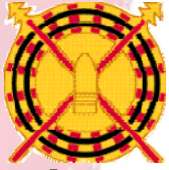




1ST FIELD FORCE
VIETNAM



41ST ARTILLERY
GROUP

"A" BATTERY



7TH BATTALION,
15TH
FIELD ARTILLERY

WORKING WITH



"A" COMPANY,
2ND PLATOON



2ND LIEUTENANT



ARTILLERY

GARY ALAN OHMAN

"A" Battery, 7th Battalion, 15th Field Artillery
Attached Forward Observer working with:

"A" Company, 2nd Platoon, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Second Lieutenant, O1, 474563900, MOS 1193 (Field Artillery)
Home of Record: Minneapolis, MN, Date of Birth: November 14, 1948,
Age at time of loss: 20, Single

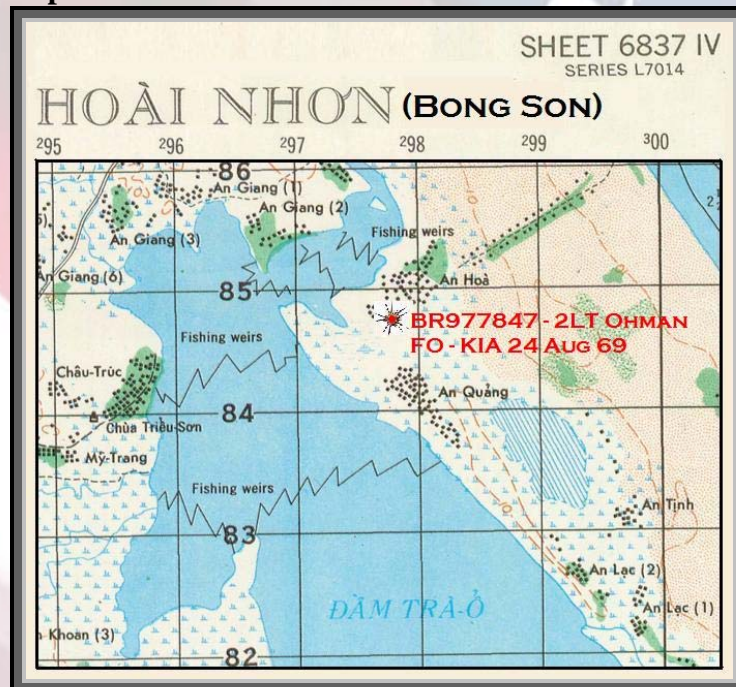
1st Field Force Vietnam, Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: July 10, 1969, Date of Casualty: August 24, 1969, Days in Country: 45
Casualty Type A1, OED, Panel 19W - Row 108

2nd Lieutenant Gary Ohman was an attached Artillery Forward Observer working with the 2nd Platoon of "A" Company on August 24th, 1969.

The Platoon was set at pre-dawn for a sweep of an area near the village of An Hoa between the South China Sea and the Dam Trao (Lake) in coastal Binh Dinh Province. As the sweep began, a Viet Cong was captured possessing several US made M26 Hand Grenades. The enemy soldier was unusually tall...nearly 6 foot and heavy set. Very unusual and uncharacteristic of most of the local Viet Cong forces.

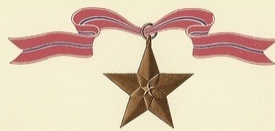
Shortly after the capture, 2LT Ohman tripped a booby-trapped grenade which exploded...killing him and wounding a second soldier. During the distraction of the explosion...the captured VC tried to escape and was killed as he refused to halt and continued to try and flee.

Later in the sweep...and just a few hundred meters to the south, near the village of An Quang on the shores of the Dam Ta O...several Hand Grenade Booby Traps were discovered and destroyed in place...and another VC, this time a female, suspected of being the wife of the killed VC, was captured and removed to the rear for questioning. A map of the location of the incident is shown below:



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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF GARY OHMAN:



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

HQ 1ST FIELD FORCE VIETNAM

FOR DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD

JULY, 1969 TO AUGUST, 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.



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Purple
Heart



National
Defense



Vietnam
Service



Vietnam
Campaign