



1ST
CAVALRY
DIVISION
(AIRMOBILE)

HARLEY ROY STANDRIDGE

Heavy Weapons Platoon, "D" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, US54663778, MOS 11C10
Home of Record: Temple, OK

Date of Birth: September 7, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Single
1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: September 1, 1967, Date of Casualty: December 16, 1967, Days in Country: 106
Casualty Type C3, Non Hostile Ground Casualty, Panel 32E – Row 013

After surviving the vicious fighting at the outset of the Battle of Tam Quan, Harley Standridge was killed accidentally as "D" Company prepared for a mission in the morning hours of December 16, 1967.

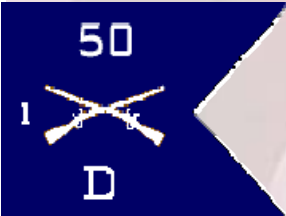
A Claymore Mine he had retrieved from outside his night position detonated when he tossed it onto his APC (Armored Personnel Carrier). He had neglected to remove the detonator...and the ensuing blast cost him his life.

Standridge was one of a large group of men that came to the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry at Fort Hood Texas from "C" Company, 2nd Battalion, 41st Infantry. He was posthumously promoted to Corporal and awarded a Bronze Star for Meritorious Service.

Harley Standridge is pictured below with the Heavy Weapons Platoon at LZ Uplift sometime in the early autumn of 1967.



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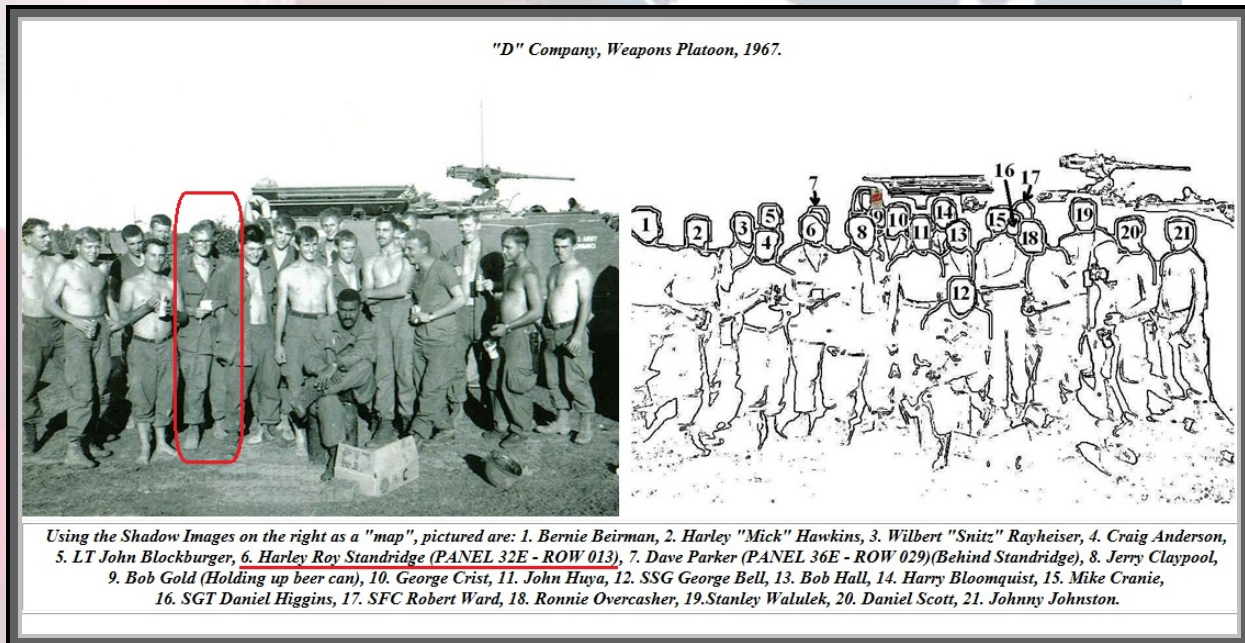
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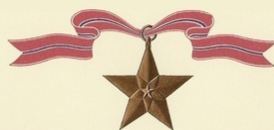
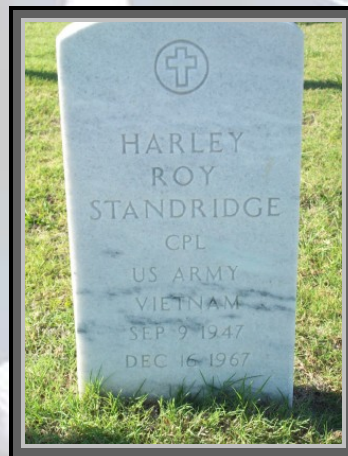


"D" Company, Weapons Platoon, 1967.

Using the Shadow Images on the right as a "map", pictured are: 1. Bernie Beirman, 2. Harley "Mick" Hawkins, 3. Wilbert "Snitz" Rayheiser, 4. Craig Anderson, 5. LT John Blockburger, 6. Harley Roy Standridge (PANEL 32E - ROW 013), 7. Dave Parker (PANEL 36E - ROW 029)(Behind Standridge), 8. Jerry Claypool, 9. Bob Gold (Holding up beer can), 10. George Crist, 11. John Huya, 12. SSG George Bell, 13. Bob Hall, 14. Harry Bloomquist, 15. Mike Cranie, 16. SGT Daniel Higgins, 17. SFC Robert Ward, 18. Ronnie Overcasher, 19. Stanley Walulek, 20. Daniel Scott, 21. Johnny Johnston.

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Harley Roy Standridge is buried at Fort Gibson National Cemetery, 1423 Cemetery Road, Fort Gibson, Muskogee County, Oklahoma, Section 10, site 3271. (Pictures below).



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

HQ 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)
GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 617

29 JANUARY 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 OCTOBER 1967 TO DECEMBER 1967. 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.

HARLEY STANDRIDGE'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



Combat Infantry Badge

