



1<sup>ST</sup>  
AIR CAVALRY  
DIVISION  
(AIRMOBILE)



1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION  
50<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY



"A" COMPANY



CORPORAL



INFANTRY

## RICHARD EDWARD HAYES

"A" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, US51667024, MOS 11B10  
Home of Record: Bryans Road, MD

Date of Birth: May 1, 1946, Age at time of loss: 21, Single  
1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: September 1, 1967, Died of Wounds: November 26, 1967, Days in Country: 86  
Casualty Type A2, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 30E - Row 090

Corporal Richard Hayes died of wounds received when an enemy element attacked the night position of "A" Company on November 26, 1967.

The 1st Cavalry Division, Division Level Intelligence Summary for the date states:

*"1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry, "A" Company, at 0240 Hours, map grid coordinates BR 960775, received heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire as well as from 6 to 10 60mm mortar rounds from approximately 125 meters to the Southeast (Later determined to be nearly a thousand meters to the Southeast)...resulting in 1 US killed in action and 8 US wounded in action (one serious, seven slight, 5 Med-Evac). The enemy was engaged and artillery high explosive and illumination fire was called in on the suspected enemy position. Contact was broken after approximately 10 minutes".*

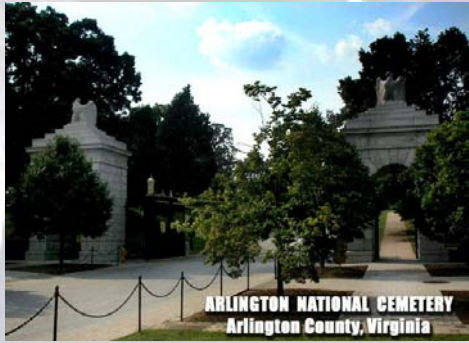


A search was conducted after daylight and, at 1026 hours, at map grid coordinates BR 950768, 9 empty 60mm mortar casings, 1 bipod and a home-made base plate were found. Also found were one poncho and part of an NVA (North Vietnamese Army) helmet.'



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Corporal Hayes is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Section 31, Site 6637 just 20 miles north of his home town of Bryans Road, MD.



**AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF RICHARD HAYES**



Combat Infantry Badge



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

HQ, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

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FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAYES DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY VALOROUS ACTION ON 26 NOVEMBER 1967, WHILE SERVING AS A RIFLEMAN WITH COMPANY A, 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY DURING A COMBAT MISSION NEAR VINH AN, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. WHEN HIS UNIT CAME UNDER INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAYES, DISREGARDING HIS OWN SAFETY, EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE HEAVY ENEMY FIRE TO DELIVER A HIGH VOLUME OF EFFECTIVE FIRE INTO THE HOSTILE EMPLACEMENTS. AT THIS TIME, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAYES WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED CARPENTER WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED, BUT HIS COURAGEOUS ACTION CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HIS UNIT'S MISSION. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HAYES' DISPLAY OF PERSONAL BRAVERY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.



Bronze Star (Valor)

Purple Heart

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign