



9TH INFANTRY
DIVISION



50TH INFANTRY



"E" COMPANY



SPECIALIST FOUR



INFANTRYMAN

HERBERT LEE VAUGHN

"E" Company (Long Range Patrol), 50th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division
Specialist Four, E4, Posthumous Promotion to Sergeant, US56932135, MOS 11B20
Home of Record: Portland, OR

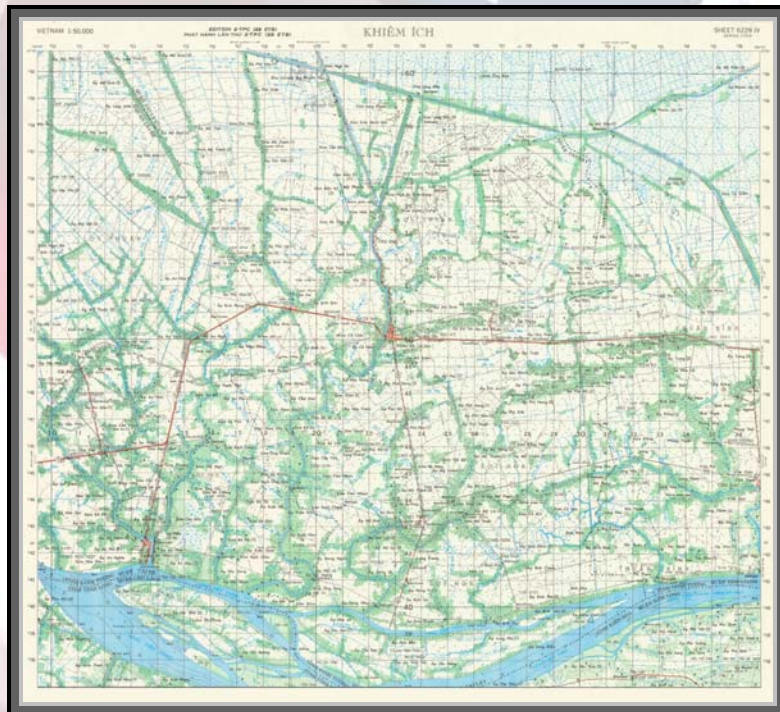
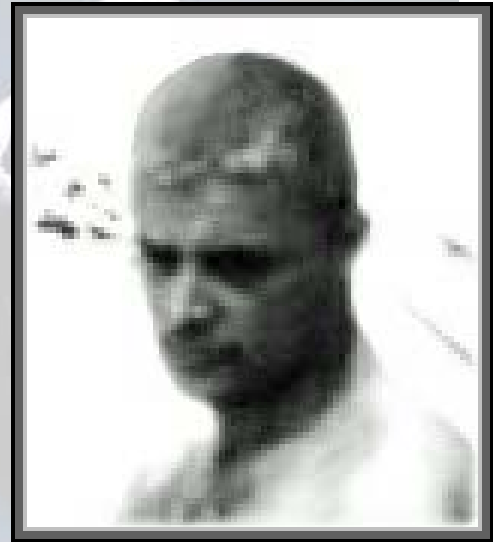
Date of Birth: December 28, 1942, Age at time of loss: 25, Married
9th Infantry Division, Dinh Tuong Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: September 29, 1967, Date of Casualty: May 25, 1968, Days in Country: 243
Casualty Type A1, Ground Casualty, Other Explosive Device, Panel 67W - Row 006

Specialist Herb Vaughn started his tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam on 29 September 1967 and was assigned to Company E 50th Infantry Long Range Patrol, 9th Infantry Division in the Mekong Delta.

By May of 1968, he had become an experienced solid member of several Long Range Patrol Teams operating out of Tan An, My Tho, Dong Tam and from the Mobile Riverine Force flagship, the USS Benewah (APB-35).

According to former E Company Officer Lieutenant Hilan Jones, Vaughn was on a combat mission in Dinh Tuong Province when his team found a North Vietnamese Flag being flown in the area they were moving through. Vaughn was in the act of pulling down the flag when he set off an explosive device which killed him instantly. His fellow soldiers were distressed that he had done so...as they all knew better. The enemy would use this tactic...knowing of the American Soldier's fondness of "souvenir" collecting...often these obvious prized possessions were left in the open and "booby trapped".

Dinh Tuong Province was located south of Saigon in the vast Mekong Delta "IV Corps" region.



Herbert L. Vaughnis buried at Willamette National Cemetery, SE 112th Avenue, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon.



AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF HERBERT VAUGHN:



Combat Infantry Badge



Purple Heart

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign