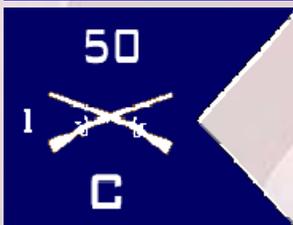




1ST CAVALRY  
DIVISION  
(AIRMOBILE)



1ST BATTALION  
50TH INFANTRY



"C" COMPANY



PRIVATE  
FIRST CLASS



INFANTRY

## SCOTT LOUIS THIRY

"C" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry  
Private First Class, E3, US56454222, MOS 11B10  
Home of Record: Milwaukee, WI

Date of Birth: July 10, 1947, Age at time of loss: 20, Single  
1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam  
Start of Tour: September 1, 1967, Date of Casualty: October 31, 1967, Days in Country: 60  
Casualty Type A1, Gun, small arms fire, Panel 28E - Row 106

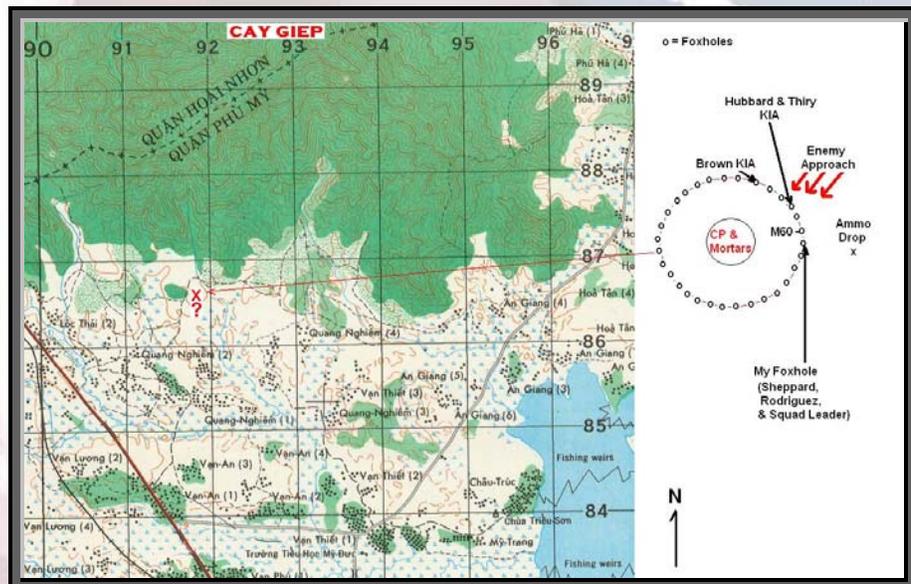
PFC Scott Thiry was killed when an estimated Platoon of NVA/VC attacked the Charlie Company Night Position on October 31, 1967. 15 NVA soldiers were killed in the attack.

Jim Sheppard remembers: *"I was positioned in a foxhole 2 positions to Scott's right. Scott was wounded in the initial volley & was treated after moving back from his perimeter position to the Command and Mortars position in the center of our formation. He had lost a finger, but after being bandaged, insisted on returning to his foxhole for the fight which still raged! Scott Thiry and Roger Hubbard were subsequently killed in the action. I am not sure whose weapon it was...possibly Scott's...but when the enemy overran the foxhole, they took only the M-79 Grenade Launcher and it's ammunition. I have been able to secure a copy of the Silver Star Citation that was awarded to Scott for that night, and I am sure it was awarded because of his willingness to continue the fight, even after sustaining serious wounds. For all his humor and "fooling around, when the chips were down, Scott Thiry was a hero and a first rate soldier"!*



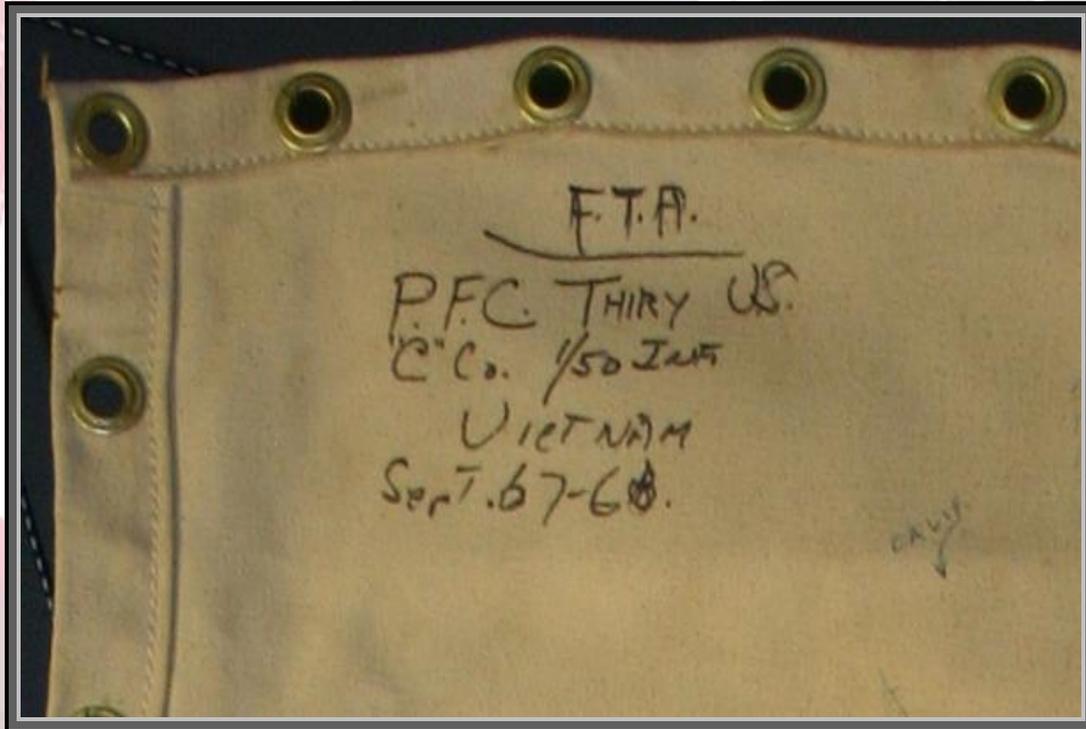
Personal Account of the battle: <http://ichiban1.org/pdf/Halloween1967.pdf>

Below is a map showing the location of the firefight in which Scott Thiry was killed in action:

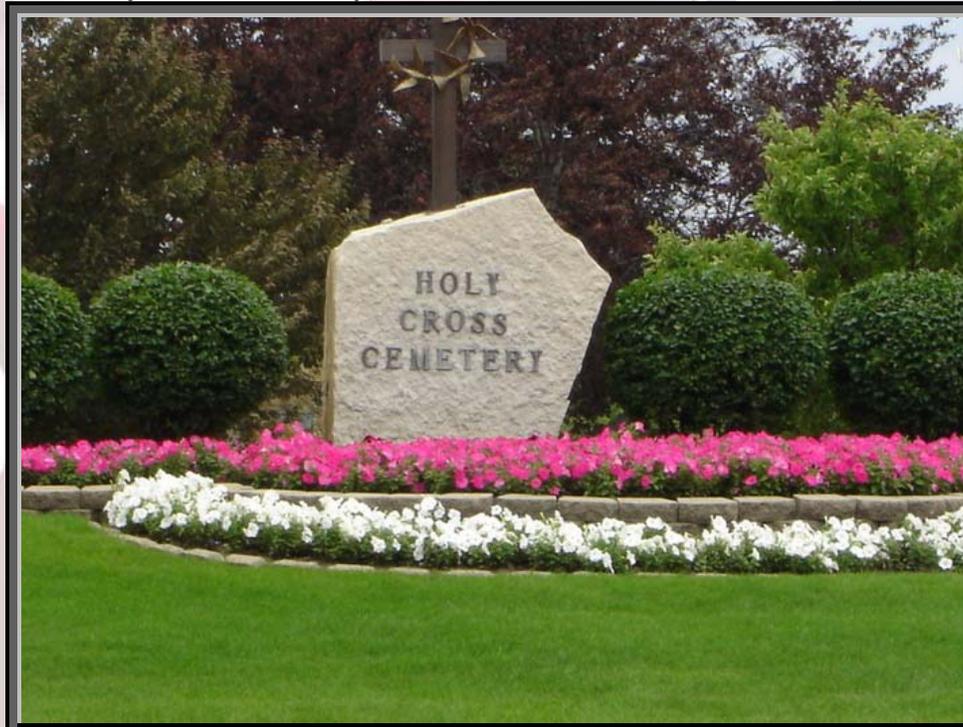


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Association Historian Jim Sheppard adds: *"Years later, my duties as historian for the Battalion's Vietnam Era Association led me to photos of the now salvaged troop ship that carried us to Vietnam in September of 1967. The Texas Tech Vietnam Archive Team had gone into the ship and photographed all the graffiti that the ship's "denizens" had etched on their trips to Vietnam. Sure enough, there was the canvas that Scott had in front of him for 21 days during our voyage. In true Scott Thiry Humor...he had etched "FTA" and signed his name!"*



Scott Thiry is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, 7301 West Nash Street, Milwaukee, WI 53216 (Photo Below):



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## SCOTT THIRY'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge



HQ, 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE)

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 164

10 JANUARY 1968

**FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION WHILE ENGAGED IN MILITARY OPERATIONS INVOLVING CONFLICT WITH AN ARMED HOSTILE FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THIRY DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONALLY VALOROUS ACTION ON 31 OCTOBER 1967, WHILE SERVING AS A RIFLEMAN WITH COMPANY C, 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 50TH INFANTRY DURING A COMBAT MISSION NEAR QUANG NHIEM IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. WHEN HIS UNIT DEFENSIVE PERIMETER CAME UNDER HOSTILE ATTACK, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THIRY WAS WOUNDED DURING THE ORIGINAL ENEMY ONSLAUGHT. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THIRY WAS THEN TAKEN TO THE AID STATION, BUT IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING RELEASED HE RETURNED TO THE AREA AND EXPOSED HIMSELF TO THE HEAVY ENEMY FIRE AS HE MOVED FORWARD IN SEARCH OF A WOUNDED COMRADE. AFTER LOCATING AND ADMINISTERING FIRST AID TO THE WOUNDED SOLDIER, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THIRY WAS MORTALLY WOUNDED.. HIS GALLANT ACTION WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE, AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.**



Silver  
Star



Purple  
Heart  
(2nd Award)



National  
Defense



Vietnam  
Service



Vietnam  
Campaign