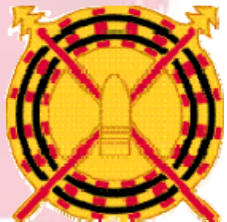




**1ST FIELD FORCE
VIETNAM**



**41ST ARTILLERY
GROUP**

"B" BATTERY



**7TH BATTALION,
13TH ARTILLERY**

WORKING WITH



"B" COMPANY



**2ND
LIEUTENANT**



ARTILLERY

JOHN JOSEPH MONAGHAN, JR.

"B" Battery, 7th Battalion, 13th Artillery

Attached Forward Observer working with:

**"B" Company, 1st Battalion (mechanized), 50th Infantry
Second Lieutenant, O1, O5430104, MOS 1193 (Field Artillery)**

Home of Record: Mechanicsville, VA

Date of Birth: October 10, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Single

41st Field Artillery Group, IFFV, Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

**Start of Tour: February 29, 1968, Date of Casualty: May 25, 1968, Days in Country: 86
Casualty Type A1, ARM, Panel 67W - Row 002**

May of 1968 saw several major contacts between the 1st Bn (Mechanized), 50th Infantry and NVA/VC forces between Phu My and Bong Son. On May 5th, "A", "B" and "C" Company fought the largest of these battles at An Bao. "B" and "C" Company fought elements of the same enemy unit on May 11th at Trung Hoi...and on May 25th...a mere 1000 meters from the contact of May 11th, elements of the 95th NVA Regiment and 97th Bn of the 2nd VC Regiment were reportedly still in the area...and building bunkers and fighting positions.



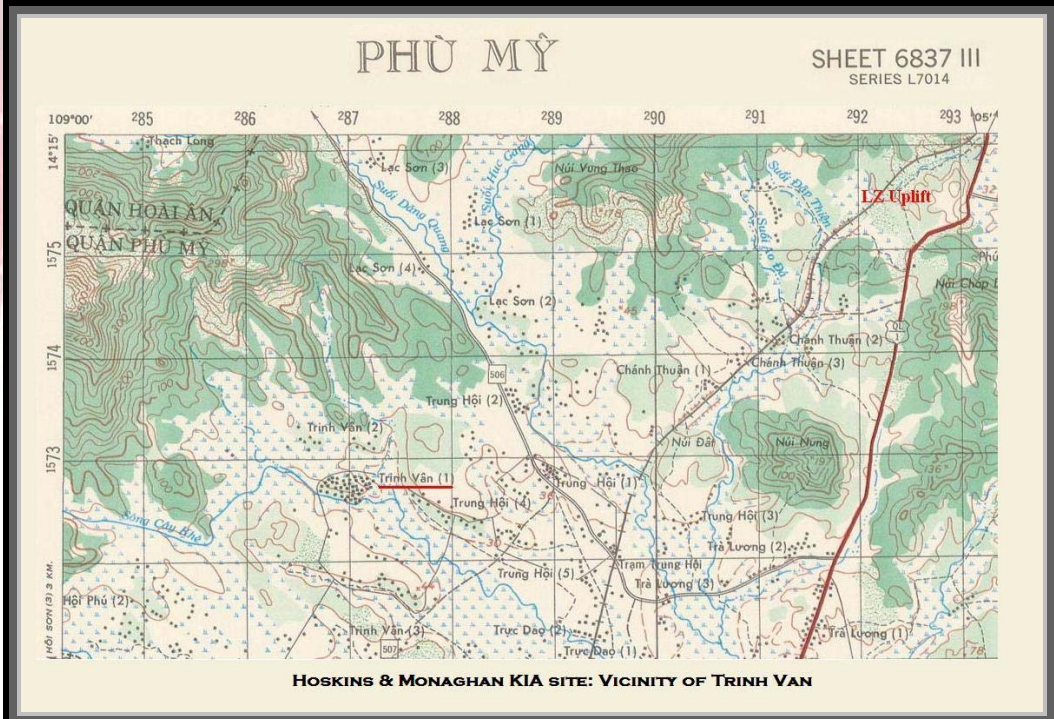
At 0720 on the morning of May 25th, B and C Companies moved from their respective night positions to a point just east of the village of Trinh Van (1). Their advance had been slowed considerably by the fact that the area was saturated with anti-tank mines. As the Companies crossed a stream bed at 1100 o'clock in a wedge formation with "B" Company on the south and "C" Company on the north...they simultaneously came under heavy attack from the West, Northwest and Northeast. Incoming fire killed Danny Hoskins and wounded 18 other men from the Battalion. A Forward Observer, working with "B" 1st of the 50th, 2LT John Monaghan, from "B" Battery, 7th Battalion, 13th Artillery, 105 mm (Field Artillery) was also wounded and later died when a 60mm Mortar round scored a direct hit on the "B" Company Command Track.

The U.S. Forces withdrew and, at one point were receiving incoming rifle fire from 4 directions...before finally forming a secure night position several clicks to the south and east. The following morning, a sweep of the area met little resistance from a few snipers...the enemy had withdrawn to the mountains to the west and northwest. NVA Forces lost 33 killed in the engagement.(By Body Count)

View the official report of the Battle: [After Action Report - Battle at Trinh Van \(1\)](#)

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A map of the location of the Battle at Trinh Van (1) in Binh Dinh Province is shown below:



John Monaghan is buried at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Randolph Street, Richmond, VA (Pictured below):



AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF JOHN MONAGHAN*:



* It is most likely that 2LT Monaghan received a posthumous award, but we have no documentation to show this. If you are a family member and/or can verify more awards for this memorial, please contact [Jim Sheppard, 50th Infantry Association Historian.](#)