Luis A. Massa
"C" Company, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, US112361949, MOS 11B10
Home of Record: New York, NY
Date of Birth: December 26, 1947, Age at time of loss: 21, Single
4th Infantry Division, Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: July 2, 1969, Date of Casualty: August 8, 1969, Days in Country: 37
Casualty Type, Hostile, died outright, Ground Casualty, Panel 20W - Row 114

We have determined that Luis Massa 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. We do know that Massa was killed in the same action as Lonzo McDonald, also on our memorial in error.

Corporal Massa'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.

Awards and Decorations of Luis Massa:

- Combat Infantry Badge
- Purple Heart
- National Defense Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Vietnam Campaign Medal

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.

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