

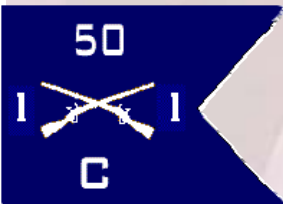


1ST
FIELD FORCE
VIETNAM



1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY

"C" COMPANY



1ST PLATOON



SPECIALIST
4TH CLASS



INFANTRYMAN

JOHN ERNEST "SHORTY" MOODY, JR.

1st Platoon, "C" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Specialist 4th Class, E4, US245821851, MOS 11C20

Home of Record: Norlina, NC

Date of Birth: December 18, 1948, Age at time of loss: 21, Single

I Field Force Vietnam, Binh Thuy Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: October 28, 1969, Date of Casualty: July 13, 1970, Days in Country: 258

Casualty Type A3, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 08W – Row 015

Specialist John Moody (Photo at right) was killed in action in the mountainous, double canopied jungles Northwest of Thien Giao during a Search and Destroy mission the week of July 8th, 1970.

At about 9:00 o'clock on the morning of 13 July, 1970, while his squad was in the "Point" position of the 1st Platoon's operation, his position came under enemy fire and Moody was shot twice in the chest by a sniper. Dust-off medical evacuation was called...but the chopper pilot "Pulled off" when he received fire while lowering a "Jungle Penetrator" to remove Moody. The morning log ship succeeded in lifting out Moody, who later died of his wounds. A sweep of the area after the contact yielded negative results as the small enemy ambush team had melted back into the jungle.

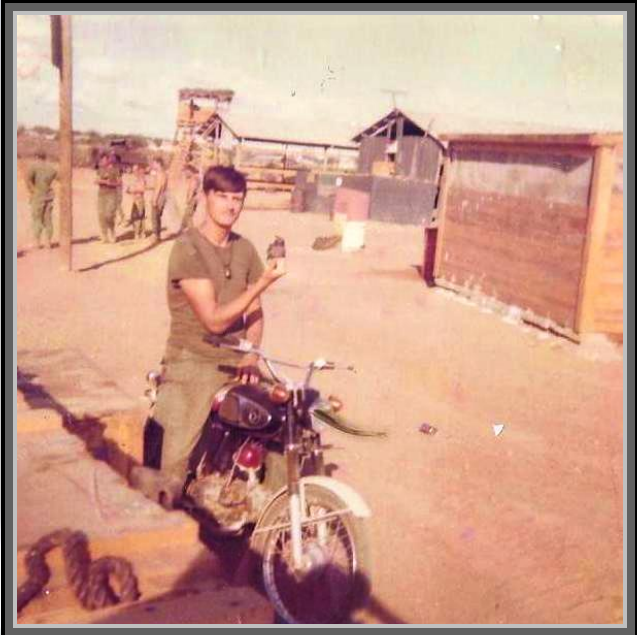
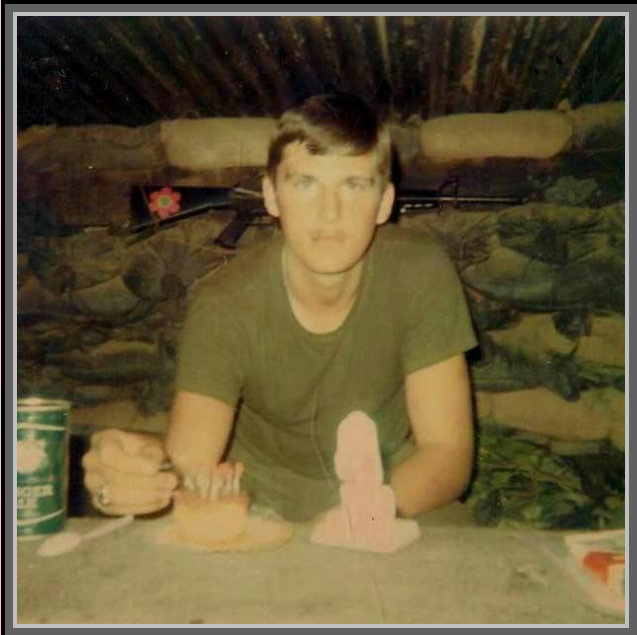


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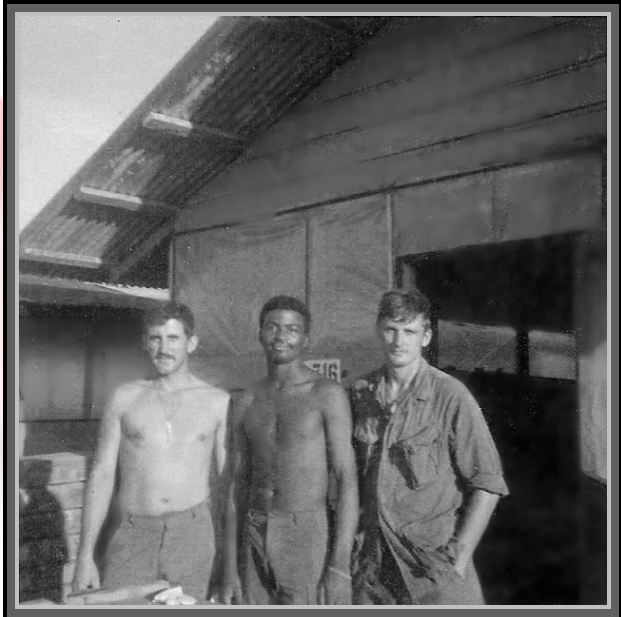


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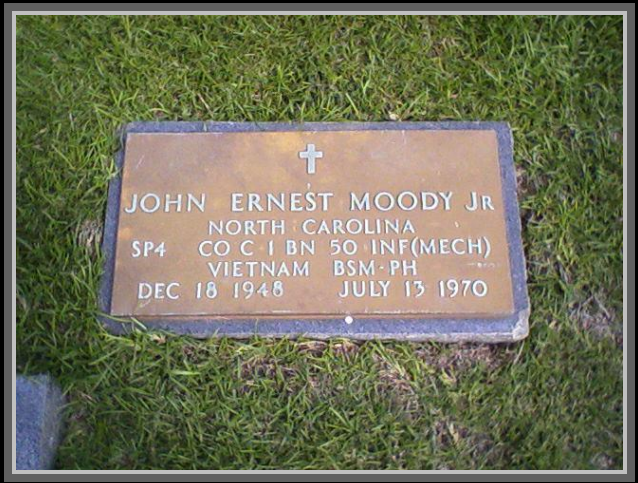
John "Shorty" Moody is shown below in these photos taken during his tour which began in the fall of 1969:



In the photo below, taken by fellow 1st Platoon Man Hilory Gibson in April of 1970, Left to right: Tom Cochrill, Oak Harbor, WA., Carroll, Washington DC., John E. Moody Jr.

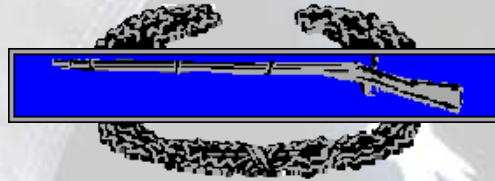


John Ernest Moody, Jr. is buried at Oakwood Cemetery, East 3rd Street, South Hill, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, pictured below:



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JOHN "SHORTY" MOODY'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

HQ 1ST FIELD FORCE VIETNAM, GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 976, 22 AUGUST 1970

FOR HEROISM IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM: SPECIALIST FOUR JOHN E. MOODY DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONAL VALOROUS ACTIONS ON 13 JULY 1970, WHILE SERVING WITH COMPANY C, 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. ON 8 JULY 1970, HE VOLUNTEERED TO GO ON A COMBAT ASSAULT MISSION INTO RUGGED MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN THICKLY COVERED WITH JUNGLE GROWTH. AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS OPERATION IT WAS ASSURED THAT THERE WERE MANY HOSTILE TROOPS IN THE AREA AND THIS WAS SHORTLY VERIFIED BY SEVERAL CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY. THROUGHOUT THESE CONTACTS HE PERFORMED AS THOUGH HE WAS A SEASONED INFANTRYMAN. ON THE MORNING OF 13 JULY 1970, HIS SQUAD WAS ASSIGNED AS THE LEAD ELEMENT FOR THE PLATOON AND HE VOLUNTEERED TO ACT AS THE COMPASS MAN, FULLY AWARE THAT THEY COULD BE AMBUSHED AT ANY TIME. AFTER MOVING FOR ABOUT AN HOUR HIS ELEMENT WAS AMBUSHED BY HOSTILE FORCES AND, ALTHOUGH SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY THE INITIAL BURST OF ENEMY FIRE, HE LAID DOWN AN EFFECTIVE BASE OF COVERING FIRE THAT ALLOWED THE REST OF THE PLATOON TO REACH COVER. HIS COURAGEOUS ACTIONS WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS OWN SAFETY CONTRIBUTED TO THE ROUTING OF THE ENEMY AND NO FURTHER FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE INCURRED. SPECIALIST FOUR MOODY'S HEROIC ACTIONS WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.



Bronze
Star
(Valor)



Good
Conduct



Purple
Heart



National
Defense



Vietnam
Service



Vietnam
Campaign