

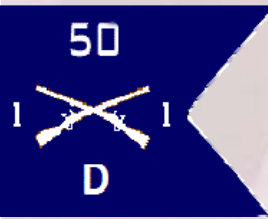


1ST
CAVALRY
DIVISION
(AIRMOBILE)



1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY

"D" COMPANY



1ST PLATOON



SPECIALIST
FOURTH CLASS



INFANTRYMAN

RICHARD A. HOLLOWAY

1st Platoon, "D" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry

Specialist 4th Class, E4, US54760356, MOS 11B20

Home of Record: Longview, TX

Date of Birth: October 31, 1940, Age at time of loss: 27, Married

1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: September 1, 1967, Date of Casualty: December 2, 1967, Days in Country: 92

Casualty Type A1, MFW, Panel 31E - Row 024

Richard Holloway was killed as the 1st Platoon of "D" Company received intense fire from a large NVA unit while advancing in rocky terrain believed to be near the Nui Mieu Mountains along the coast of Binh Dinh Province. He was severely wounded in the head by Shrapnel and died instantly as the "Delta Devils" took their first fatal casualties.

Fellow 1st Platoon member Dan Neely supplied this account of the action:

"We spent the night (December 1st, 1967) on the far side of a rice paddy which separated us from a village situated next to a hill. On the morning of December 2nd, Platoon Leader Dennis Driscoll moved us to a position between the village and the hill and split us into two groups of two squads each to advance up the hill on two fronts...separated by about 150 feet. The terrain consisted of large boulders...some as large as a house...with smaller rocks, crevasses as deep as 50 feet and grass in between. After moving up the hill about 150 Feet, the enemy opened fire on our left element with grenades and machine gun fire. Our group, led by SSG Lenick, quickly moved to join LT Driscoll who was with the group being attacked. As soon as we rejoined that group we also came under intense fire. After an exchange of automatic and small arms fire, the enemy ceased fire and attempted to withdrawal. We saw several enemy soldier fall when hit by our rifle fire & after a short while, we were able to retrieve the bodies of Holloway and Tom Mitchell, both killed instantly with the initial enemy volley. An Air Strike was called in utilizing High Explosive, White Phosphorous and Napalm Ordinance which Intelligence reported caused extensive casualties to the withdrawing elements of an NVA Regiment headquartered in the area."

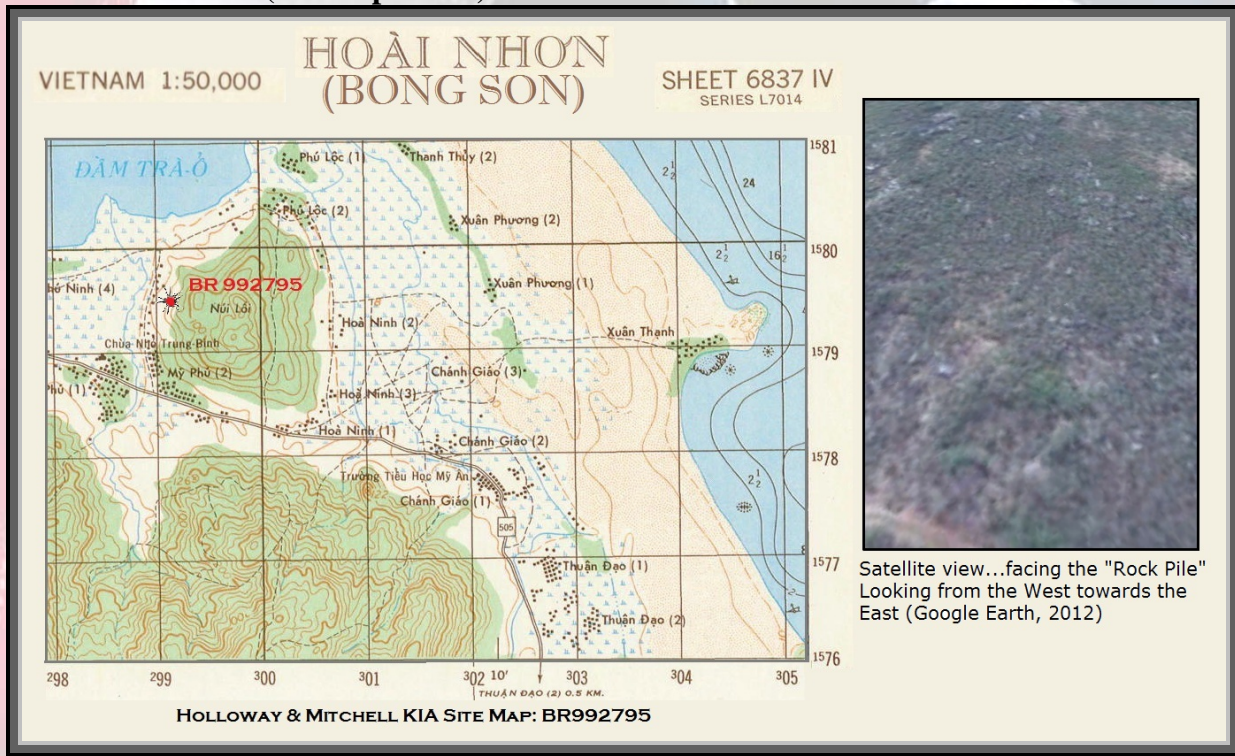


Read an account of the action written by former 1st Platoon Leader Dennis Driscoll:

<http://www.ichiban1.org/pdf/Memorial/Rockpile2Dec67.pdf>

The Association of the 1st Bn, 50th Inf. wishes to thank Richard's sister Claire Holloway Hines for the photos used in this memorial. To the left is a photo of Holloway that we believe was taken near White Sands Beach on Okinawa during the battalion's trip to Vietnam in September of 1967.

The 1st Cavalry Division Intelligence Report for December 2, 1967, reports the location of the site where Holloway was killed in action (See map below)



Richard Holloway is buried at Grace Hill Cemetery, West Marshall Avenue, Longview, Gregg County, Texas.



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RICHARD HOLLOWAY'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



Bronze
Star
(Valor)

National
Defense

Vietnam
Service

Vietnam
Campaign



THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH "V" DEVICE FOR VALOR

HQ 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE),

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 1400

10 MARCH 1968

FOR HEROISM, NOT INVOLVING PARTICIPATION IN AERIAL FLIGHT, IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM: SPECIALIST FOUR HOLLOWAY DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY VALOROUS ACTION ON 2 DECEMBER 1967, WHILE SERVING AS A RIFLEMAN WITH COMPANY D, 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY, DURING A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION NEAR THE CRESCENT VALLEY, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. UPON SKILLFULLY LEADING HIS UNIT THROUGH A HEAVILY BOOBY TRAPPED AREA, SPECIALIST HOLLOWAY ASSAULTED AN ENEMY FORTIFICATION, BUT WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED BEFORE HE COULD REACH HIS OBJECTIVE, SPECIALIST HOLLOWAY'S 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.