



**173RD AIRBORNE
BRIGADE**

R C MYERS

4th Squad, 2nd Platoon, "C" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Specialist 4th Class, E4, Posthumous Promotion to SGT, US53671951, MOS 11B20

Home of Record: Jackson, MISS

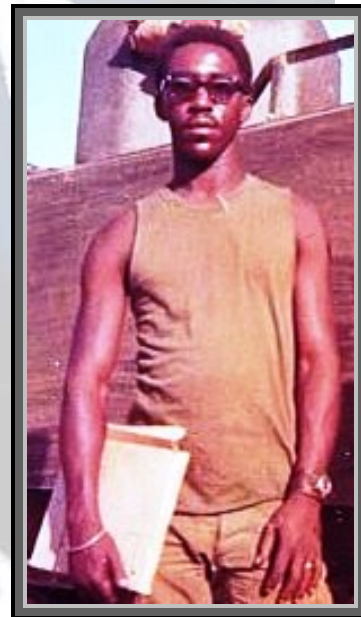
Date of Birth: March 31, 1946, Age at time of loss: 23, Married

173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: November 11, 1968, Date of Casualty: May 11, 1969, Days in Country: 181

Casualty Type A1, OED, Panel 25W – Row 051

At the time of his death, R C Myers was assigned to the 4th squad, 2nd Platoon of Charlie Company, which was split from the Battalion Proper and under the Operational Control of "A" Company of the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade..



**1ST BATTALION,
50TH INFANTRY**

2ND PLATOON

50



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"C" COMPANY

On May 11th, the platoon was to act as a blocking force for "A" Company 2/503rd which was sweeping from the East towards the positioned APCs of Myers' platoon. The men were to leave a few men with each APC and move on foot towards the sweeping troops of the 503rd. While in the "Point" (Lead) position, RC tripped an OED Booby Trap.

Although the medical evacuation Helicopter was able to arrive and extract RC within 15 minutes, there was no hope for him as his wounds were too severe. He never regained consciousness.

A Map of the location of R C Myers' death is shown below:



SERGEANT



INFANTRYMAN



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R C Myers is buried at Jerusalem Baptist Church Cemetery (Pictured below), Jerusalem Road, Brandon (Pat), Rankin County, Mississippi.



The Association wishes to thank Verna Myers for supplying most of the photos used in this memorial.

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF R C MYERS:



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

HQ 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)
GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1254

16 MAY 1967

FOR DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD 11 NOVEMBER 1968 TO 11 MAY 1969. THROUGH HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS AND PROFESSIONAL ABILITY, HE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED OUTSTANDING RESULTS. HE WAS QUICK TO GRASP THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW PROBLEMS WITH WHICH HE WAS FACED AS A RESULT OF THE EVER-CHANGING SITUATIONS INHERENT IN THE COUNTERINSURGENCY OPERATION AND TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS TO SOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS. THE ENERGETIC APPLICATION OF THIS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE HAS MATERIALLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO ASSIST THAT COUNTRY IN RIDDING ITSELF OF THE COMMUNIST THREAT TO ITS FREEDOM. HIS INITIATIVE, ZEAL, SOUND JUDGMENT AND DEVOTION TO DUTY HAVE BEEN IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT ON HIM AND ON THE MILITARY SERVICE.



Bronze
Star



Purple
Heart



Good
Conduct



National
Defense



Vietnam
Service



Vietnam
Campaign



Vietnam
Merit



Vietnam
Gallantry



Mississippi
Honorable Svc