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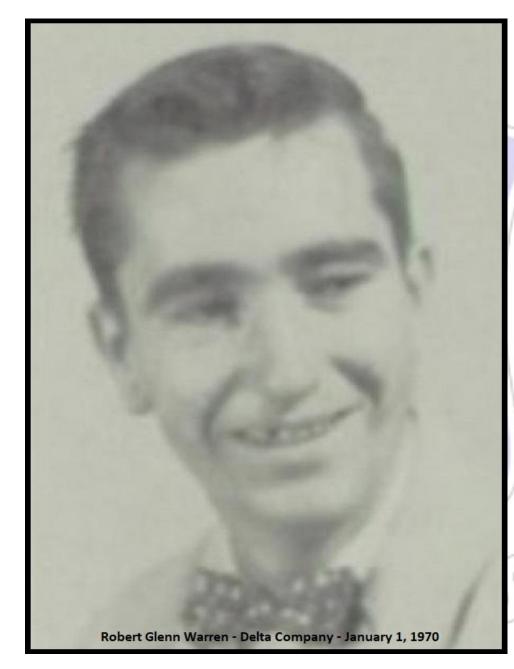
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January 1970



January 1, 1970 Robert Glenn Warren

Operation Randolph Glen - Thua Thien Province

Robert Glenn Warren arrived in Vietnam in November of 1969. He served with Delta Company, 3/187th. Robert lost his life on January 1, 1970 due to homicide.

Robert was from Quitman, Georgia and was twenty-six years of age. He is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Quitman, Georgia. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 15W, Line 116.

January 1970



January 24, 1970 Thomas Earl Littlepage

Operation Randolph Glen - Thua Thien Province

Thomas Earl Littlepage arrived in Vietnam in January of 1970. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Thomas was killed in action on January 24, 1970 during a combat operation when he was mistaken for an enemy combatant.

Thomas was from Princeton, Indiana and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Grapevine Cemetery, Madisonville, Kentucky. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 14W, Line 63

January 1970



January 26, 1970 Raymond Platero

Operation Randolph Glen – Thua Thien Province

Raymond Platero arrived in Vietnam in July of 1969. He served with Delta Company, 3/187th. Raymond was killed in action during a combat operation when the Boston Whaler in which he was riding hit a land mine. The boat had beached in order to insert soldiers for ambush positions when it hit the mine.

Raymond was from Canoncito, New Mexico and was twenty-five years of age. He is buried at Santa Fe National Cemetery, Santa Fe, New Mexico. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 14W, Line 69.

January 1970



January 26, 1970 Larry Scott Rutherford

Operation Randolph Glen – Thua Thien Province

Larry Scott Rutherford arrived in Vietnam in June of 1970. He served with Delta Company, 3/187th. Larry was killed in action on January 26, 1970 during a combat operation when the Boston Whaler he was riding hit a land mine. The boat had beached in order to insert soldiers for ambush positions when it hit the mine.

Larry was from Horse Cave, Kentucky and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Cave Hill Masonic Cemetery, Cave-in-Rock, Illinois. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 14W, Line 70.





February 1970



February 7, 1970 John Lewis Taylor

Operation Randolph Glen – Thua Thien Province

John Lewis Taylor arrived in Vietnam in January of 1970. He served with Echo Company – Recon, 3/187th. John was killed in action on February 7, 1970 during a combat operation.

John was from New Orleans, Louisiana and was twenty-five years of age. He is buried at McDonoghville Cemetery, Gretna, Louisiana. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 14W, Line 113.

February 1970



February 19, 1970 Larry Thomas Harrison

Operation Randolph Glen – Thua Thien Province

Larry Thomas Harrison arrived in Vietnam in November of 1969. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Larry was killed in action on February 19, 1970 during a combat operation due to a boobytrap.

Larry was from Atlanta, Georgia and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Crest Lawn Memorial

park, Atlanta, Georgia. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 13W, Line 032.





March 1970



March 7, 1970 Charles D McCarley, Jr.

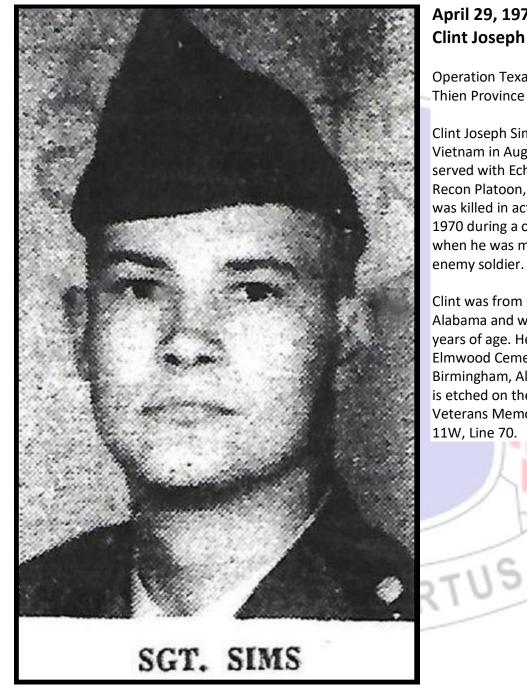
Operation Randolph Glen - Thua Thien Province

Charles D Mc Carley, Jr arrived in Vietnam in September of 1969. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. Charles was killed in action on March 7, 1970 during a combat operation when a booby-trap detonated.

Charles was from East Point, Georgia and was twenty-four years of age. He is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 13W, Line 93.



April 1970



April 29, 1970 **Clint Joseph Sims**

Operation Texas Star - Thua Thien Province

Clint Joseph Sims arrived in Vietnam in August of 1969. He served with Echo Company, Recon Platoon, 3/187th. Clint was killed in action on April 29, 1970 during a combat operation when he was mistaken for an enemy soldier.

Clint was from Birmingham, Alabama and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 11W, Line 70.



May 1970



May 4, 1970 Larry Lance Watkins

Operation Texas Star - Thua Thien Province

Larry Lance Watkins arrived in Vietnam in August of 1969. He served with Delta Company, 3/187th. On May 4, 1970, Larry lost his life due to non-hostile injury or illness.

Larry was from Chicago, Illinois and was twenty-two years of age. His burial location is currently not documented. Larry's name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 11W, Line 98.



May 1970



May 15, 1970 Thomas Michael Moreau

Operation Texas Star -Thua Thien Province

Thomas Michael Moreau arrived in Vietnam in November of 1969. He served as a HHC Medic, 3/187th. Thomas was killed in action on May 15, 1970 when he jumped off a military vehicle and detonated a mine.

Thomas was from Pine Bluff, Arkansas and was twenty-five years of age. He is buried at Hasley Cemetery, West Monroe, Louisiana. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 10W, Line 46.

May 1970



May 21, 1970 Juanito Maiquez Escano

Operation Texas Star -Thua Thien Province

Juanito Maiquez Escano arrived in Vietnam in October of 1969. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Juanito was wounded in action on an unknown date during a combat operation when a booby-trap detonated. He was evacuated from the field and admitted into a military hospital. On May 21, 1970, Juanito succumbed to his wounds.

Juanito was from Agana, Guam and his parents were from the Philippines. He was twenty-five years of age. Juanito's burial

location is currently unknown - possibly Queson City, Philippines. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 10W, Line 74.

May 1970



May 24, 1970 Robert Lee Brock

Operation Texas Star -Thua Thien Province

Robert Lee Brock arrived in Vietnam in March of 1970. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Robert and another Charlie Company soldiers were killed in action on May 24, 1970 when their night defensive position was accidentally hit by an artillery round intended for a NVA/VC position.

Robert was from Montezuma Creek, Utah and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Odessa, Texas. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 10W, Line 89.

May 1970



Panel 10W, Line 90.

May 24, 1970 Terry William Foreman

Operation Texas Star -Thua Thien Province

Terry William Foreman arrived in Vietnam in July of 1969. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Terry and another Charlie Company soldier were killed in action on May 24, 1970 during a combat operation when their night defensive position was accidently hit by an artillery round intended for a NVA/VC position.

Terry was from Fort Madison, Iowa and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Green Lawn Cemetery, Rich Hill, Missouri. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall,

May 1970



May 29, 1970 Jerry Reed Johnson

Operation Texas Star - Quang Tri Province

Jerry Reed Johnson arrived in Vietnam in May of 1970. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. Jerry lost his life on May 29, 1970 due to an unknown cause.

Jerry was from Killen, Alabama and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Atlas Church of Christ Cemetery, Killen, Alabama. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 10W, Line 118.

May 1970



May 30, 1970 Joseph Russle Clinch

Operation Texas Star -Thua Thien Province

Joseph Russle Clinch arrived in Vietnam in October of 1969. He served as a Platoon Leader with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Joseph was killed in action on May 30, 1970 when his night defensive position came under attack during a combat operation.

Joseph was from Chicago, Illinois and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at St Mary's Cemetery, West Peoria, Illinois. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 10W, Line 120.



June 1970

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 9W, Line 12.

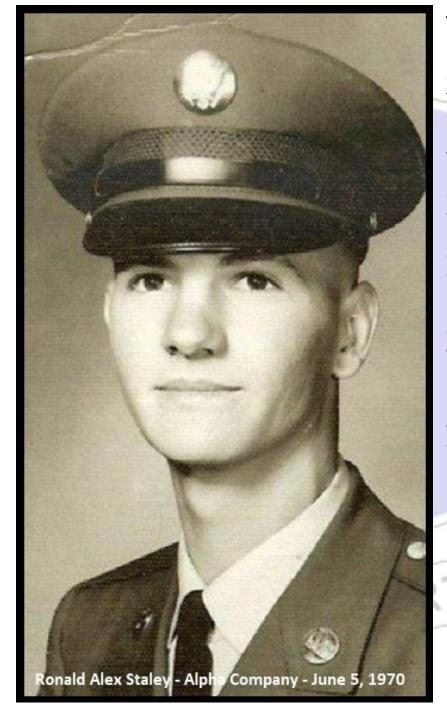
June 5, 1970 Patrick Bryan

Operation Texas Star – Thua Thien Province

CPT Patrick Bryan arrived in Vietnam in January of 1970. He served as Alpha Company Commander in February to April of 1970 and again in May to June 1970. CPT Bryan was killed in action on June 5, 1970 when a booby-trap detonated during a combat operation.

CPT Bryan was from Bari, Italy and was twenty-three years of age. He is buried at Comunale Bari, Via Crispi 251, Bari, Italy. His name is etched on the

June 1970



June 5, 1970 Ronald Alex Staley

Operation Texas Star – Thua Thien Province

Ronald Alex Staley arrived in Vietnam in August of 1969. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. Ronald was killed in action on June 5, 1970 when a booby-trap detonated during a combat operation.

Ronald was from Atlanta, Georgia and was twenty-four years of age. He is buried at Myrtle Hill Cemetery, Hogansville, Georgia. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 9W, Line 17.

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June 1970



June 14, 1970 James Leonard Wood

Operation Texas Star – Thua Thien Province

James Leonard Wood arrived in Vietnam in September of 1969. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. James lost his life on June 14, 1970 due to accidental drowning.

James was from Rock Island, Illinois and was twentythree years of age. He is buried at Rock Island National Cemetery, Rock Island, Illinois. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 9W, Line 55.

June 1970



June 22, 1970 Michael Stephen Bezega

Operation Texas Star – Thua Thien Province

Michael Stephen Bezega arrived in Vietnam in January of 1970. He served with Delta Company, 3/187th. Michael was killed in action on June 22, 1970 when NVA/VC encountered his night defensive position.

Michael was from Rahway, New Jersey and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at St John the Baptist Orthodox

Cemetery, Clark, New Jersey. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 9W, Line 77.

June 1970



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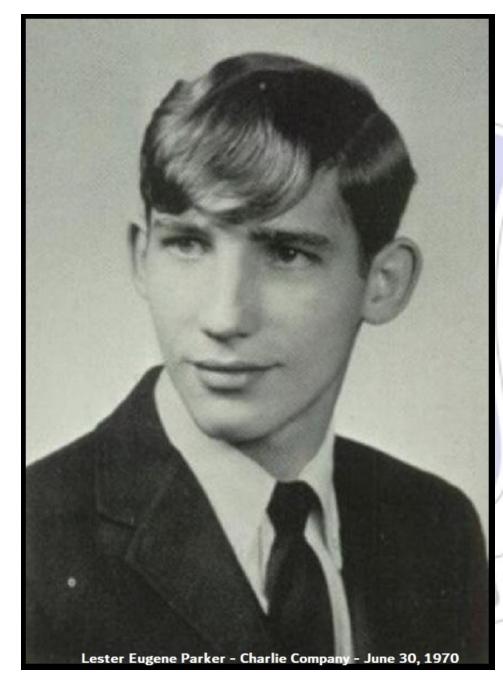
June 28, 1970 Terrell Robert Galbreath

Operation Texas Star – Thua Thien Province

Terrell Robert Galbreath arrived in Vietnam in September of 1969. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Terrell was wounded in action in February of 1970 during a combat operation when a booby-trap detonated. He was medevac'd from the field and admitted to a military hospital. Terrell succumbed to his wounds on June 28, 1970.

Terrell was from Albuquerque, New Mexico and was twentyone years of age. He is buried at Santa Fe National Cemetery, Santa Fe, New Mexico. His name is etched on

June 1970



June 30, 1970 Lester Eugene Parker

Operation Texas Star - Quang Tri Province

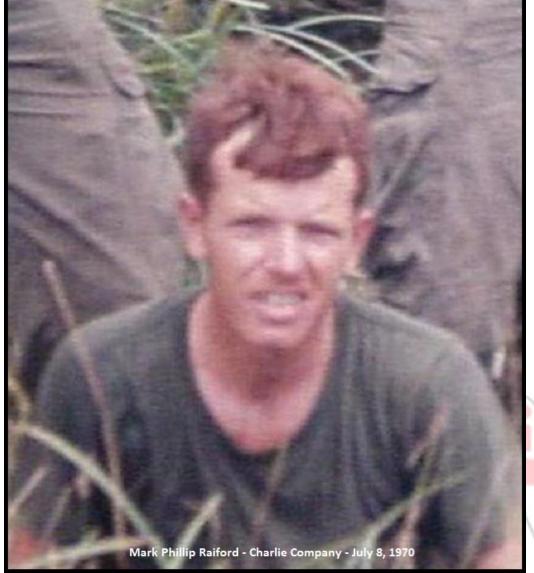
Lester Eugene Parker arrived in Vietnam on March 4, 1970. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. On June 30, 1970, Lester was killed in action on a combat operation due to booby-trap.

Lester was from Urbana, Ohio and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Union Chapel Cemetery, Urbana, Ohio. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel W9, Line 106.





July 1970



July 8, 1970 Mark Phillip Raiford

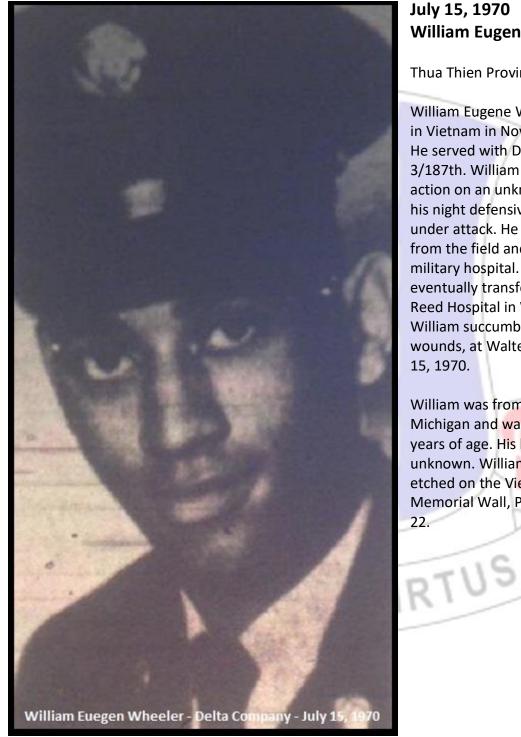
Operation Texas Star – Thua Thien Province

Mark Phillip Raiford arrived in Vietnam in December of 1969. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Mark was wounded in action on an unknown date due to a booby-trap. He was admitted to a

military hospital where he succumbed to his wounds on July 8, 1970.

Mark was from Huntsville, Alabama and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Alabama. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 9W, Line 132.

July 1970



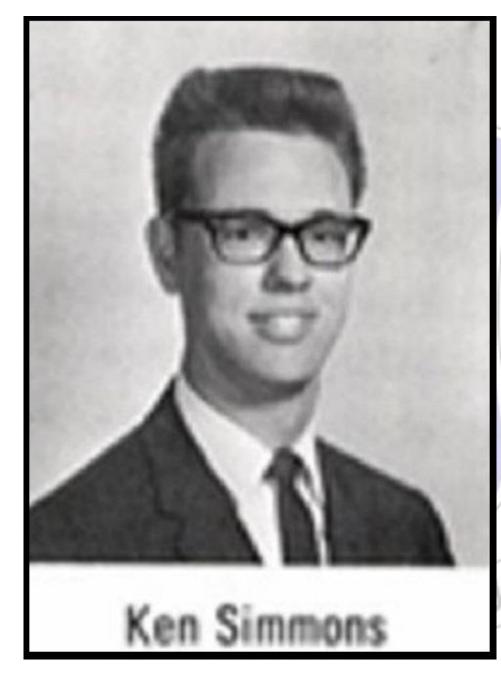
July 15, 1970 **William Eugene Wheeler**

Thua Thien Province

William Eugene Wheeler arrived in Vietnam in November of 1969. He served with Delta Company, 3/187th. William was wounded in action on an unknown date when his night defensive position came under attack. He was medevac'd from the field and admitted to a military hospital. He was eventually transferred to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. William succumbed to his wounds, at Walter Reed, on July 15, 1970.

William was from Detroit, Michigan and was twenty-two years of age. His burial location is unknown. William's name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 8W, Line 22.

July 1970



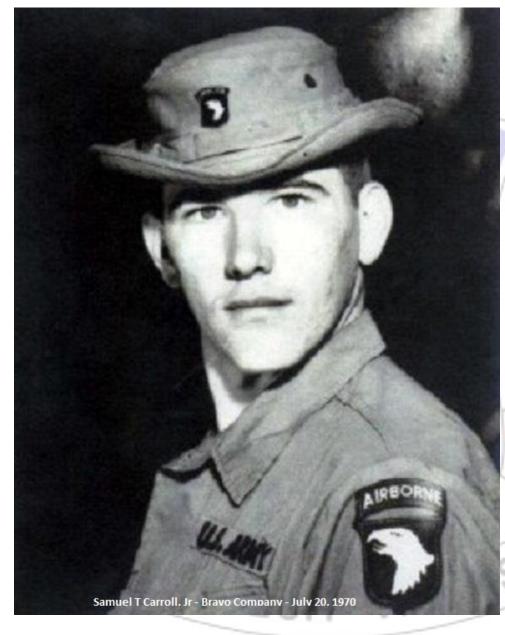
July 18, 1970 Kenneth Jerome Simmons

Operation Texas Star - Thua Thien Province

Kenneth Jerome Simmons arrived in Vietnam in December of 1969. He served as a HHC Medic. Kenneth was killed in action on July 18, 1970 during a combat operation as he was leaving a night defensive position.

Kenneth was from Muskegon, Michigan and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Mona View Cemetery, Muskegon Heights, Michigan. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 8W, Line 30.

July 1970



July 20, 1970 Samuel T Carroll

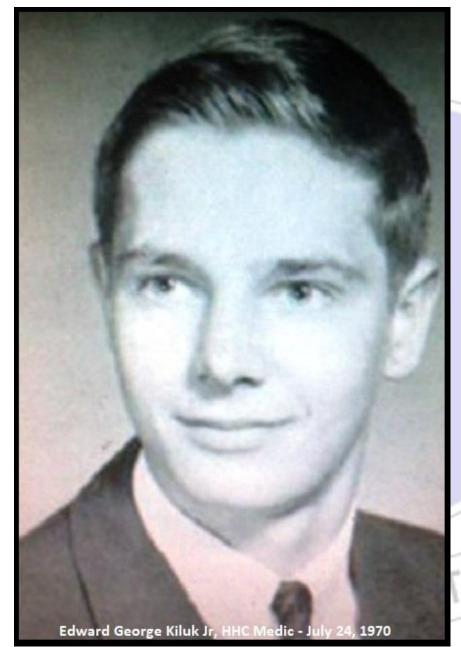
Operation Texas Star - Thua Thien Province

Samuel T Carroll, Jr arrived in Vietnam in October of 1969. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Samuel was killed in action on July 20, 1970 when a booby-trap detonated during a combat operation.

Samuel was from Drexel, North Carolina and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Carroway Cemetery, Yancey County, North Carolina. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall,

Panel 8W, Line 35.

July 1970



July 24, 1970 Edward George Kiluk Jr

Operation Texas Star -Thua Thien Province

Edward George Kiluk, Jr arrived in Vietnam in June of 1970. He served as a HHC Medic. Edward lost his life on July 24, 1970 due to an accident at a supply point where supplies were being dropped.

Edward was from Pelham, New Hampshire and was twenty-one years of age, He is buried at Gibson Cemetery, Pelham, New Hampshire. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 8W, Line 49.

July 1970



July 27, 1970 Joseph Robert Nehl

Operation Texas Star - Thua Thien Province

Joseph Robert Nehl arrived in Vietnam in March of 1970. He served with Echo Company, 3/187th. Joseph was wounded in action on an unknown date during a combat operation when leaving a night defensive position. He was medevac'd from the field and admitted to a military hospital. Joseph succumbed to his

wounds on July 27, 1970.

Joseph was from Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Hoyt Lakes Memorial cemetery, Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 8W, Line 60.

July 1970



the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 8W, Line 65.

July 29, 1970 Roger James Carr

Operation Texas Star -Thua Thien Province

Roger James Carr arrived in Vietnam in January of 1970. He served as a HHC Medic, 3/187th. Roger was wounded in action on an unknown date when leaving a night defensive position during a combat operation. He was medevac'd from the field and admitted to a military hospital. Roger succumbed to his wounds on July 29, 1970.

Roger was from Fullerton, California and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Loma Vista Memorial Park, Fullerton, California. His name is etched on

July 1970



July 31, 1970 Andrew George Hawthorne

Operation Texas Star -Thua Thien Province

Andrew George Hawthorne arrived in Vietnam in April of 1970. He served with Delta Company, 3/187th. Andrew lost his life on July 31, 1970 during a combat operation when he drowned on a river crossing.

Andrew was from Fairhope, Alabama and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Friendship AME Church Cemetery, Daphne, Alabama. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 8W, Line 72.





August 1970



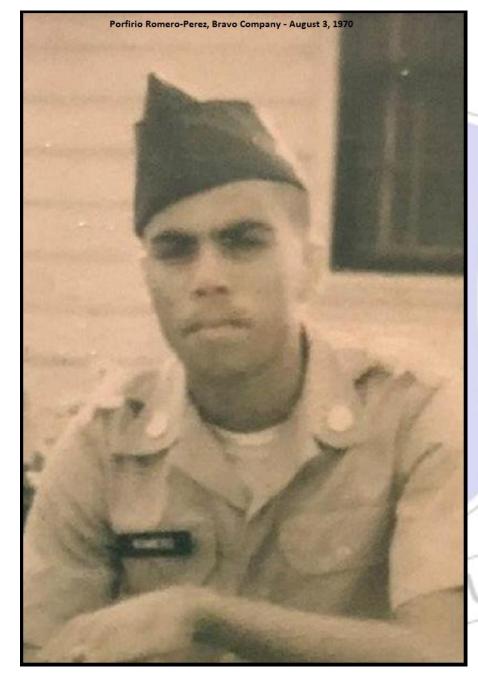
August 3, 1970 Kirk Leslie Rauch

Operation Texas Star – Thua Thien Province

Kirk Leslie Rauch arrived in Vietnam in March of 1970. Kirk Served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Kirk and another Bravo Company soldier lost their lives on August 3, 1970 due to a "weapons/ explosive device" accident.

Kirk was from Vista, California and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Eternal Hills Memorial Park, Oceanside, California. his name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 8W, Line 80.

August 1970



August 3, 1970 Porfirio Romero-Perez

Operation Texas Star – Thua Thien Province

Porfirio Romero-Perez arrived in Vietnam in June of 1970. He served with Bravo Company. Porfirio and another Bravo Company soldier lost their lives on August 3, 1970 due to a weapons/explosive device accident.

Porfirio was from Salinas, Puerto Rico and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Cementario Municipal De Salinas, Salinas, Puerto Rico. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Panel 8W, Line 80.

August 1970



August 8, 1970 Carroll Edward Paymer Jr

Operation Texas Star – Thua Thien Province

Carroll Edward Raymer, Jr arrived in Vietnam in January of 1970. He served with 1st Platoon of Delta Company, 3/187th. Carroll was killed in action on August 8, 1970 due to a booby-trap detonating during a combat operation.

Carroll was from Otisco, Indiana and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans

Memorial Wall, Panel 8W, Line 94.

August 1970



August 10, 1970 Kenneth Jay Sorensen

Operation Texas Star – Thua Thien province

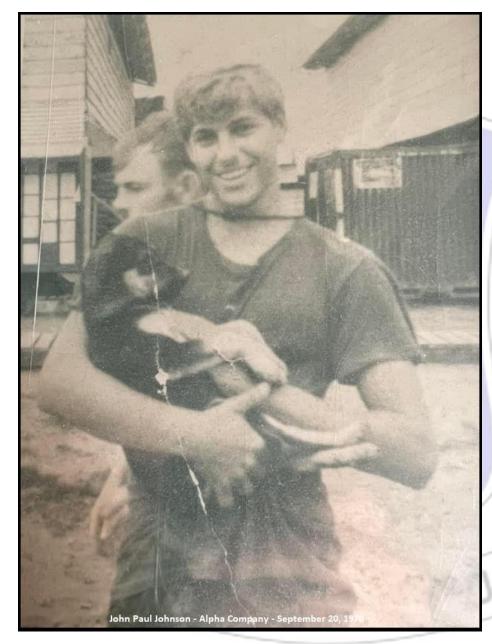
Kenneth Jay Sorensen arrived in Vietnam in January of 1970. He served as a HHC Medic. Kenneth was wounded in action on an unknown date due to a booby-trap detonating during a combat operation. He was medevac'd from the field and admitted to a military hospital. Kenneth succumbed to his wounds on August 10, 1970.

Kenneth was from Lehi, Utah and was twentyone years of age. He is buried at Redmond Cemetery, Redmon, Utah. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 8W, Line 101.





September 1970



September 20, 1968 John Paul Johnson

Operation Jefferson Glen – Thua Thien Province

John Paul Johnson arrived in Vietnam in February of 1970. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. John lost his life on September 20, 1970 when an Alpha Company position in the field was struck by lightning.

Jon was from Bellevue, Nebraska and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Bellevue Cemetery, Bellevue, Nebraska. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 7W, Line 78.

September 1970



September 24, 1970 Larry David Hicks

Operation Jefferson Glen – Thua Thien Province

Larry David Hicks arrived in Vietnam in March of 1970. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Larry was wounded in action on an unknown date when his night defensive position came under attack during a combat operation. Larry was medevac'd from the field and admitted to a military hospital where he succumbed to his wounds on September 24, 1970.

Larry was from St Ann, Missouri and was twentytwo years of age. He is buried at Graceland Cemetery, Decatur, Illinois. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 7W, Line 87.





October 1970



October 15, 1970 John Stephen Fako

Operation Jefferson Glen – Thua Thien province

John Stephen Fako arrived in Vietnam in January of 1970. He served with Delta Company, 3/187th. John was killed in action on October 15, 1970 due to a boobytrap that detonated shortly after he exited an air craft.

John was from New York, New York and was twenty years of

age. His burial location is currently not listed in the Coffelt Database. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 6W, Line 3.



November 1970



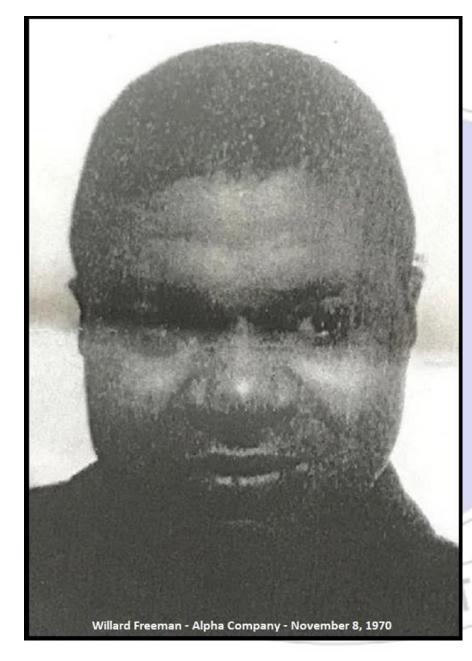
November 7, 1970 Andrew Starrett Pierce

Operation Jefferson Glen – Quang Tri Province

Andrew Starrett Pierce Jr arrived in Vietnam in July of 1970. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. Andrew was killed in action on November 7, 1970, during a combat operation when his night defensive position came under a rocket attack.

Andrew was from Alderson, West Virginia and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 6W, Line 44.

November 1970



November 8, 1970 Willard Freeman

Operation Jefferson Glen – Thua Thien

Willard Freeman arrived in Vietnam in September of 1970. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. Willard lost his life on November 8, 1970 due to an accident.

Willard was from New York, New York. He is buried at Long Island National Cemetery, New York. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 6W, Line 46.

November 1970



November 16, 1970 John Marshall Roe

Operation Jefferson Glen – Thua Thien Province

John Marshall Roe arrived in Vietnam in August of 1970. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. John was killed in action on November 16, 1970 during a combat operation.

John was from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, Cudahy, Wisconsin. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 6W, Line 64.

November 1970



November 18, 1970 Robert Henerson Wilson Jr

Operation Jefferson Glen – Thua Thien Province

Robert Henerson Wilson Jr arrived in Vietnam in June of 1970. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Robert was wounded in action on an unknown date during a combat operation. He was medevac'd from the field and admitted to a military hospital. Robert succumbed to his wounds on November 18, 1970.

Robert was from St. Louis, Missouri and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 6W, Line 70.

November 1970



November 25, 1970 Charles Raymond Hamilton

Operation Jefferson Glen – Thus Thien Province

Charles Raymond Hamilton arrived in Vietnam in August of 1970. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Charles lost his life on November 25, 1970 when he was struck by a falling tree while helping clearing a landing zone.

Charles was from Chicago, Illinois and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Burr Oak Cemetery, Alsip, Illinois. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 6W, Line 83.

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