Leon David Moore

"E" Company (Long Range Patrol), 50th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division
Specialist 4th Class, E4, US51982337, MOS 11B20
Home of Record: Summit, New Jersey
Date of Birth: August 24, 1949, Age at time of loss: 19, Single
9th Infantry Division, Kien Hoa Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: June 14, 1968, Date of Casualty: January 27, 1969, Days in Country: 223
Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 33W - Row 003

9th Infantry Division

50th Infantry

"E" Company

Specialist Four

Infantryman

Specialists Leon Moore and Roman Mason were both killed by small arms fire while on a combat mission. Another member of the Long Range Patrol Company was also killed on that day, First Lieutenant Richard Thompson, who was killed by a hand grenade explosion. Specialist Mason, known by High School friends as "Duke" and by his fellow Long Range Patrollers as "Speed" was posthumously promoted to Sergeant, E5.

"E" Company was in it's last days utilizing the 50th Infantry Designation. As of February 1st, 1969, the unit would be known as Company "E", 75th Rangers.

Currently, no photo exists for this man.

If you can supply us with a photo, we would be grateful…and see that it is distributed to the appropriate Internet memorial web pages.

Contact Jim Sheppard:
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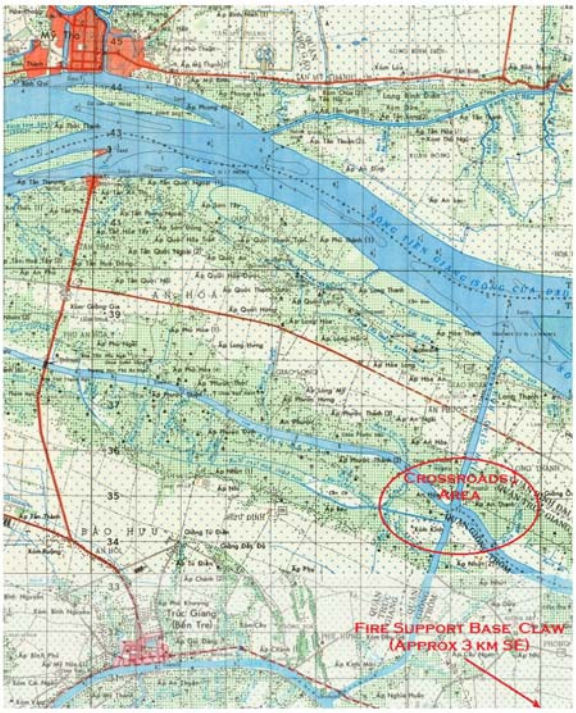
The three men Killed on January 27th were members of Team 17 with their Team Leader being Sergeant Richard Ehrler. They worked with the 2nd Brigade and the Mobile Riverine Force. A multiple page account of the action which took their lives is found in the book: "Phantom Warriors" by Gary Linderer. Read a copy of this account at: http://www.ichiban1.org/pdf/Memorial/27January1969.pdf

Visit the website dedicated to the men of what became the 75th Rangers at: http://www.75thrra.com

Team 17 Area of Operations, January 1969



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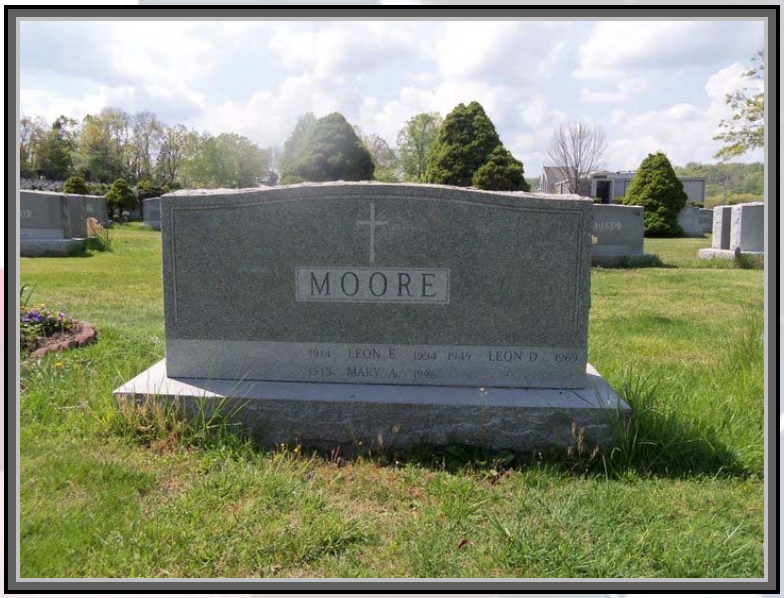
Specialist Moore is buried at St. Teresa's Cemetery, Summit, Union County, NJ, Plot: Block 4/Section G/Plot 10.



Awards and Decorations of Leon Moore:

Combat Infantry Badge

Bronze Star 2 awards

Purple Heart 2 awards

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign