into the woods...but found some documents in an open field. As we started moving, one of my troops (McMillin) stepped on a mine. I had been the Platoon Leader less than two hours!"

A map of the location (AN830188) is shown below:



"Robbie" McMillin attended Boiling Springs High School in Boiling Springs, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. School administrator Debbie Seay was invaluable in helping the Association in their efforts to obtain photos of McMillin. Below are photos of the High School as well as a yearbook photo of Robbie McMillin.



The street where McMillin's Mother Dorothy still lives with a brother, Phillip, was re-named McMillin Blvd in remembrance of our man who died in Vietnam in 1969. A Gold Star Flag still hangs on the McMillin residence front door. A Cousin, "Buddie" McMillin also lives on this street.



Corporal Robert McMillin is buried at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens, 1300 Fernwood Glendale Road in Spartanburg, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. Historian Jim Sheppard visited the town to obtain information for this memorial effort and is shown below at Robert McMillin's grave.



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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF ROBERT McMILLIN:



Combat Infantry Badge



HQ 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1007

9 DECEMBER 1969

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT McMILLIN DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 19679 TO NOVEMBER 1969. THROUGH HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS AND PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, HE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED OUTSTANDING RESULTS. HE WAS QUICK TO GRASP THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW PROBLEMS WITH WHICH HE WAS FACED AS A RESULT OF THE EVER-CHANGING SITUATIONS INHERENT IN THE COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATION AND TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS TO SOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS. THE ENERGETIC APPLICATION OF THIS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE HAS MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO ASSIST THAT COUNTRY IN RIDDING ITSELF OF THE COMMUNIST THREAT TO ITS FREEDOM. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS McMILLIN'S INITIATIVE, ZEAL, SOUND JUDGMENT AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WERE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT ON HIM AND ON THE MILITARY SERVICE.



Bronze
Star

Purple
Heart

National
Defense

Vietnam
Service

Vietnam
Campaign