



**173RD AIRBORNE
BRIGADE**



**1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY**



"HQ" COMPANY



CORPORAL



INFANTRY

MICHAEL EARL WALKER

**"D" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, RA11675466, MOS 94B20
Home of Record: Fredericksburg, OH**

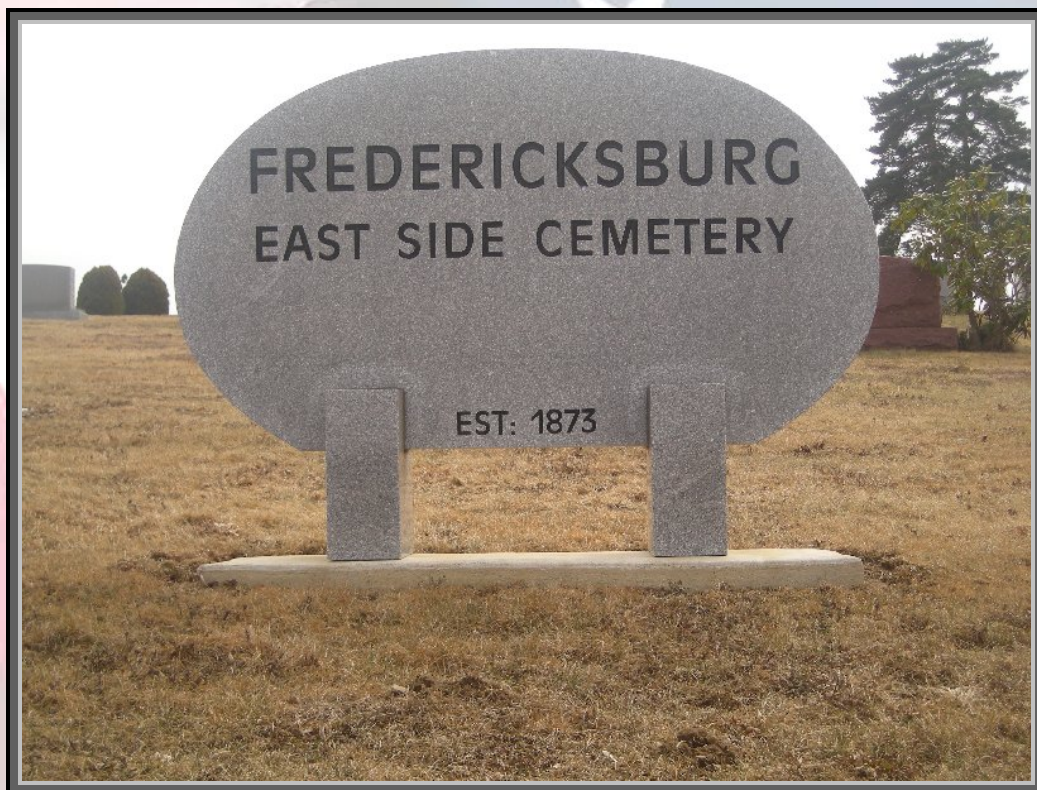
**Date of Birth: April 22, 1949, Age at time of loss: 19, Single
173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: December 7, 1967, Date of Casualty: June 27, 1968, Days in Country: 203
Casualty Type C1, Non-hostile, drowned, suffocated, Panel 54W - Row 007**

Michael Walker was a cook with "D" Company. Not much is known from official documentation for the period as it seems as though Battalion Histories make no mention of most accidental deaths. We know little aside from the obvious...that he drowned.

Hopefully one of our members from "D" Company can provide us with some details of this event.

Michael was awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service, posthumously.

Michael Walker is buried at Fredericksburg East Cemetery, 250 East Clay Street, Fredericksburg, Wayne County, Ohio (Photo Below):



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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF MICHAEL WALKER:



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

HQ 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)

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15 JULY 1968

CORPORAL MICHAEL WALKER DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER, 1967, TO JUNE 1968. 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. CORPORAL WALKER'S 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.



Bronze
Star



National
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Vietnam
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Vietnam
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