

## LORENZO SEWELL

"F" Company (Long Range Patrol), 50th Infantry  
Private First Class, E3, RA67110258, MOS 31M20  
Home of Record: Sayreton, AL

Date of Birth: October 14, 1949, Age at time of loss: 18, Single  
25th Infantry Division, Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: April 28, 1968, Date of Casualty: August 18, 1968, Days in Country: 112  
Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 48W - Row 048



25TH INFANTRY  
DIVISION



50TH INFANTRY



"F" COMPANY,  
LONG RANGE  
PATROL



PRIVATE  
1ST CLASS



Given Lorenzo Sewell's Military Occupational Specialty of "Multichannel Transmission Systems Communications Specialist", it is most probable that he was stationed at the Relay site on Nui Ba Den mountain to facilitate better communication between Company F, 50th Infantry, Long Range Patrols and their command elements.

On August 18th, the site was attacked as part of a coordinated offensive in Tay Ninh Province referred to as the Battle for Tay Ninh. The after action report for the period read:

*"The enemy made a serious attempt to disrupt electronic communications into and out of Tay Ninh City at 0234 hours when an estimated company assaulted the perimeter of the communications relay site on the summit of Nui Ba Den mountain (XT281581) to the northeast of Tay Ninh. Striking with small arms, automatic weapons and rockets against the facility's bunker line manned by "A" Company, 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, the Provisional Signal Company of the 125th Signal Battalion, and other organic US Soldiers, the enemy was able to breach the perimeter in one location and was successful in blowing up one generator before being pushed back out of the site.*

*All other sectors of the bunker line held fast throughout the night and at approximately 0615 hours, the enemy withdrew down the mountain leaving behind 15 dead, five AK-47 rifles, three rocket launchers, three pistols, 12 hand grenades, 100 satchel charges and 20 RPG rocket rounds. Eight defenders of the mountaintop were killed in the fighting, but the enemy was unable to accomplish his objective of disrupting the flow of vital radio communications for Tay Ninh City and the surrounding area."*

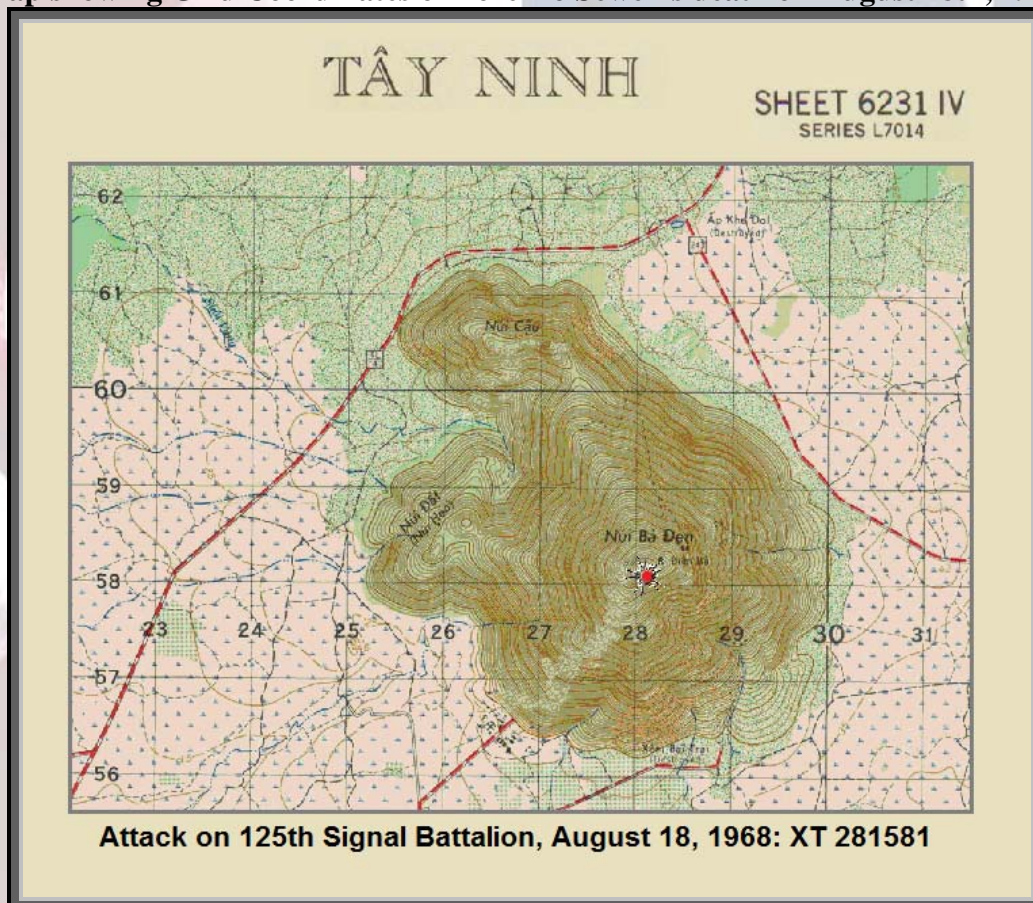


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Read a descriptive story of the mountain where PFC Sewell was killed:  
<http://www.ichiban1.org/pdf/Memorial/NuiBaDen.pdf>

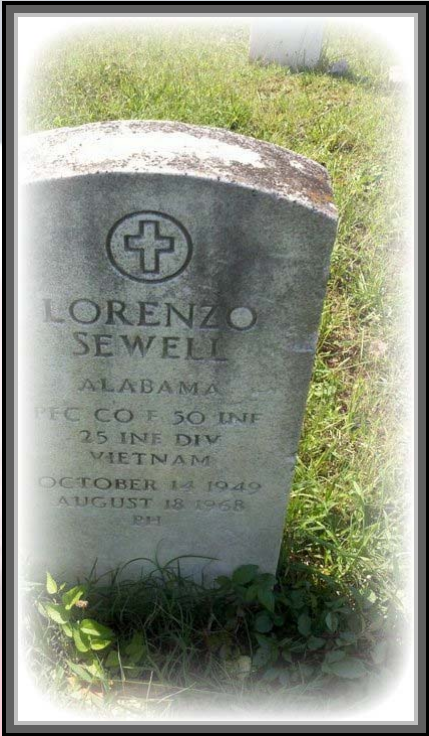


Map showing Grid Coordinates of Lorenzo Sewell's death on August 18th, 1968:



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Lorenzo Sewell is buried at Shadow Lawn Memorial Park, 1600 12th Street SW, Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.



**LORENZO SEWELL'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**



Purple Heart

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign