



1ST FIELD
FORCE
VIETNAM



52ND ARTILLERY
GROUP



3RD BATTALION,
6TH ARTILLERY



"A" COMPANY



SERGEANT



FIELD
ARTILLERY

JOHNNY LEE WARD

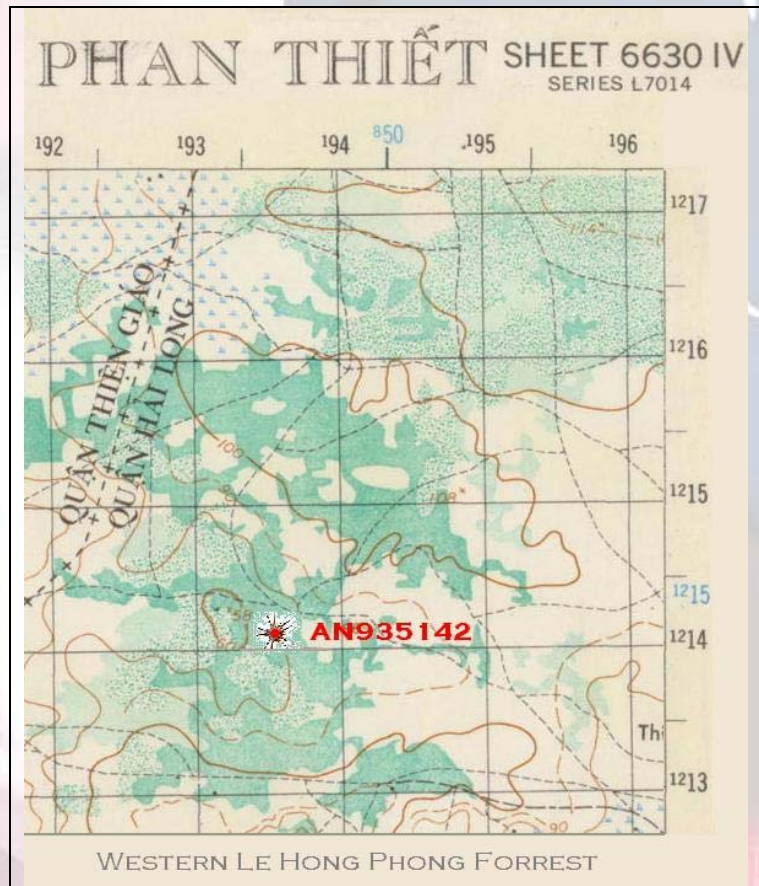
"B" Battery, 3rd Battalion, 6th Artillery, 52nd Artillery Group
Forward Observer (RTO), 2nd Platoon, "A" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Specialist 4th Class, E4, Posthumous Promotion to SGT, US519525004, MOS 13A10
Home of Record: Cambridge, ID

Date of Birth: November 28, 1947, Age at time of loss: 21, Single
I Field Force Vietnam (FO), Binh Thuan Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: September 9, 1968, Date of Casualty: September 11, 1969, Days in Country: 367
Casualty Type A1, OED, Panel 18W - Row 073

SGT Johnny Ward and Randy Cagle were the first casualties the 50th Infantry realized after it's move from Binh Dinh Province to Binh Thuan Province in September of 1969. SGT Ward was the Radio Telephone Operator (RTO) for the Forward Observer...attached from the 3rd Bn, 6th Artillery, 105mm Self Propelled Howitzers, of the 52nd Artillery Group. IFFV.

"A" Company's 2nd Platoon was operating with it's Armored Personnel Carriers in the Western Le Hong Phong Forrest, NorthEast of it's new Base Camp at LZ Betty near Phan Thiet. At 1:10 PM, the antenna from one of the 2nd Platoon's APCs hit a trip wire strung between trees above the trail they were using. A 50 pound Chinese Claymore Mine blasted across the top of the (lead) APC Killing Ward, Cagle and wounding 5 others.

A map of the location of SGT Ward's Death in Binh Thuan Province is shown below:



Currently, no photo exists for this man.

If you can supply us with a photo, we would be grateful...and see that it gets distributed to the appropriate Internet memorial web pages.

Contact Jim Sheppard:
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Johnny Lee Ward is buried at Salubria Cemetery, Cambridge, Washington County, Idaho, pictured below:



JOHNNY LEE WARD'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster (2 awards)



Purple Heart



National Defense



Vietnam Service



Vietnam Campaign