



1ST CAVALRY
DIVISION
(AIRMOBILE)



1ST BATTALION
50TH INFANTRY



"A" COMPANY



SPECIALIST
4TH CLASS



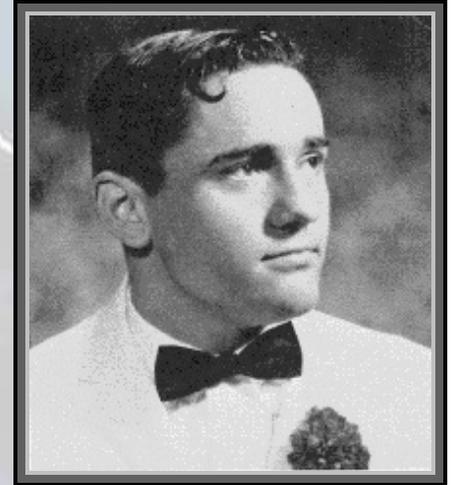
INFANTRYMAN

ROY VICTOR WIEGAND

"A" Company, 1st Platoon, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Specialist 4th Class, E4, US56580447, MOS 11B20
Home of Record: Marine, IL

Date of Birth: February 22, 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 Incident: October 11, 1967
Date of Casualty: January 6, 1968, USAF Hospital, Travis AFB, CA
Casualty Type C2, Non-hostile, Illness, Panel 33E - Row 062

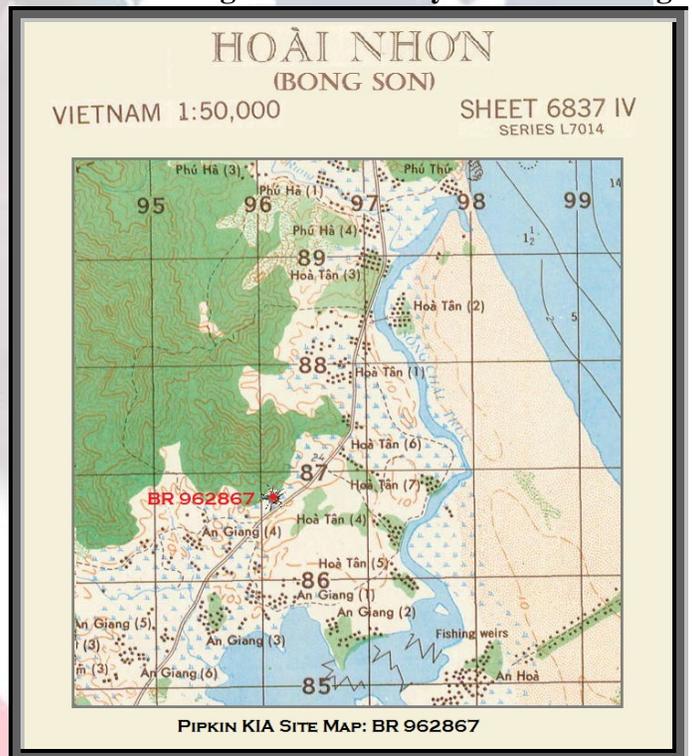
On the evening of October 10th, 1967, a squad sized ambush patrol was placed about 100 meters west of "A" Company's night laager location in the vicinity of the villages of Hoa Tan near Lake Dam Tra-O in coastal Binh Dinh Province. The patrol was led by Staff Sergeant Jack Harwell, a combat veteran of the United States occupation of the Dominican Republic. The patrol left at dusk and was in position shortly thereafter. They formed an "L-Shaped ambush at a bend in the trail. Harwell later reported that an enemy patrol came complete through the ambush site. It was not explained why the ambush was not "sprung"...but the enemy noticed the U.S. Positions and gathered for an attack after exiting the "kill zone". The enemy initiated the attack with Hand Grenades only...and the patrol called for illumination rounds to be fired over the area. As soon as the illumination lit up the area...the enemy were fully exposed and Private Pipkin opened up with his M60 Machine gun as intense small arms and automatic weapons fire were exchanged. There was a short lull as the initial illumination rounds burnt out...then a few more enemy grenades were tossed in before more illumination was sent up again. One of these grenades exploded on Pipkin's Back...killing him instantly and wounding Specialist Curtis Steffen and Specialist Roy Wiegand who later developed pneumonia and died in the hospital on January 6, 1968.



The patrol rejoined the main body of "A" Company for the rest of the night. In the morning, 3 enemy bodies were found as well as numerous blood trails...which were followed with no additional bodies being found.

Specialists Curtis Steffen and Ronnie Copeland were awarded Bronze Stars for Valor in the action that night

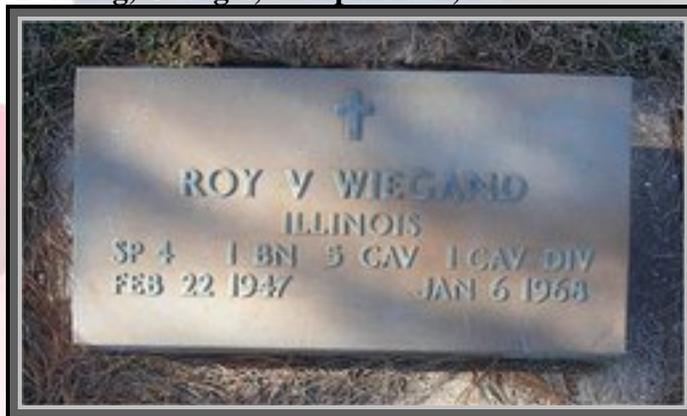
A map of the area of the incident is shown on the right:



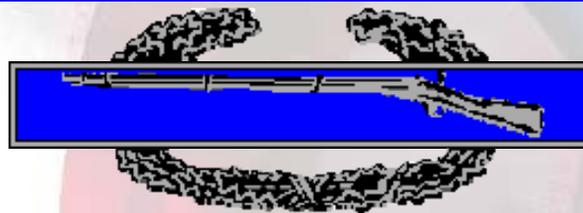
Roy Wiegand is buried at Marine Cemetery, Marine Road, Saint Jacob, Madison County, IL, pictured below.



The headstone below was engraved incorrectly...leading to the mistaken assumption that Wiegand was with the 1st of the 5th Cav. The efforts of the Coffelt Database Veterans corrected this and Roy Wiegand's name will be added to our Memorial at Fort Benning, Georgia, on April 28th, 2011.



ROY WIEGAND'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge

