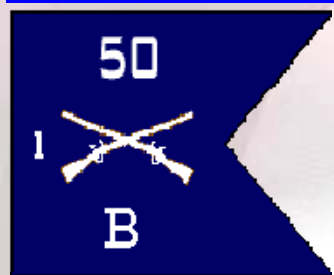




173RD
AIRBORNE BRIGADE



1ST BATTALION 50TH
INFANTRY



"B" COMPANY



PRIVATE FIRST
CLASS



INFANTRYMAN

RICKY LEE NULL

"B" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry

Private First Class, E3, RA11730105, MOS 11B10

Home of Record: Lemoyne, PA

Date of Birth: March 5, 1949, Age at time of loss: 19, Single

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

Start of Tour: March 23, 1968, Date of Casualty: April 20, 1968, Days in Country: 28

Casualty Type A1, OED, Panel 51E - Row 011

PFC Ricky Null was killed while "B" Company was on a search and destroy mission on the coastal central highlands in the Bong Song Plains. Although the Battalion History for the period neglected to note the exact location, we know it was in the vicinity of our Base Camp at LZ Uplift. Details were reported as follows: "At 10:40 AM, a man from "B" Company stepped on a land mine, killing him and wounding two others.

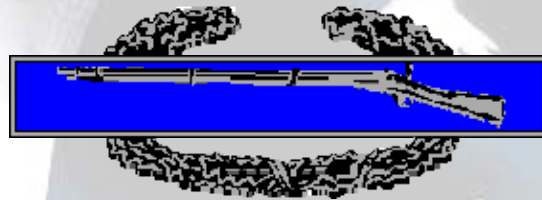
PFC Null was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Service as well as the Purple Heart, Posthumously.

PFC Ricky Lee Null is buried at Gettysburg National Cemetery Annex, Section E23, 97 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, Adams County, Pennsylvania. The photos below were taken by Historian Jim Sheppard at Gettysburg National Cemetery.



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RICKY LEE NULL'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



**THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE**

HEADQUARTERS
173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1270

5 MAY 1968

FOR DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM MARCH, 1968, TO APRIL, 1968. 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



National
Defense



Vietnam
Service



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Campaign