

9<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION











## RONALD K. MOORE

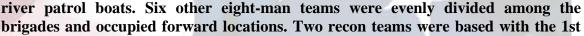
"E" Company (Long Range Patrol), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 9th Infantry Division Private First Class, E3, RA12741844, MOS 11B10 Home of Record: Herkimer, NY

Date of Birth: March 14, 1949, Age at time of loss: 19, Single
9th Infantry Division, Dinh Tuong Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: September 14, 1968, Date of Casualty: November 4, 1968, Days in Country: 51
Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire,, Panel 39W - Row 017

Private First Class Ronald Moore started his tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam on 14 September 1968 and was initially assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta.

PFC Moore volunteered for and qualified as a member of Company E (Long Range Patrol), 50th Infantry. He was killed in action by small arms fire on a combat mission somewhere in Dinh Tuong Province on November 4th, 1968.

The Reliable Reconnaissance Company, "E" (LRP), 50th Infantry, was headquartered at the main Dong Tam division base throughout the winter and kept several teams under direct headquarters control. One eight-man recon team remained detached on Navy duty at Nha Be, using



Brigade at Fire Support Patrol Base Moore in Dinh Tuong Province. This was most likely the assigned base of operations for Moore's LRP Team. Two teams supported the 2nd Brigade Mobile Riverine Force in Kien Hoa Province and were carried into remote locations by river assault squadrons from Navy Task Force 117. Two recon teams were based with the 3rd Brigade forward command post at Tan An in Long An **Province.** The (3rd) Brigade normally has either 3 or 4 LRP teams in direct support. Their employment had been strictly on a reconnaissance role. Their value to the Brigade had steadily increased. Insertion of LRPs in an area as heavily populated as Long An



Province was the most difficult operational problem to overcome. The 3rd Brigade utilized infiltration by foot, track (Armored Personnel Carrier), helicopter, Navy PBR (River Patrol Boats) as well as stay-behind tactics. Insertion by helicopter was the most easily compromised when executed during daylight hours. Insertion by helicopter at dusk or night was more difficult but the probability of compromise was decreased. Since Tan An was relatively close to the 3rd Brigade's Area of Operations, it is safe to assume that the same insertion difficulties pertained to their operations as well.<sup>2</sup>



Below are photos found on other memorial pages showing PFC Moore in what appears to be the MACV Recondo School at Nha Trang. Although the fatigue jacket Moore is wearing displays rank and unit patches that were not his own, the students were often given "hand-me-down" camouflage fatigues with the previous

owner's patches still attached.





Ronald Moore id buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, W. German Street, Herkimer, Herkimer County, New York.





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## **AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF RONALD MOORE:**





- Rangers At War" by Shelby Stanton, ISBN 0-517-58590-1 Hardcover Edition, page 129.
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