

RICHARD VICKERS THOMPSON

"E" Company (Long Range Patrol), 50th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division
First Lieutenant, O2, O5352089, MOS 1542
Home of Record: Auburn, CA

Date of Birth: June 12, 1947, Age at time of loss: 21, Single
9th Infantry Division, Kien Hoa Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: November 30, 1968, Date of Casualty: January 27, 1969, Days in Country: 58
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DIVISION



50TH INFANTRY



"E" COMPANY



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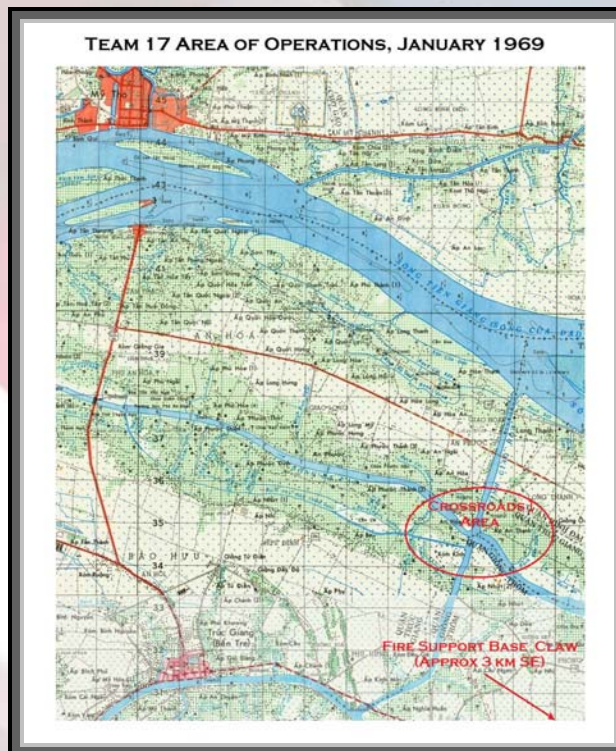
First Lieutenant Richard Thompson, who was killed by a hand grenade explosion. Thompson, although he outranked the Team Leader, was subordinate to his Sergeant E5 Team Leader since he was relatively new to the LRP unit. On the same mission, Specialists Roman Mason and Leon Moore were both killed by small arms fire. Specialist Mason, known by High School friends as "Duke" and by his fellow Long Range Patrollers as "Speed" was posthumously promoted to Sergeant, E5.



"E" Company was in it's last days utilizing the 50th Infantry Designation. As of February 1st, 1969, the unit would be known as Company "E", 75th Rangers. The three men Killed on January 27th were members of Team 17 with their Team Leader being Sergeant Richard Ehrler. They worked with the 2nd Brigade and the Mobile Riverine Force. A multiple page account of the action which took their lives is found in the book: "Phantom Warriors" by Gary Linderer. Read a copy of this account at:

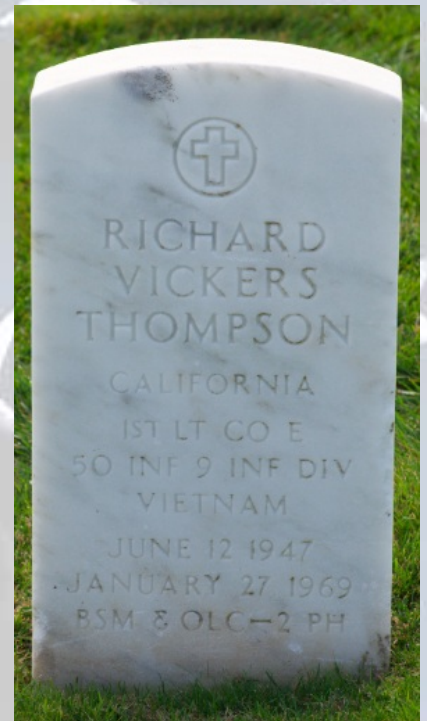
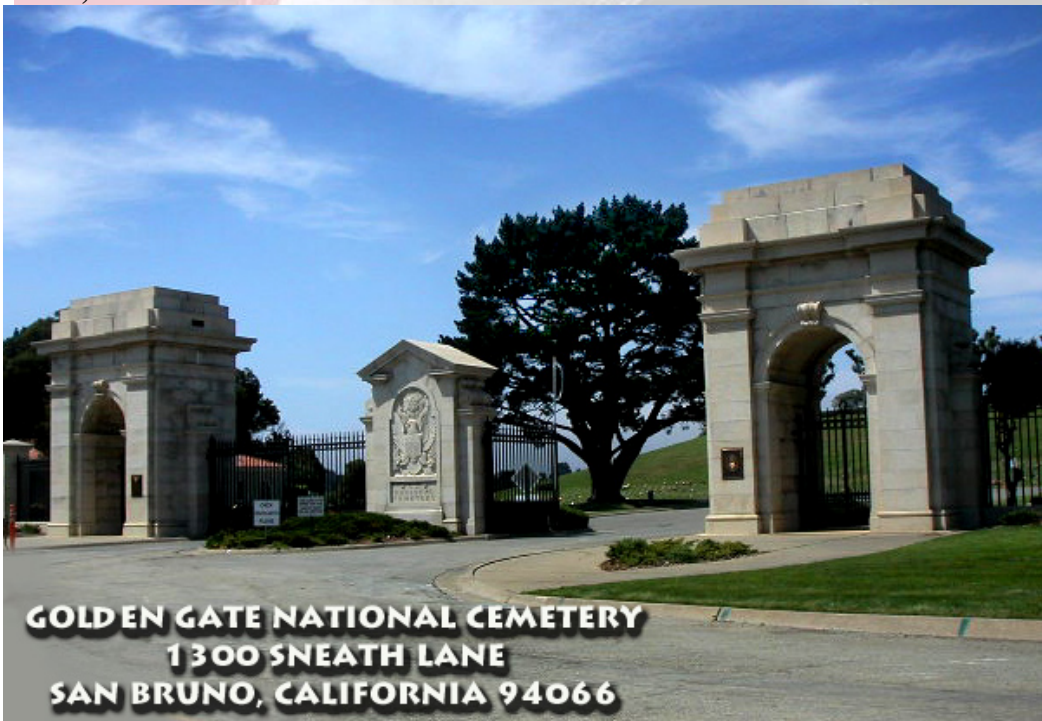
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Visit the website dedicated to the men of what became the 75th Rangers at:
<http://www.75thrra.com>

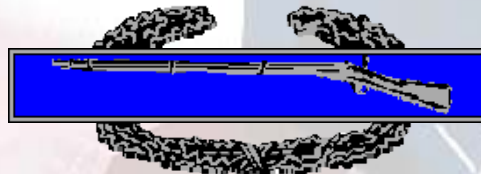


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Lieutenant Thompson is buried at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, Sam Mateo County, California, Plot C, 45-D.



AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF RICHARD THOMPSON:



Combat Infantry Badge

