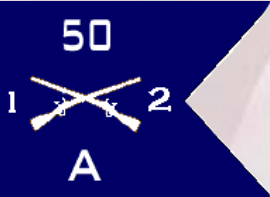




173RD AIRBORNE
BRIGADE



1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY



"A" COMPANY
2ND PLATOON



CORPORAL



INFANTRYMAN

CLARENCE TAYLOR

2nd Platoon, "A" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Private First Class, E3, Posthumous Promotion to CPL, US67112280, MOS 11B10

Home of Record: Greenville, AL

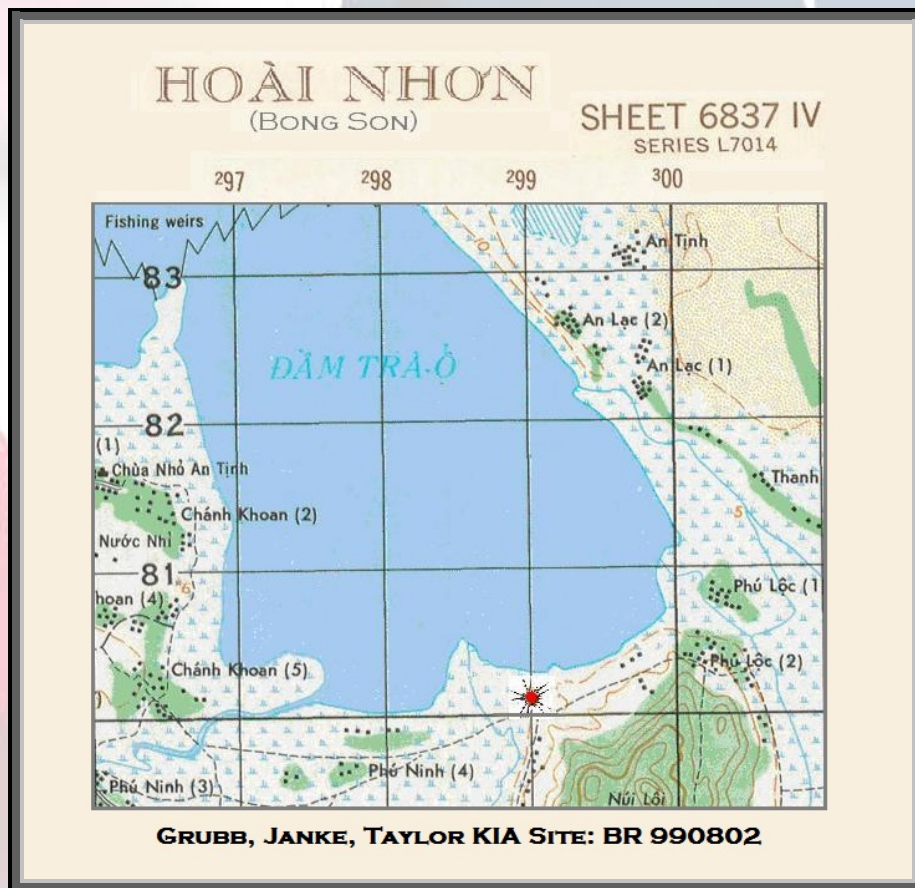
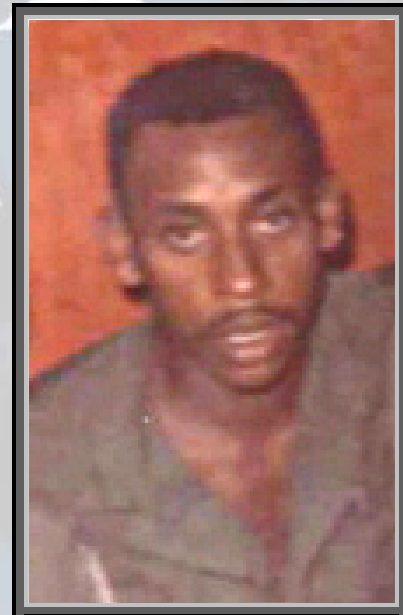
Date of Birth: February 6, 1944, Age at time of loss: 25, Single
173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: February 6, 1969, Date of Casualty: May 28, 1969, Days in Country: 111
Casualty Type A1, OED, Panel 23W - Row 011

Clarence Taylor was killed when he and 5 others from the 2nd Platoon of "A" Company were hit by shrapnel from a command detonated Claymore Mine.

Medic SP5 John Kirkwood witnessed the event:

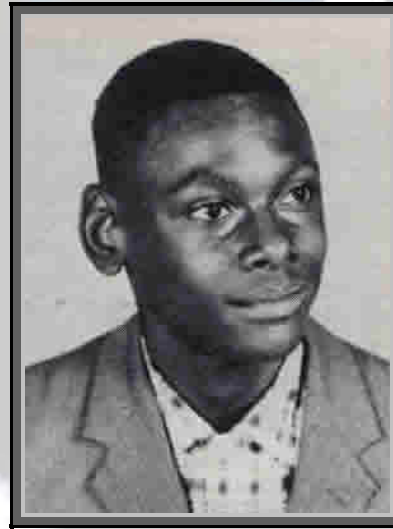
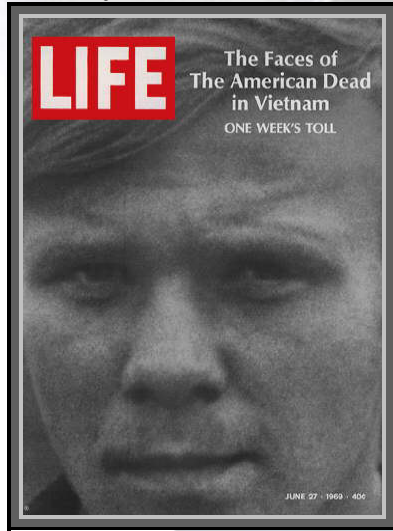
"We were on a foot patrol that day and after searching and finding nothing in a village near lake Dam Tra O, we moved out with Sergeant Janke on point. About 500 feet beyond the village the VC triggered a Claymore Mine just as it came into view on the trail we were following. Janke and Clarence Taylor were killed outright and several others were wounded with Steve Grubb being the worst (He later died)."

A map of the location (BR990802) is shown below.



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Picture of Clarence Taylor as it appeared in the "Life" Magazine article titled "The Faces of the Dead in Vietnam, One Week's Toll: May 28 - June 3, 1969.



CLARENCE TAYLOR'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



HQ 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE (SEPARATE)

CORPORAL TAYLOR DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN CONNECTION WITH GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM FEBRUARY 1969 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. CORPORAL TAYLOR'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

National Defense

Vietnam Service

Vietnam Campaign