



25TH INFANTRY
DIVISION



50TH INFANTRY



"F" COMPANY



SPECIALIST FOUR



INFANTRYMAN

HUBERT ARTHUR MEREDITH

"F" Company (Long Range Patrol), 50th Infantry
Specialist Four, E4, RA12901636, MOS 11B20
Home of Record: Turtletown, TN

Date of Birth: November 18, 1946, Age at time of loss: 21, Single
25th Infantry Division, Tay Ninh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: March 30, 1968, Date of Casualty: August 1, 1968, Days in Country: 124
Casualty Type A1, Ground Casualty, OED, Panel 50W - Row 044

Specialist Fourth Class Hubert Meredith was a member of Company F (Long Range Patrol), 50th Infantry with the 25th Infantry Division.

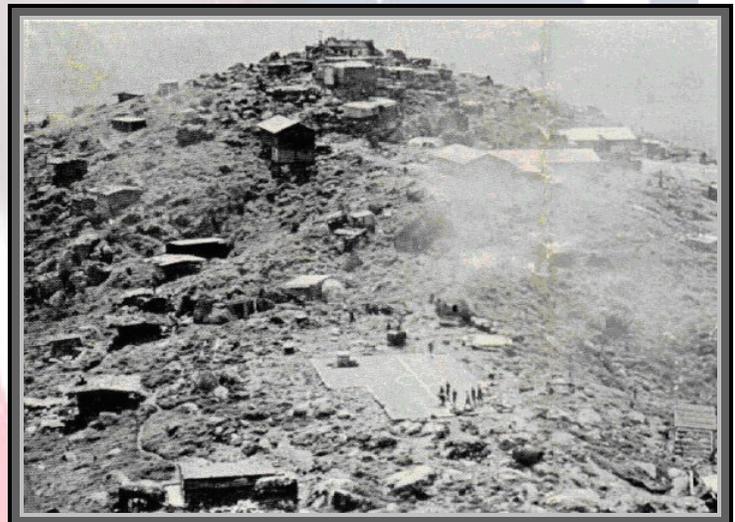
After Action Reports reflect that Specialist Meredith began as a member of Team 27 in May of 1968 and the back-woods life of his youth in rural Tennessee was evident in his swift command of Ranger tactics and the stealth needed for Long Range Patrol operations. By July 14th, he had advanced to Senior Scout Observer with Cobra Team 25, and shortly thereafter was promoted to Assistant Team Leader of Cobra Team 23 under the command of Team Leader Staff Sergeant Moore.

Enemy activity in the Tay Ninh area of operations had been sparse, but on the increase in the summer months of June and July, 1968...following the second phase of enemy attacks sometimes known as "Tet II" or "Mini-Tet" which came in May. With intelligence reporting both the 5th NVA and 9th VC Divisions in the province, a major attack was expected on Tay Ninh City. As a result, defensive forces on Nui Ba Den, also known as the Black Virgin Mountain, were beefed up. A major US Communications installation was located at the summit...and had been targeted in the past...even over-run on at least one documented occasion. Company "F" (LRP), 50th Infantry was moved to the summit in July and were to work out of the installation in multiple team operations rather than base defense.

Former Long Range Patroller Dave Regenthal remembers that the teams occupied the buildings in the photo below that appear to be somewhat "t-shaped" and above the landing pad at approximately the 1 o'clock position.

Regenthal advised:

"In the photo (Right), I recall Meredith's team moved outside the defensive wires of the perimeter, at about the 4 o'clock position from the landing pad, to begin a sweep and had not progressed very far when Meredith tripped a "Bouncing Betty" land mine which mortally wounded him. I was new "In-Country" and Meredith's was the first death I witnessed in the war. He died almost immediately.



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We were removed to Tay Ninh Basecamp because our 'multiple/simultaneous' missions were scrubbed due to lack of required helicopter air support. One of the things I also clearly remember in the final days on Nui Ba Den was the increase of 'Arc Light' (B-52 bombing missions) throughout the province. It was an impressive light show and the concussion of the bombings shook the mountain...even though they were quite some distance away."

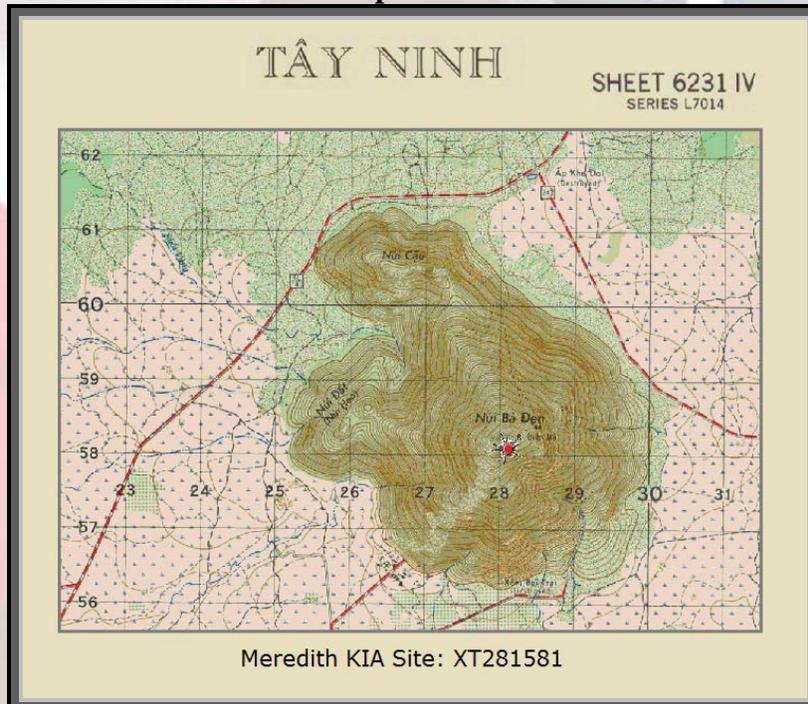
Most of the Long Range Patrollers were removed from the installation on the 17th of August. The attacks on Tay Ninh City, Nui Ba Den and throughout the region, began late that very day, August 17th, 1968. PFC Lorenzo Sewell of Company F, and Former Charlie Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry man Ron Heinecke were killed in the attack on the Black Virgin Mountain. Heinecke had transferred to the provisional signal company...an Infantry Defensive effort of the 125th Signal Battalion and was just 13 days from completing his 1 year tour.

Read a descriptive story of the mountain where Specialist Meredith was killed:

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

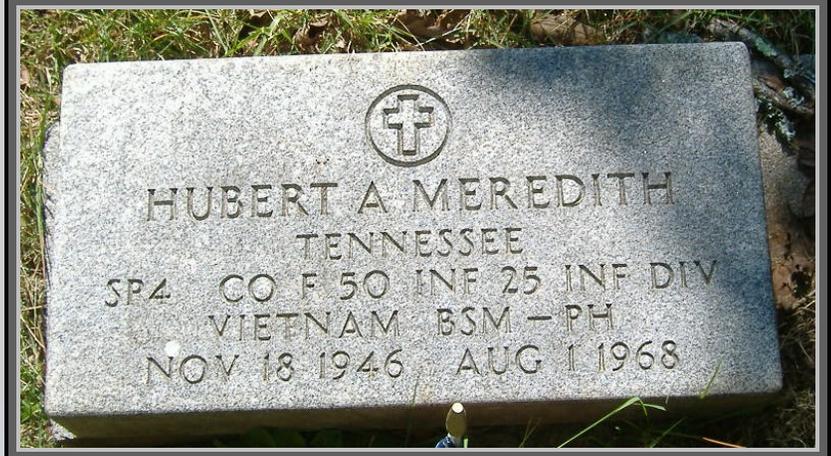


Map below shows Grid Coordinates of Specialist Meredith's death on August 1st, 1968:



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Hubert Meredith is buried at Zion Hill Baptist Church Cemetery, Zion Hill Spring Rd (Route 516), Turtletown, Polk County, Tennessee.



AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF HUBERT MEREDITH:



Combat Infantry Badge



Bronze Star

Purple Heart

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign

