



173<sup>RD</sup> AIRBORNE  
BRIGADE



1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION  
50<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY

"A" COMPANY



3<sup>RD</sup> PLATOON



CORPORAL



INFANTRYMAN

## BYRON D. MCQUINN

"A" Company, 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Squad, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, RA16922226, MOS 11B20

Home of Record: Council Bluffs, IA

Date of Birth: September 29, 1949, Age at time of loss: 19, Single

173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: September 26, 1968, Date of Casualty: February 24, 1969, Days in Country: 151

Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 31W - Row 038

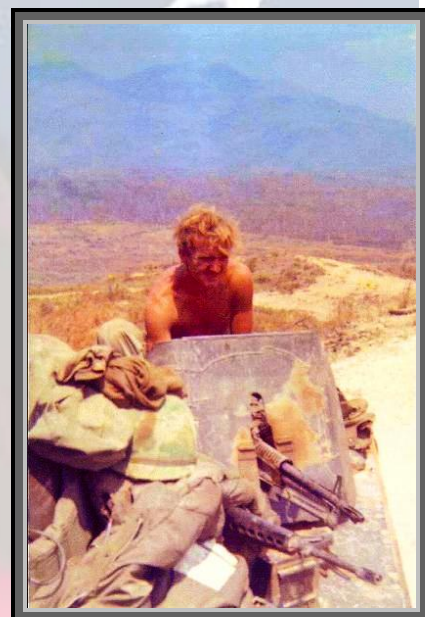
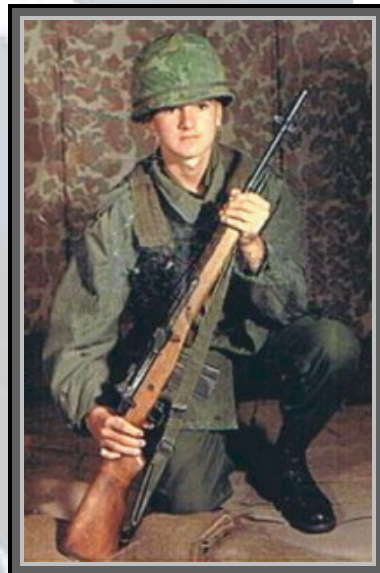
Byron McQuinn was killed in action when Charlie Company's Third Platoon went to reinforce the Scout Platoon which had come under attack approximately 1500 meters Southwest of Strong Point 12 on Highway 19 West of An Khe. The Daily Staff Journal of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade for the date reads:

"At 13:39 PM: While maneuvering toward the contact area of their Scout element, they received heavy small arms fire from an unknown size enemy force resulting in 1 U.S. Soldier Killed in Action and 1 Wounded. 3 VC/NVA KIA (Poss)"

"A" Company's Jack Noble wrote:

*"Alabama (Specialist Johnny Haynes) of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon was the point man. He was wounded in the initial volley and I went to recover him. McQuinn was killed while covering us."*

Below (Left) is a photo of some of the other members of Charlie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Squad while guarding Bridge #27 on Highway 19. Pictured (Left to right) are Larry Harris, David Payne, Mike Westhoven and Johnny "Alabama" Haynes. Below (Right) is a photo of Byron McQuinn manning one of the M60 Machine Guns on his Armored Personnel Carrier at Strong Point 10 (Photos courtesy of David Payne)

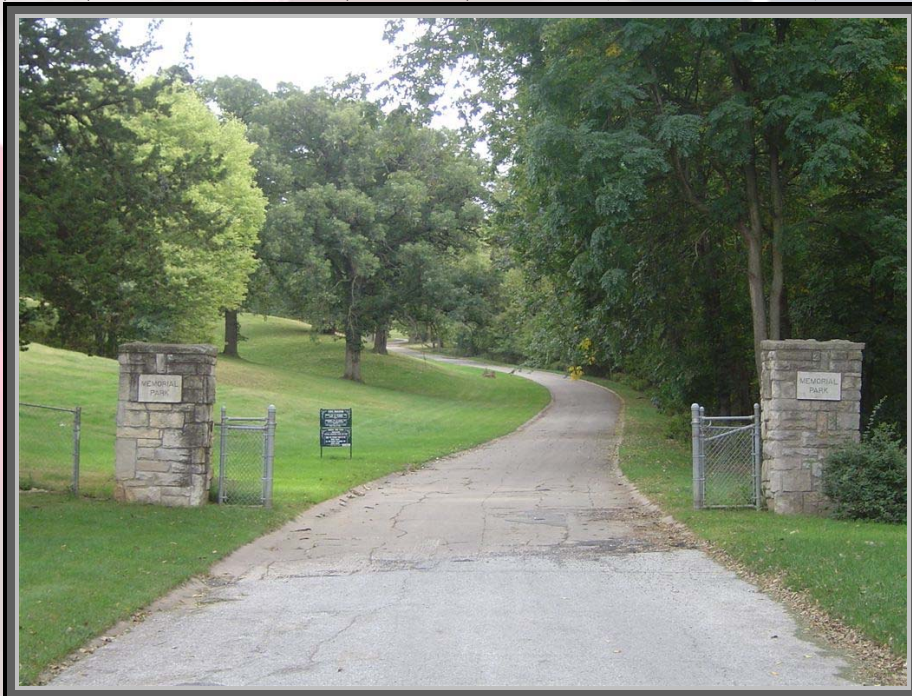


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Below is a map showing the positions of the elements under attack on February 24, 1969:



Byron McQuinn is buried at Memorial Park Cemetery, 1350 East Pierce Street (Office), Council Bluffs, Pottawattamie County, Iowa, Westlawn Section, Lot 104, Grave 4.(Pictured below):



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# BYRON MCQUINN'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



Bronze Star

Purple Heart

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign

The McQuinn family lost it's second son to the Vietnam war when Byron was killed. Brother Leonard Lloyd McQuinn, Jr. was KIA on 5 September 1966....possibly causing younger brother Byron to enlist. The brothers are both buried in the family plot at Memorial Park Cemetery.



**Leonard Lloyd Mc Quinn, Jr**  
**Private First Class**  
**B CO, 1ST BN, 5TH MARINES, 1ST MARDIV, III MAF**  
**United States Marine Corps**  
**Council Bluffs, Iowa**  
**May 15, 1947 to September 05, 1966**  
**LEONARD L. MC QUINN Jr is on the Wall at Panel 10E, Line 71**  
**See the full profile or name rubbing for Leonard Mc Quinn**

Combat Action Ribbon