We have determined that Robert Marthaler was not a member of the 1st Battalion (M), 50th Infantry.

We currently do not have access to the information that reported him as one of our KIAs, but it was indicated in a note on our original “In Memoriam” pages that someone within our Association identified him as such.

Specialist Marthaler’s name is inscribed on our 50th Infantry Vietnam Memorial in front of Battalion Headquarters, Fort Benning, Georgia. Our Association has voted unanimously that his name should remain on our memorial.

We obtained the First Field Force Vietnam Daily Staff Journal Spot Report for the event where Marthaler was killed. It reads:

"Two civilian and four U.S. Personnel, while working at culvert site on QL (Highway) 1, struck a mine with a shovel and detonated it. Worksites had been cleared by individuals prior to entering area. Casualties were 4 KIA (3 U.S. and 1 VN Civilian) and 2 WIA (1 U.S. and 1 VN Civilian). Coordinates of incident: AN917236"

A map of the location, Approximately 17 Kilometers NE of Phan Thiet, is shown below:
Awards and Decorations of Robert Marthaler:

- Combat Medical Badge
- Purple Heart
- National Defense
- Vietnam Service
- Vietnam Campaign