



173RD AIRBORNE
BRIGADE



1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY

3RD PLATOON



"C" COMPANY



SERGEANT



INFANTRYMAN

JOHN ARTHUR LOVE

3rd Platoon, "C" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Specialist 4th Class, Posthumous Promotion to Sergeant, US54405172, MOS 11B2P

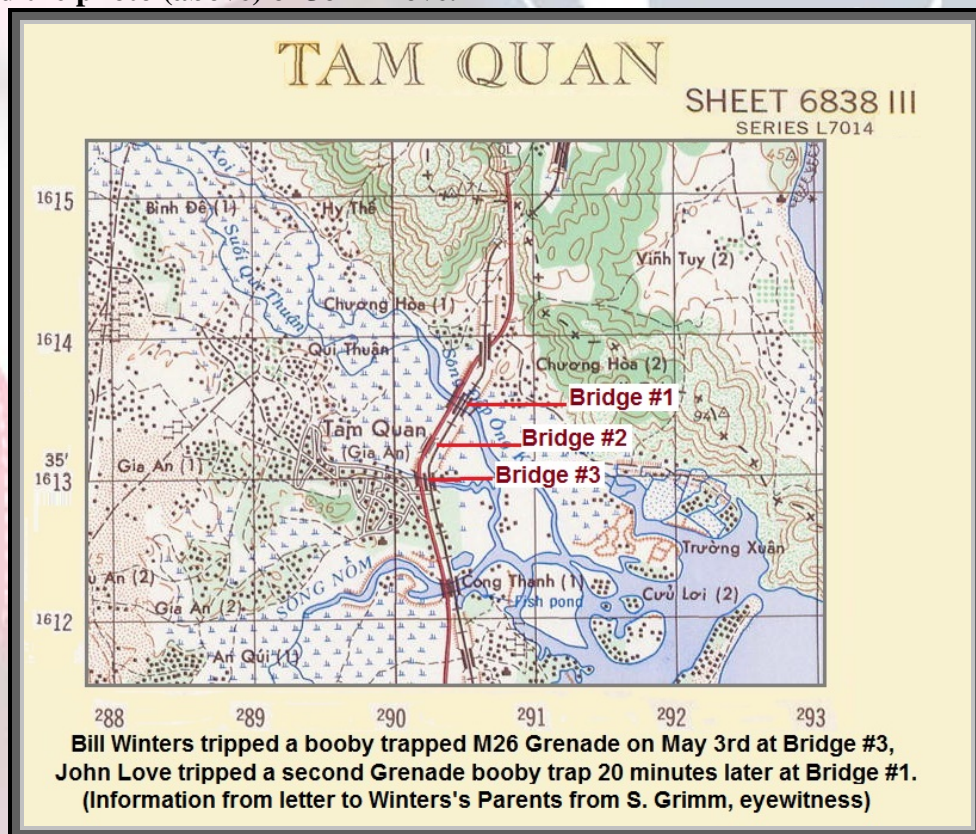
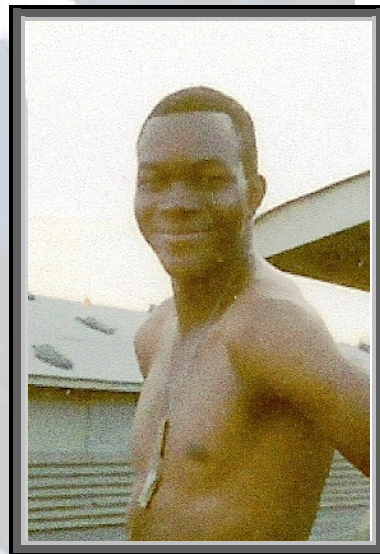
Home of Record: Liberal, KS

Date of Birth: September 3, 1948, Age at time of loss: 20, Single
173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: September 21, 1968, Date of Incident: May 3, 1969, Died of Wounds: May 13, 1969, Days in Country: 232, Casualty Type A2, OED, Panel 25W - Row 104

At the time of his death, John Love was with the 3rd Platoon of Charlie Company, which was split from the Battalion Proper and under the Operational Control of the 4th Battalion, 503rd Infantry. The Platoon was responsible for Bridge Security between LZ Lowboy, just north of Tam Quan, and LZ English to the south.

A 4th/503rd Battalion Quarterly Historical Report reveals that 3 individuals were wounded by a booby-trapped M26 Grenade on May 3rd while on Bridge Security near Tam Quan. Also wounded on May 3rd was Bill Winters. This information was confirmed in a personal letter written by a member of Winters's Squad, Shirl W. Grimm, who wrote to Winters's parents after his death, specifically mentioning May 3rd in his letter.

Grimm further wrote that although these two men were reported wounded together...they were wounded by identical booby traps within 20 minutes of each other...but at two different locations. Apparently, all wounded were picked up together...and reported as one incident. Winters died of his wounds on May 14th. John Love also died of his wounds on May 13th. Former 3rd Platoon member Luciano Garza provided the photo (above) of John Love.



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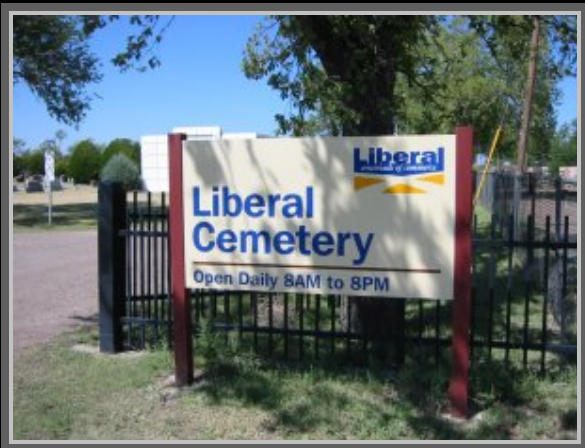
Below are photos of John Love:



Above, John (2nd from right) and Platoon Mates pose with Local Fauna,
Below, at the Bong Son River Car Wash.



John Love is buried at Liberal Cemetery (Pictured below), West 15th Street, Liberal, Seward County, Kansas.



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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF JOHN A. LOVE



Combat Infantry Badge



Airborne Jump Wings (Basic Parachutist Badge)



HQ 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)

SERGEANT JOHN LOVE DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1968 TO MAY 1969. 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. SERGEANT LOVE'S INITIATIVE, ZEAL, SOUND JUDGMENT AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WERE IN THE HIGHEST TRADITION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT ON HIM AND ON THE MILITARY SERVICE.



Bronze Star



Purple Heart
with OLC
(2 awards)



National Defense



Vietnam Service



Vietnam Campaign



Vietnam Merit



Vietnam Gallantry