Sergeant Gary McFall was an Assistant Team Leader with Team 25, Company F (Long Range Patrol), 50th Infantry. The men of these elite patrol units often developed strong ties with organic 25th Infantry Division combat units and it was common for them to ride voluntarily with Infantry line companies during operations not directly associated with their Long Range Patrol duties.

In the weeks following the widespread and coordinated attacks during what became known as the Battle of Cu Chi (August, 1968), mop up continued as the defeated and bloodied communist forces retreated to sanctuaries in Cambodia or melted back into the nearby jungles of Tay Ninh Province.

On September 15th, SGT McFall and his Team Leader, Sergeant Howard Handley, from LRP Team 25, volunteered to accompany elements from the 4th Battalion (Mechanized), 23rd Infantry, who were sent North on Route 4 on a mine sweep operation. At approximately 1340 hours, the unit was ambushed by an enemy force 3 kilometers north of the prominent Nui Ba Den mountain. The sweep team was supported by artillery and helicopter gunships after rocket fire took the lives of 5 men and wounded 10 others. Specialist McFall and Sergeant Handley were killed in the initial rocket volley. Enemy losses in the contact could not be determined. McFall was posthumously promoted to Sergeant and awarded the Bronze Star.
Gary McFall is buried at Oakwood Memorial Park, 22601 Lassen Street, Chatsworth, Los Angeles County, CA.
Awards and Decorations of Gary McFall:

- Combat Infantry Badge

Bronze Star
Purple Heart
National Defense
Vietnam Service
Vietnam Campaign

2 Awards