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1969

In memory of the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Rakkasans who
lost their lives in the Republic of Vietnam.

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January 1969



Richard John Borovick - Alpha Company - January 2, 1969

January 2, 1969
Richard John
Borovick

Thua Thien Province –
Fire Support Base
Helen

Richard John Borovick arrived in Vietnam in August of 1968. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. Richard lost his life on January 2, 1969 on the helipad on Fire Support Base Helen when he accidentally walked into a helicopter rotor blade.

Richard was from South Boston, Massachusetts and was twenty-three years of age. He is buried at New Cavalry Cemetery, Mattapan, Massachusetts. His name is etched on the Vietnam Memorial Wall, Panel 35W, Line 019.



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February 1969



Clarence Joseph Babin, Jr - Delta Company - February 25, 1969

February 25, 1969
Clarence Joseph
Babin Jr

Operation Spokane
Rapids – Thua Thien
Province

Clarence Joseph Babin Jr. arrived in Vietnam in October of 1968. He served with Delta Company, 3/187th. Clarence was killed in action on February 26, 1969 while walking point during a combat operation.

Clarence was from Marrero, Louisiana and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Westlawn Memorial Park, Gretna, Louisiana. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 31W, Line 42.

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February 1969



**February 26,
1969**
Alfredo Rivera

Operation
Spokane Rapids
– Thua Thien
Province

Alfredo Rivera arrived in Vietnam in August of 1968. He served with Charlie Company 3/187th. Alfredo was killed in action on February 26, 1969 during a combat operation.

Alfredo was from El Paso, TX and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Fort Bliss National

Cemetery, El Paso, TX. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 31W, Line 72.

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March 1969



March 28, 1969
Thomas Michael

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Massachusetts Striker - Thua
Thien Province – Fire Support
Base Jack - March 28, 1969

Thomas Michael arrived in Vietnam in August of 1968. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. Thomas was wounded in action on March 27, 1969 during the NVA assault on Fire Support Base Jack. He was medevac'd and admitted to a military hospital where he succumbed to his wounds on March 28, 1969.

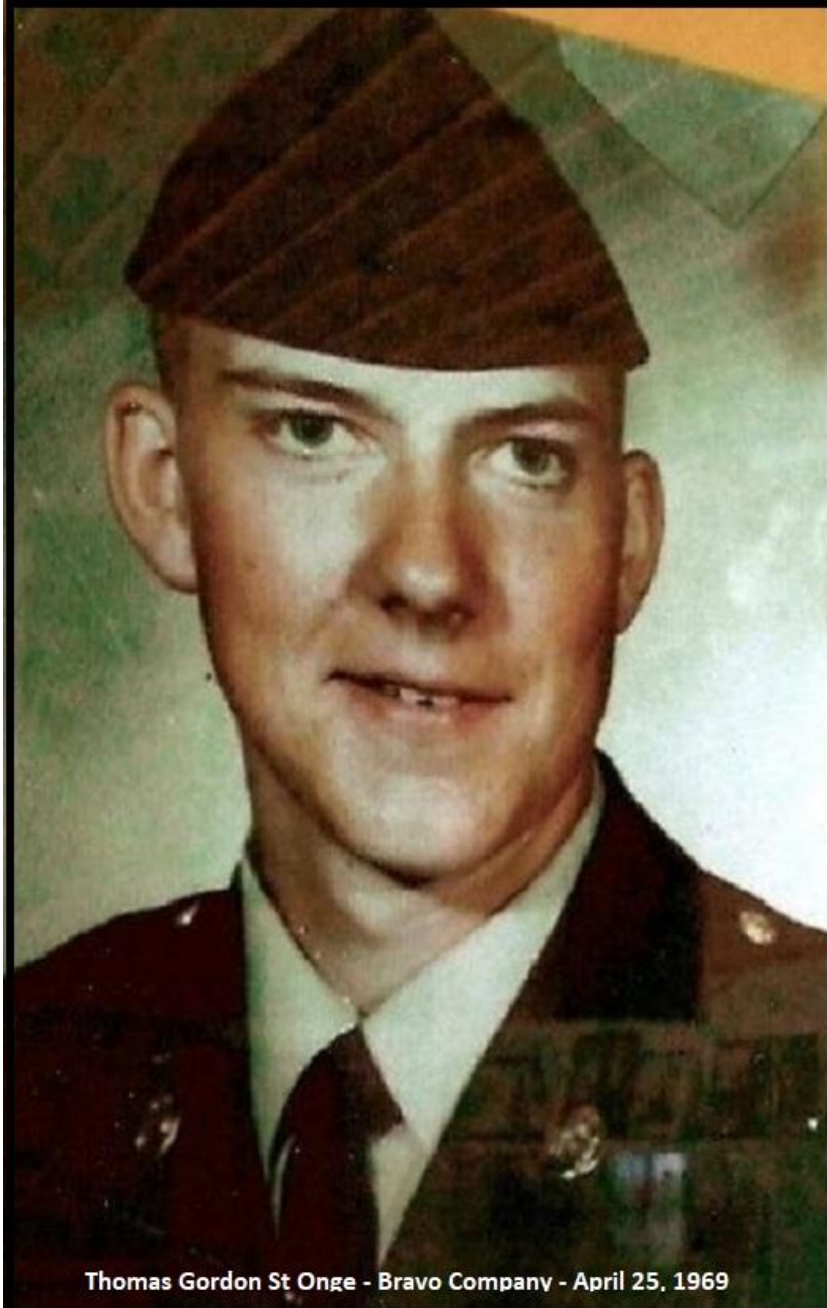
Thomas was from Dover, New Hampshire and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Pine Hill Cemetery, Dover New Hampshire. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 28W, Line 72.

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April 1969



April 25, 1969

Thomas Gordon St Onge

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Massachusetts Striker - Thua
Thien Province - Dong Ngai in
the A Shau Valley

Thomas Gordon St Onge
arrived in Vietnam in
November of 1968. He
served with Bravo Company,
3/187th. Thomas was killed
in action on April 25, 1969,
during a combat operation
when the helicopter he was
in was hit by a RPG and
crashed.

Thomas was from
Hermansville, Michigan and
was twenty years of age. He
is buried at Meyer Township
Cemetery, Menominee,
Michigan. His name is etched
on the Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel 35W,
Line 51.

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April 26, 1969
Seth Earl Randolph

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Massachusetts
Striker - Thua Thien
Province - Dong Ngai in
the A Shau Valley

Seth Earl Randolph
arrived in Vietnam in
January of 1969. He
served with Alpha
Company, 3/187th.
Seth was killed in
action on April 26,
1969 during a combat
operation on Dong
Ngai in the A Shau
Valley.

Seth was from
Houston, Texas and
was twenty-one years
of age. He is buried at
El Pleasant Cemetery,
Wallis, Texas. His name
is etched on the
Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel
26W, Line 56.

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April 1969

During the assault on Dong Ngai in April of 1969, several helicopters crashed and the aviation units suffered losses to include three killed in action.

April 25, 1969

CPT David Warren Watson – Rotary Wing Aviation Unit Commander, Alpha Company, 158th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 160th Aviation Group, 101st Airborne Division – Helicopter Crash

April 26, 1969

Elton Lloyd Searcy – Alpha Company, 158th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 160th Aviation Group, 101st Airborne Division – Helicopter crash on the 25th, survived but was killed in action on the 26th due to attack on 3/187th positions.

James R Dorsey Jr – Bravo Company, 158th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 160th Aviation Group, 101st Airborne Division - Helicopter Crash.



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May 2, 1969
Rolland Keith Fry

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Massachusetts
Striker

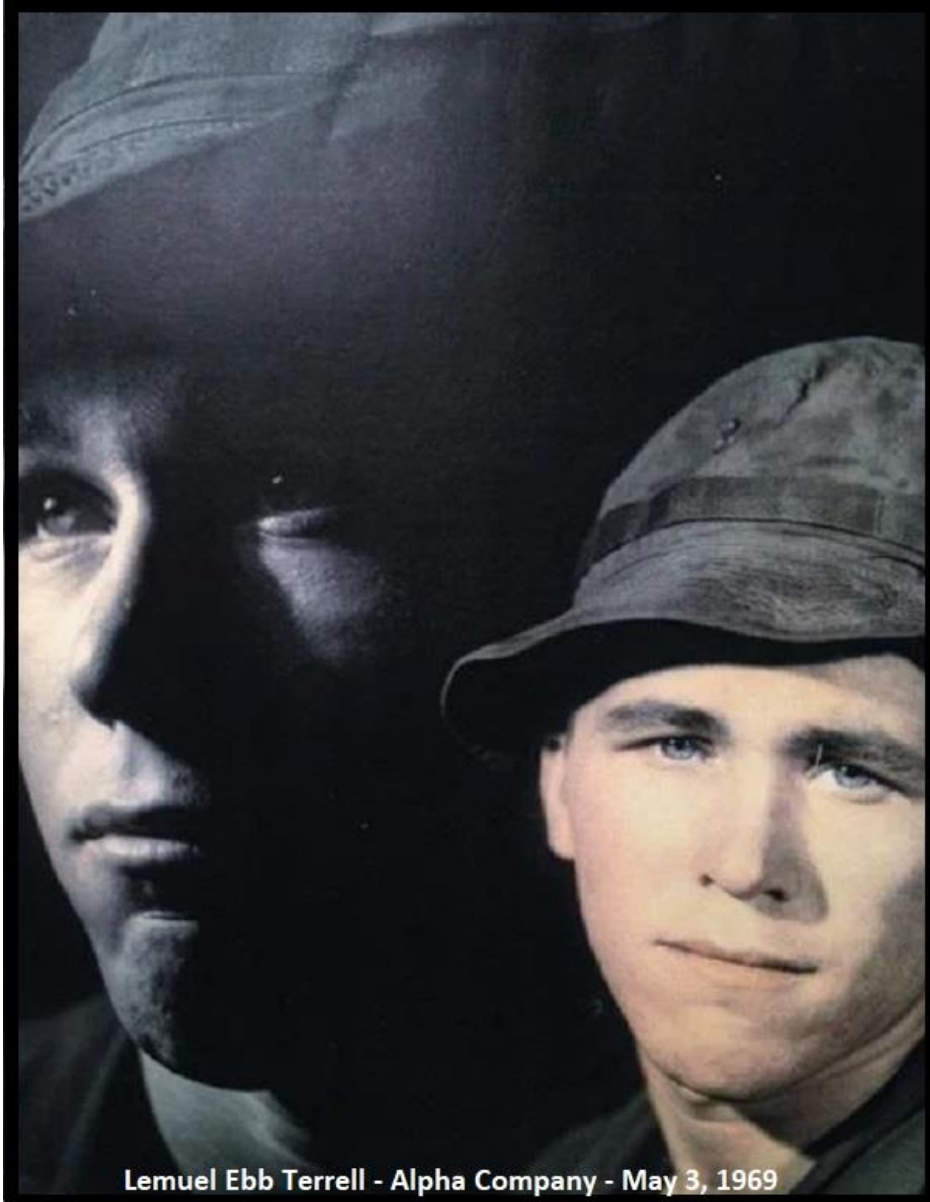
Rolland Keith Fry arrived in Vietnam in November of 1968. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. Rolland was killed in action on May 2, 1969 during a combat operation on Dong Ngai near FSB Airborne. Alpha Company was on patrol when the lead platoon came under fire. Rolland Fry returned fire and was wounded by a RPG. Rolland continued to return fire when he was mortally wounded by a second RPG

explosion.

Rolland was from Hutchinson, Kansas and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Memorial Park Cemetery, Hutchinson, Kansas. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 26W, Line 99.

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Lemuel Ebb Terrell - Alpha Company - May 3, 1969

May 3, 1969
Lemuel Ebb Terrell

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Massachusetts Striker

Lemuel Ebb Terrell arrived in Vietnam in August of 1968. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. Lemuel was killed in action on May 3, 1969 during a combat operation on Dong Ngai near FSB Airborne. Elements of Alpha Company were on patrol when Lemuel spotted an NVA position to his front. Lemuel was able to warn other members of his platoon and engage the NVA. Lemuel was hit by automatic weapons fire.

Lemuel was from Purvis, Mississippi and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Grantham Cemetery, Lamar County, Mississippi. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 26W, Line 109.

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May 4, 1969
Walter Samuel
Hathaway

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Massachusetts Striker

Walter Samuel
Hathaway arrived in
Vietnam in April of 1969.
He served with Delta
Company, 3/187th.
Walter was killed in
action May 4, 1969
during a combat
operation when a
booby-trap detonated.

Walter was from New
Smyrna Beach, Florida
and was twenty years of
age. He is buried at
Edgewater New Smyrna
Cemetery, Edgewater,
Florida. His name is
etched on the Vietnam
Veterans Memorial Wall,
Panel 26W, Line 111.

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May 11, 1969
Bruce Andrew
Gourlay

Operation
Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow -
Dong Ap Bia

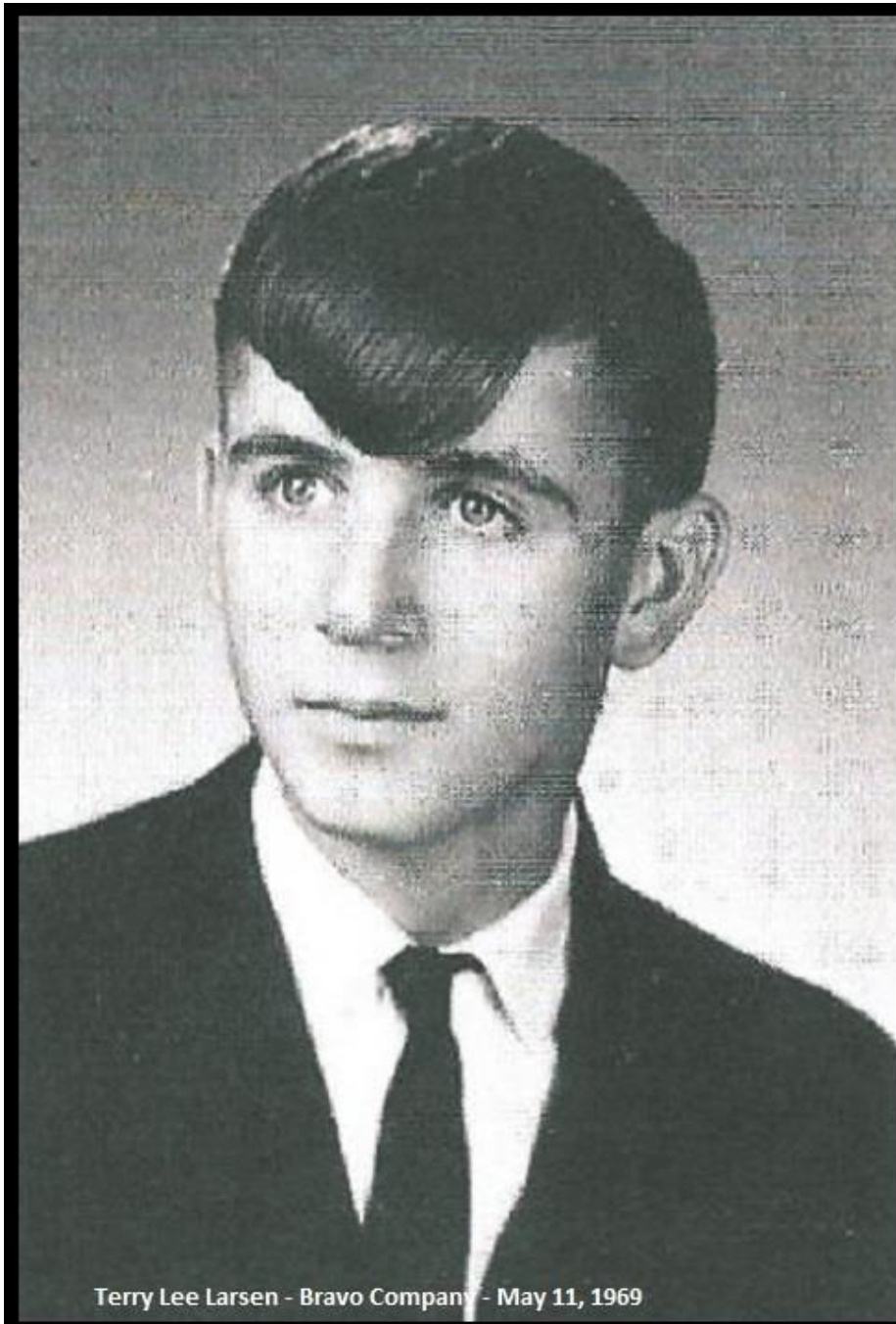
Bruce Andrew
Gourlay arrived in
Vietnam in July
of 1968. He served
with Echo
Company,
3/187th. Bruce
was killed in
action on May 11,
1969 on a combat
operation during
the battle of Dong
Ap Bia/Hamburger
Hill.

Bruce was from
Gary, Indiana and
was twenty-one
years of age. He is
buried at Calumet
Park Cemetery,
Merrillville,

Indiana. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 25W, Line 47.

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May 11, 1969
Terry Lee Larsen

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

Terry Lee Larsen
arrived in Vietnam in
September of 1969.
He served with Bravo
Company, 3/187th.
Terry was killed in
action on May 11,
1969 on a combat
operation during the
battle of Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Terry was from
Rockford, Illinois and
was twenty years of
age. He is buried at
Arlington Memorial
Park, Rockford, ILL. His
name is etched on the
Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel
25W, Line 50.

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John Edward McCarrell - Bravo Company - May 11, 1969

May 11, 1969
John Edward
Mc Carrell

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

John Edward
Mc Carrell arrived in
Vietnam in October
of 1968. He served
with Bravo
Company, 3/187th.
John was killed in
action on May 11,
1969 on a combat
operation during the
battle of Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

John was from
Loudon, Tennessee
and was twenty-one
years of age. He is
buried at Lakeview
Cemetery, Lenoir
City, Tennessee. His
name is etched on

the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 25W, Line 52.

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Aaron Lieb Rosenstreich - Bravo Company - May 11, 1969

May 11, 1969
Aaron Lieb
Rosenstreich

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow -
Dong Ap Bia

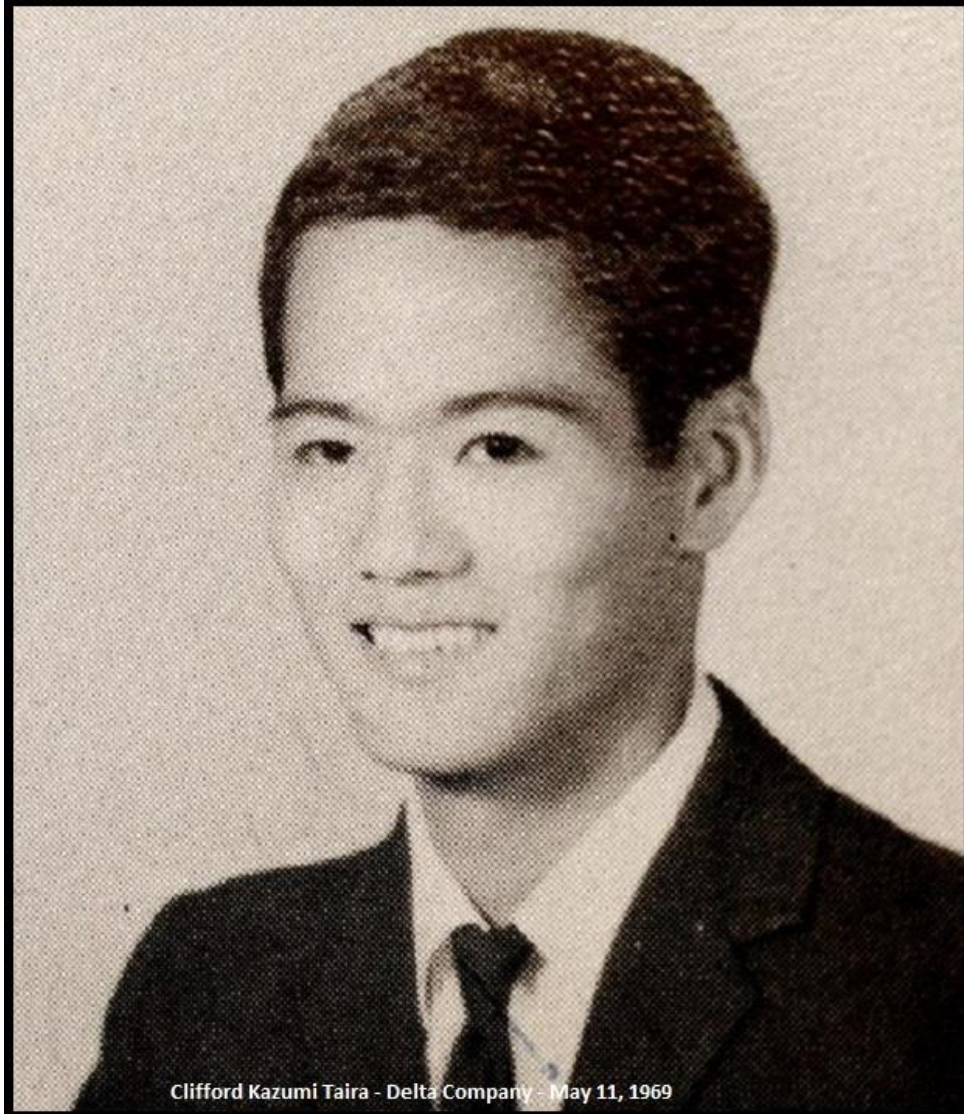
Aaron Lieb
Rosenstreich
arrived in Vietnam
in October of 1968.
He served with
Bravo Company,
3/187th. Aaron was
killed in action on
May 11, 1969 on a
combat operation
during the battle of
Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Aaron was from
Norwich,
Connecticut and
was twenty-six
years of age. He is
buried at Brothers
of Joseph

Cemetery, Preston, Connecticut. His name is etched in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 25W, Line 54.

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Clifford Kazumi Taira - Delta Company - May 11, 1969

May 11, 1969
Clifford Kazumi
Taira

Operation
Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow -
Dong Ap Bia

Clifford Kazumi
Taira arrived in
Vietnam in April of
1969. He served
with Delta
Company, 3/187th.
Clifford was killed
in action on May
11, 1969 when his
unit's position
came under attack
and he was hit by
friendly gunship
fire.

Clifford was from
Honolulu, Hawaii

and was twenty years of age. He is buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Hawaii. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 25W, Line 56

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May 13, 1969
Galen Charles Brown

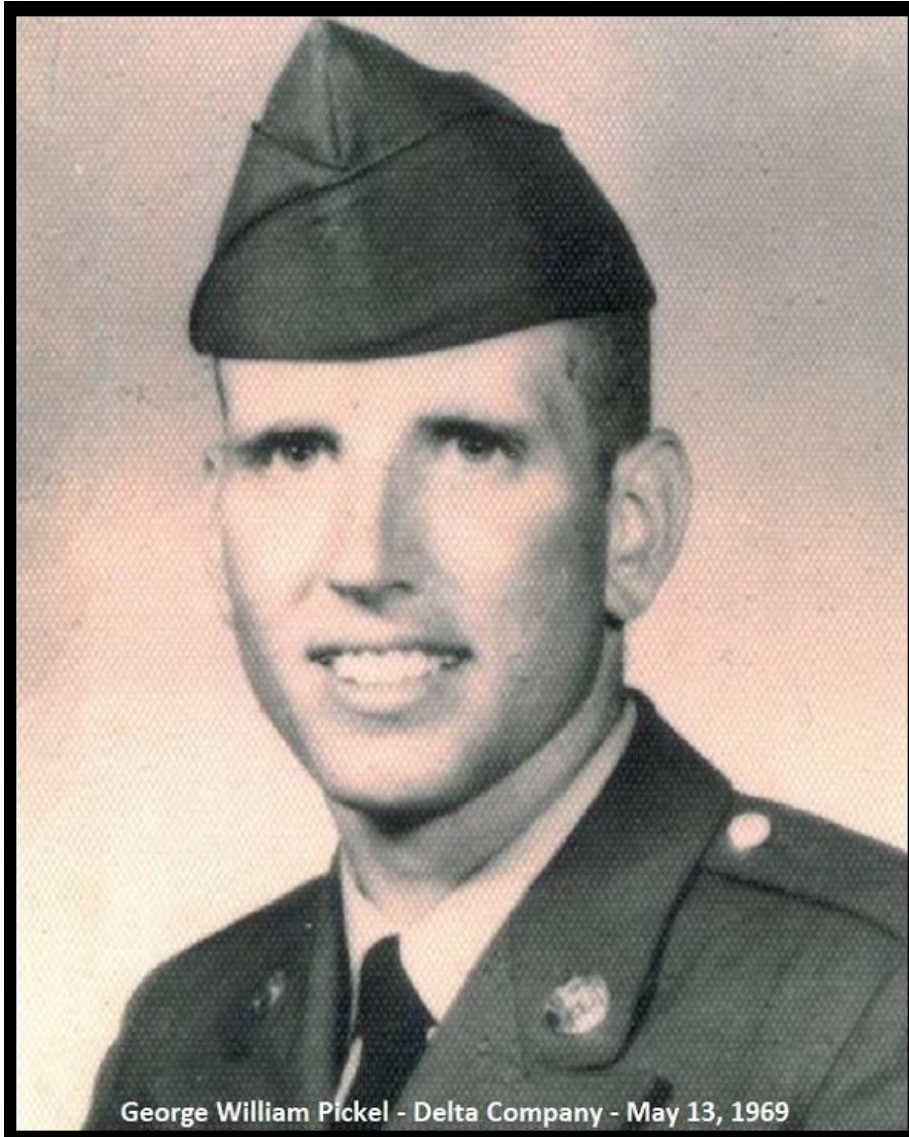
Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation Apache
Snow - Dong Ap Bia

Galen Charles Brown arrived in Vietnam in January of 1969. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Galen was killed in action on May 13, 1969 during the assault on Dong Ap Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Galen was from Cassville, Missouri and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Clio Cemetery, Jenkins, Missouri. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 25W, Line 96.

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May 13, 1969
George William
Pickel

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

George William Pickel arrived in Vietnam in January of 1969. He served with Delta Company, 3rd Platoon, 3/187th. George was killed in action on May 13, 1969 during the assault on Dong Ap Bia when a dust-off/medical evacuation helicopter was shot down.

George was from Astoria, New York and was twenty-two years

of age. His burial location is currently unknown. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund - Wall of Faces, Panel 25W, Line 109.

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May 13, 1969
William Val
Springfield

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation Apache
Snow - Dong Ap Bia

William Val Springfield arrived in Vietnam in September of 1968. He served with Delta Company, 3rd Platoon, 3/187th. William was killed in action on May 13, 1969 during the assault on Dong Ap Bia/Hamburger Hill when a dust-off/medical evacuation helicopter was shot down.

William was from Elyria, Ohio and was twenty-seven years of age. He is buried at Brookdale Cemetery, Elyria, Ohio. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 25W, Line 111.

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May 13, 1969
Terry Arthur
Wender

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

Terry Arthur Wender
arrived in Vietnam in
January of 1969. He
served with Charlie
Company, 3/187th.
Terry was killed in
action on May 13,
1969 during the
assault on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Terry was from Iron
Mountain, Michigan
and was nineteen
years of age. He is
buried at Quinnsesecc
Cemetery,
Dickenson County,
Michigan. His name
is etched on the
Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall,
Panel 25W, Line 113.

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May 13, 1969
Myles Dalen
Westman

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

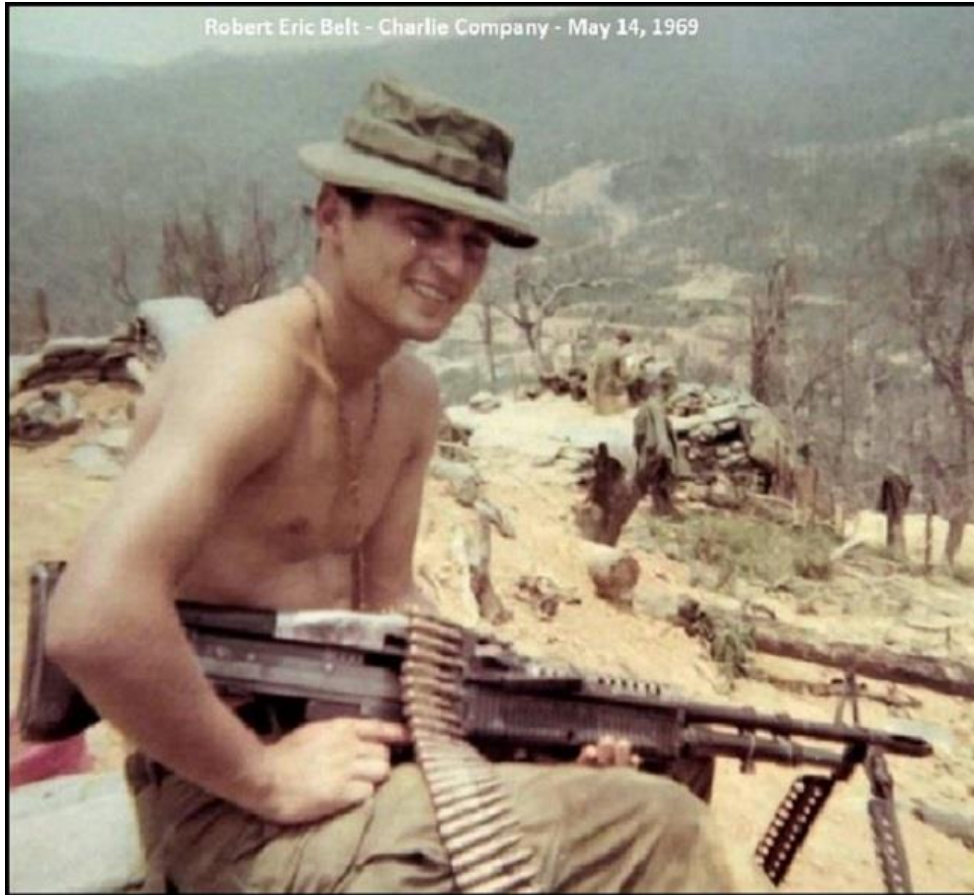
Myles Dalen
Westman arrived in
Vietnam in January
of 1969. He served
with Bravo
Company, 1st
Platoon, 3/187th.
Myles was killed in
action on May 13,
1969 during the
assault on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Myles was from
Newfolden,
Minnesota and was
nineteen years of
age. He is buried at
Salem Cemetery,
Thief River Falls,
Minnesota. His
name is etched on

the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 25W, Line 114.

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May 14, 1969

Robert Eric Belt

Operation
Kentucky Jumper/
Operation Apache
Snow - Dong Ap
Bia

Robert Eric Belt arrived in Vietnam in November of 1968. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Robert was killed in action on May 14, 1969 during the assault on Dong Ap

Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Robert was from Houston, Texas and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Forest Park, Westheimer Cemetery, Houston, Texas. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 24W, Line 2.

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Edward Allen Brooks - Alpha Company - May 20, 1969

May 14, 1969
Edward Allen
Brooks

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

Edward Allen Brooks arrived in Vietnam in November of 1968. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. Edward was wounded in action on May 14, 1969 during the assault on Dong Ap Bia/Hamburger Hill when his position was hit by friendly air support fire. He was evacuated from the field and taken to a military hospital where he succumbed to his wounds on May 20, 1969.

Edward was from Springfield, Missouri and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Hazelwood, Cemetery, Springfield, Missouri. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 25W, Line 58.

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May 14, 1969
Leonard Baldomir
Castillo

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

Leonard Baldomir
Castillo arrived in
Vietnam in April of
1969. He served with
Charlie Company, 1st
Platoon, 3/187th. He
was killed in action
on May 14, 1969
during the assault on
Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Leonard was from
Honolulu, Hawaii and
was twenty-one
years of age. He is
buried at Mililani
Memorial Park,
Waipahu, Hawaii. His
name is etched on
the Vietnam
Veterans Memorial

Wall, Panel 24W, Line 2.

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May 14, 1969
Willie James
Chapman

Operation
Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow -
Dong Ap Bia

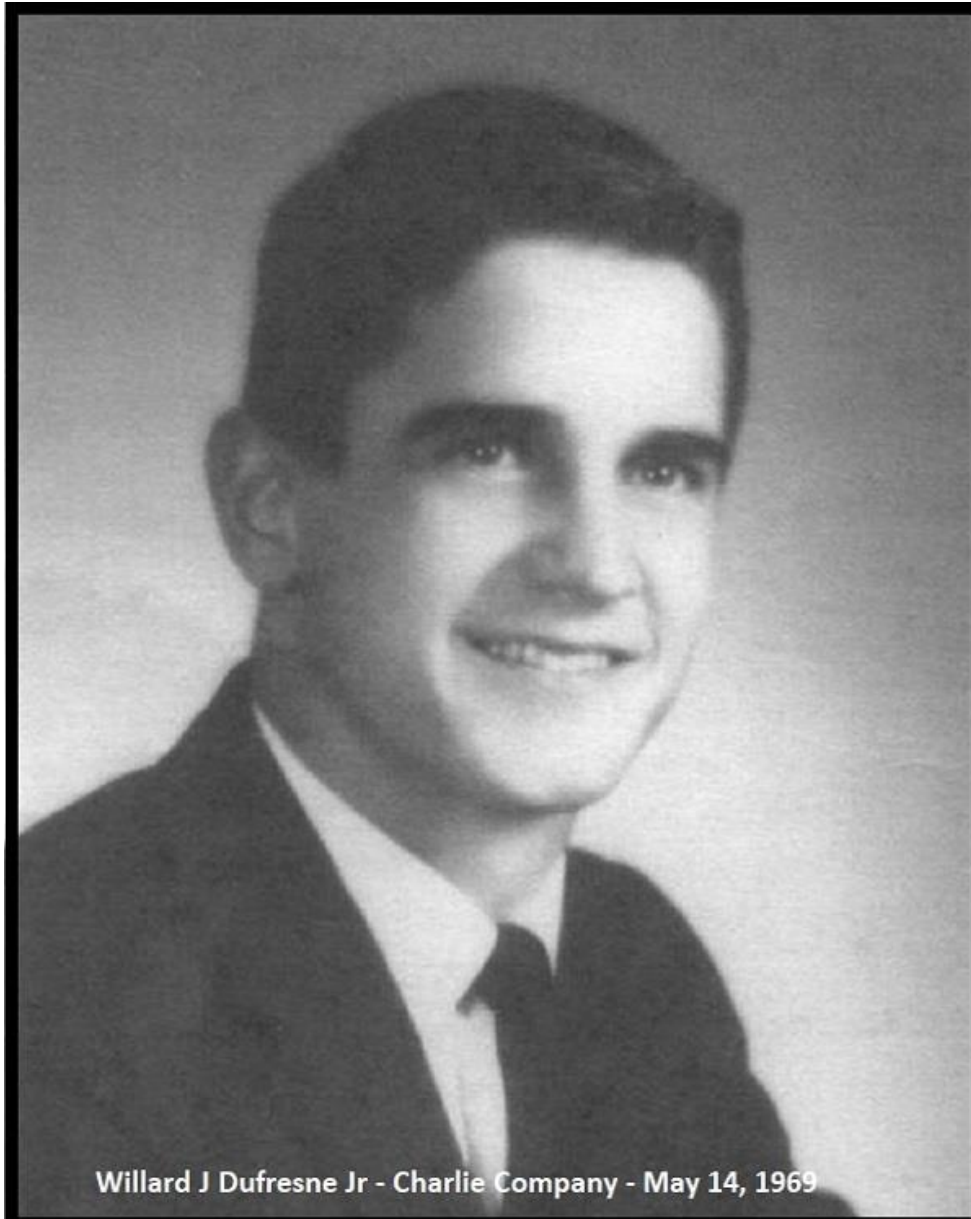
Willie James
Chapman arrived in
Vietnam in
September of 1968.
He served with
Charlie Company,
3/187th. Willie was
killed in action on
May 14, 1969
during the assault
on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Willie was from
Jackson, Alabama
and was twenty
years of age. He is
buried at Berrys
Chapel AME Zion
Church, Winn,
Alabama. His name
is etched on the
Vietnam Veterans

Memorial Wall - Panel 25W, Line 3.

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May 14, 1969
Willard J
Dufresne

Operation
Kentucky Jumper/
Operation Apache
Snow - Dong Ap
Bia

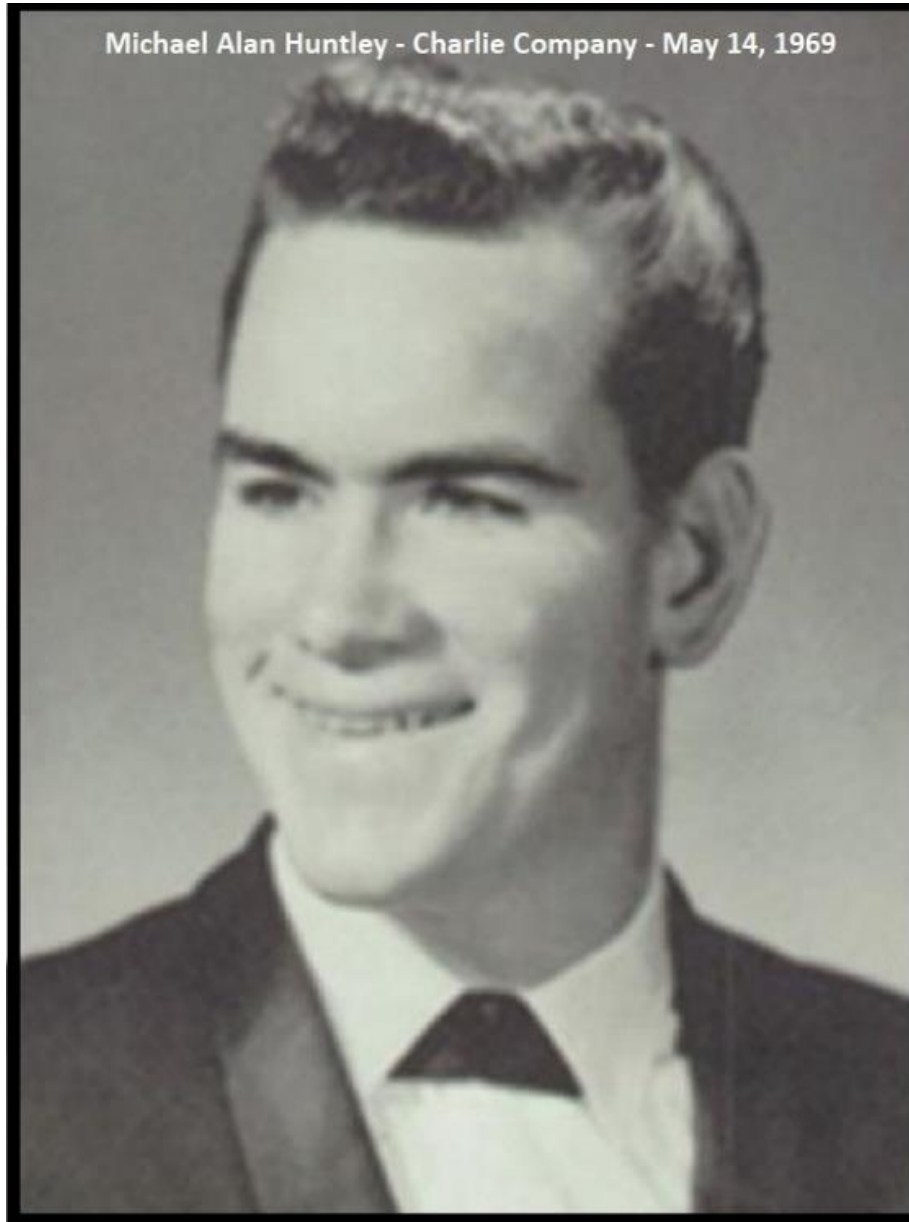
Willard J Dufresne
Jr arrived in
Vietnam in March
of 1969. He served
with Charlie
Company,
3/187th. Willard
was killed in action
on May 14, 1969
during the assault
on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger
Hill.

Willard was from
Hutchinson,
Minnesota and
was twenty-two
years of age. He is
buried at St
Anastasia

Cemetery, Hutchinson, Minnesota. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 24W, Line 4.

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May 14, 1969

**Michael Alan
Huntley**

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

Michael Alan Huntley
arrived in Vietnam in
November of 1968. He
served with Charlie
Company, 3/187th.
Michael was killed in
action on May 14, 1969
during the assault on
Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Michael was from San
Diego, California and
was twenty-one years
of age. His is buried at
El Camino Memorial
Park, San Diego,
California. His name is
etched on the Vietnam
Veterans Memorial
Wall, Panel 24W, Line
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May 14, 1969
William Lewis
McGowan

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

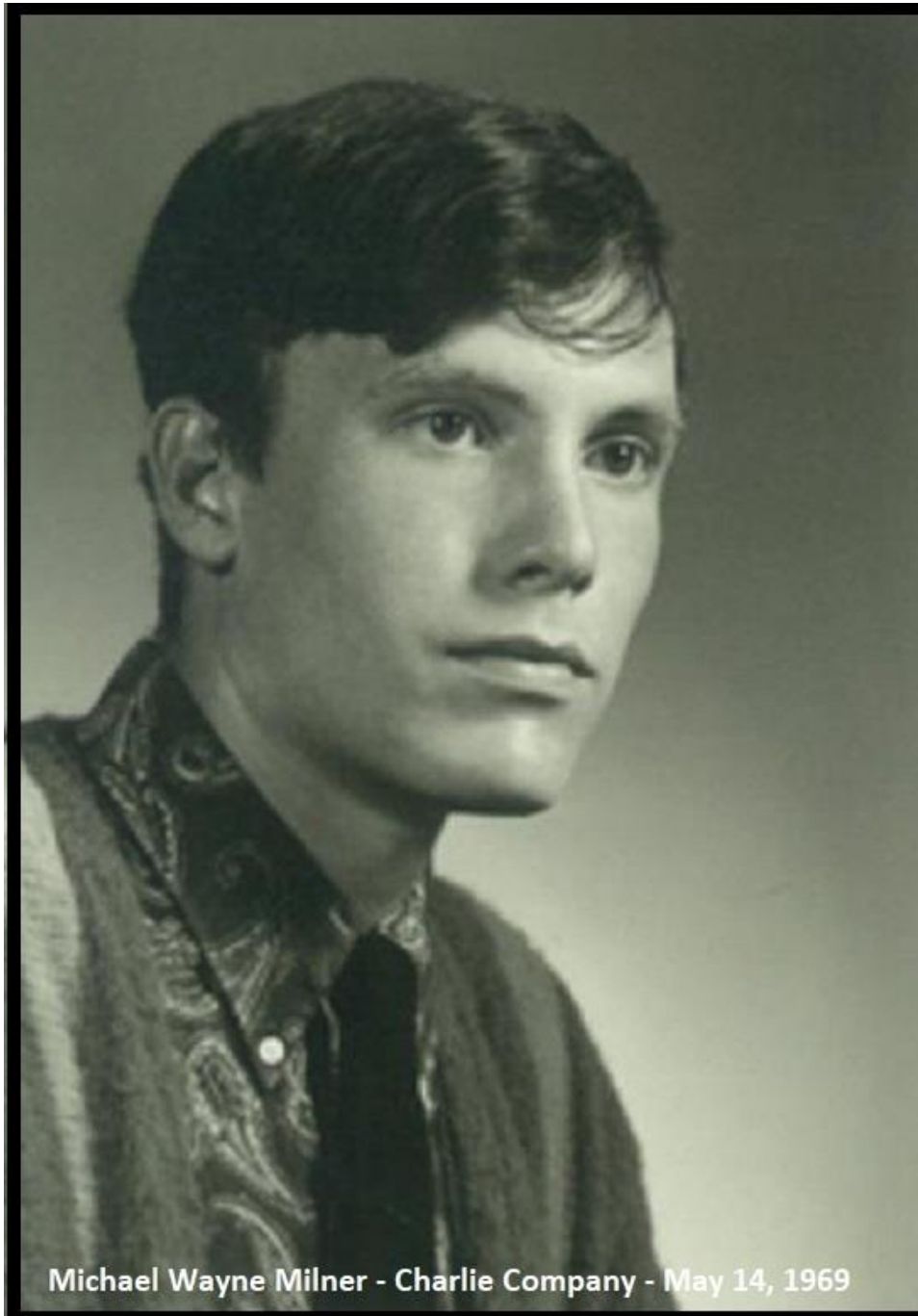
William Lewis
McGowan arrived in
Vietnam in
September of 1968.
He served with
Charlie Company,
3/187th. William
was killed in action
on May 14, 1969
during the assault
on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

William was from
Silver Spring,
Maryland and was
eighteen years of
age. He is buried at
Cedar Lawn
Memorial Park,
Hagerstown,
Maryland. His name

is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund - Wall of Faces, Panel 24W, Line 9.

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May 14, 1969
Michael Wayne
Milner

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow -
Dong Ap Bia

Michael Wayne
Milner arrived in
Vietnam in January
of 1969. He served
with Charlie
Company, 3/187th.
Michael was killed
in action on May
14, 1969 during the
assault on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Michael was from
Council Bluffs, Iowa
and was twenty
years of age. He is
buried at Cedar
Lawn Cemetery,
Council Bluffs,
Iowa. His name is
etched on the
Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall,
Panel 24W, Line 8.

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May 14, 1969

Luther Morgan Jr

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation Apache Snow -
Dong Ap Bia

Luther Morgan Jr arrived in Vietnam in September of 1968. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Luther was killed in action on May 14, 1969 during the assault on Dong Ap Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Luther was from Atlanta, Georgia and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Southview Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund - Wall of Faces, Panel 24W, Line 9.

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May 14, 1969
David Alan
Stiyer

Operation
Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow -
Dong Ap Bia

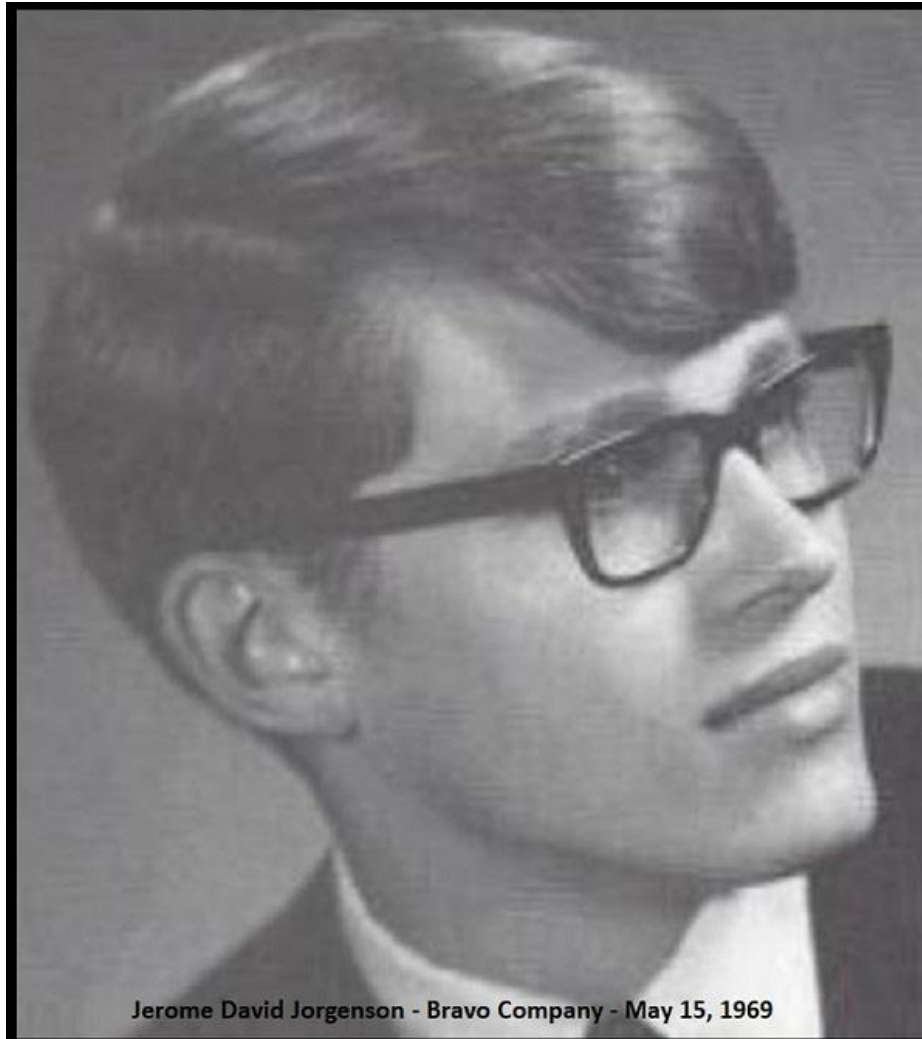
David Alan Stiyer arrived in Vietnam in September of 1968. He served as a HHC Medic, 3/187th with Charlie Company. David was killed in action on May 14, 1969 during the assault on Dong Ap Bia/Hamburger Hill.

David was from Becker County, Ogema, Minnesota and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at

Lakeside Cemetery, Richwood, Minnesota. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 24W, Line 13.

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May 15, 1969
Jerome David
Jorgenson

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

Jerome David
Jorgenson arrived in
Vietnam in October of
1968. He served with
Bravo Company,
3/187th. Jerome was
killed in action on May
15, 1969 during the
assault on Dong Ap
Bia/ Hamburger Hill
when his position was
accidentally hit by
supporting artillery
fire.

Jerome was from
Fairmont, Minnesota and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Fairview Memorial Park,
Fairmont, Minnesota. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 24W,
Line 17.

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May 15, 1969
George Andrew Lamothe

Operation Kentucky Jumper/Operation Apache Snow - Dong Ap Bia

George Andrew Lamothe arrived in Vietnam in November of 1968. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. George was wounded in action on an unknown date during the assault on Dong Ap Bia/ Hamburger Hill, was evacuated from the field and admitted to a military hospital. George succumbed to his wounds on May 15, 1969.

George was from St Albans, Vermont and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery, St Albans, Vermont. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 24W, Line 17.

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May 15, 1969
Michael P Lyden

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

Michael P Lyden
arrived in Vietnam in
August of 1968. He
served with Alpha
Company, 3/187th.
Michael was killed in
action on May 15,
1969 during the
assault on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Michael was from
Galena, Illinois and
was twenty-one years
of age. He is buried at
Greenwood
Cemetery, Galena,
Illinois. His name is
etched on the
Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel
24 w, Line 18.

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May 15, 1969
Joseph Michael
Price

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow -
Dong Ap Bia

Joseph Michael
Price arrived in
Vietnam in August
of 1968. He served
with Bravo
Company, 3/187th.
Joseph was killed in
action on May 15,
1969 during the
assault on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill
when his position
was accidentally hit
by friendly/
supporting artillery
fire.

Joseph was from
Graceville, Florida
and was twenty-one

years of age. He is buried at Damascus Baptist Church Cemetery, Jackson County, Florida. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 23E, Line 22.

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Paul George Bellino - Delta Company - May 18, 1969

May 18, 1969

Paul George Bellino

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong Ap
Bia

Paul George Bellino
arrived in Vietnam in
October of 1968. He
served with Delta
Company, 3/187th. Paul
was killed in action on
May 18, 1969 during
the assault on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Paul was from
Worcester,
Massachusetts and was
twenty-one years of
age. He is buried at St
Johns Cemetery,
Worcester,
Massachusetts. His
name is etched on the
Vietnam Veterans Wall
of Faces, Panel 24W,
Line 36.

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May 18, 1969
Ralph Joel
Crutts

Operation
Kentucky
Jumper/
Operation
Apache Snow -
Dong Ap Bia

Ralph Joel Crutts arrived in Vietnam in January of 1969. He served with Charlie Company, 1st Platoon, 3/187th. Ralph was wounded in action on May 18, 1969 during the assault on Dong Ap

Bia/Hamburger Hill and was evacuated from the field. He succumbed to his wounds later that same day.

Ralph was from Owosso, Michigan and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Owosso, Michigan. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 24W, Line 38.

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May 18, 1969
Thomas Joseph
De Marinis

Operation
Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow -
Dong Ap Bia

Thomas Joseph De
Marinis arrived in
Vietnam in January
of 1969. He served
with Echo
Company, 3/187th.
Thomas was killed
in action on May
18, 1969 during the
assault on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger
Hill.

Thomas was from
New York, New
York and was
twenty-one years
of age. He is buried
at Holy Cross

Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York. His name is etched in The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 24W, Line 39.

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James Rocco Fiume - Bravo Company - May 18, 1969

May 18, 1969
James Rocco
Fiume

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

James Rocco Fiume
arrived in Vietnam
in January 1969. He
served with Bravo
Company, 3/187th.
James was killed in
action on May 18,
1969 during the
assault on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

James was from
Jackson Heights,
New York and was
nineteen years of
age. He is buried at
St Rocco Cemetery,
Pittston,
Pennsylvania. His
name is etched on
the Vietnam
Veterans Memorial

Wall, Panel 24W, Line 40.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

May 1969



Harold C Hedden - Delta Company - May 18, 1969

May 18, 1969

Harold C Hedden

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow -
Dong Ap Bia

Harold C Hedden
arrived in Vietnam
in January of 1969.
He served with
Delta Company,
3/187th. Harold was
killed in action on
May 18, 1969
during the assault
on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Harold was from
Chattanooga,
Tennessee and was
twenty-three years
of age. He is buried
at Hamilton
Memorial Gardens,
Chattanooga,
Tennessee. His
name is etched on
the Vietnam
Veterans Memorial

Wall, Panel 24W, Line 42

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

May 1969



May 18, 1969
Leonard Martin
Hickson

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

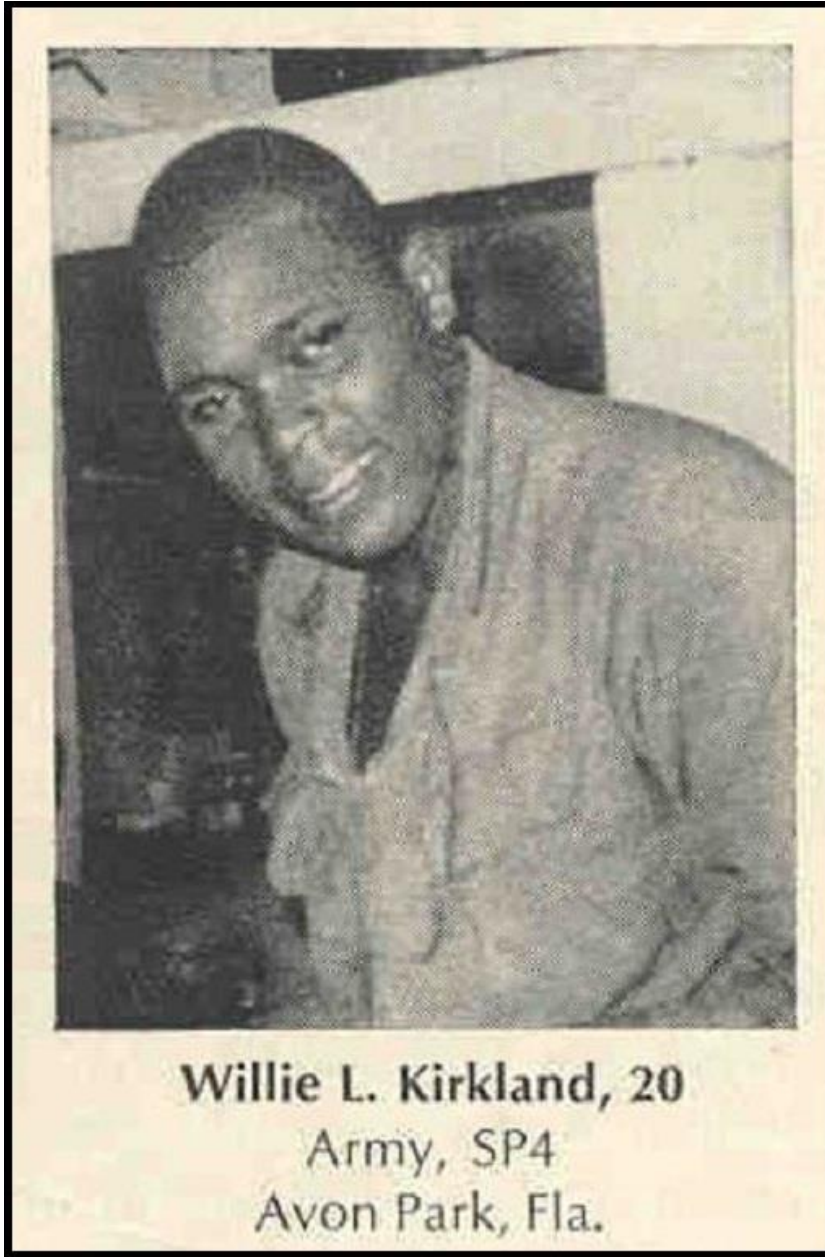
Leonard Martin
Hickson arrived in
Vietnam in
September of 1968.
He served with Delta
Company, 3/187th.
Leonard was killed in
action on May 18,
1969 during the
assault on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Leonard was from
Fort Defiance,
Arizona and was
twenty-two years of
age. He is buried at
Navajo Veterans
Cemetery, Fort
Defiance, Arizona.
His name is etched

on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel W24, Line 42.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

May 1969



May 18, 1969

Willie Lee Kirkland

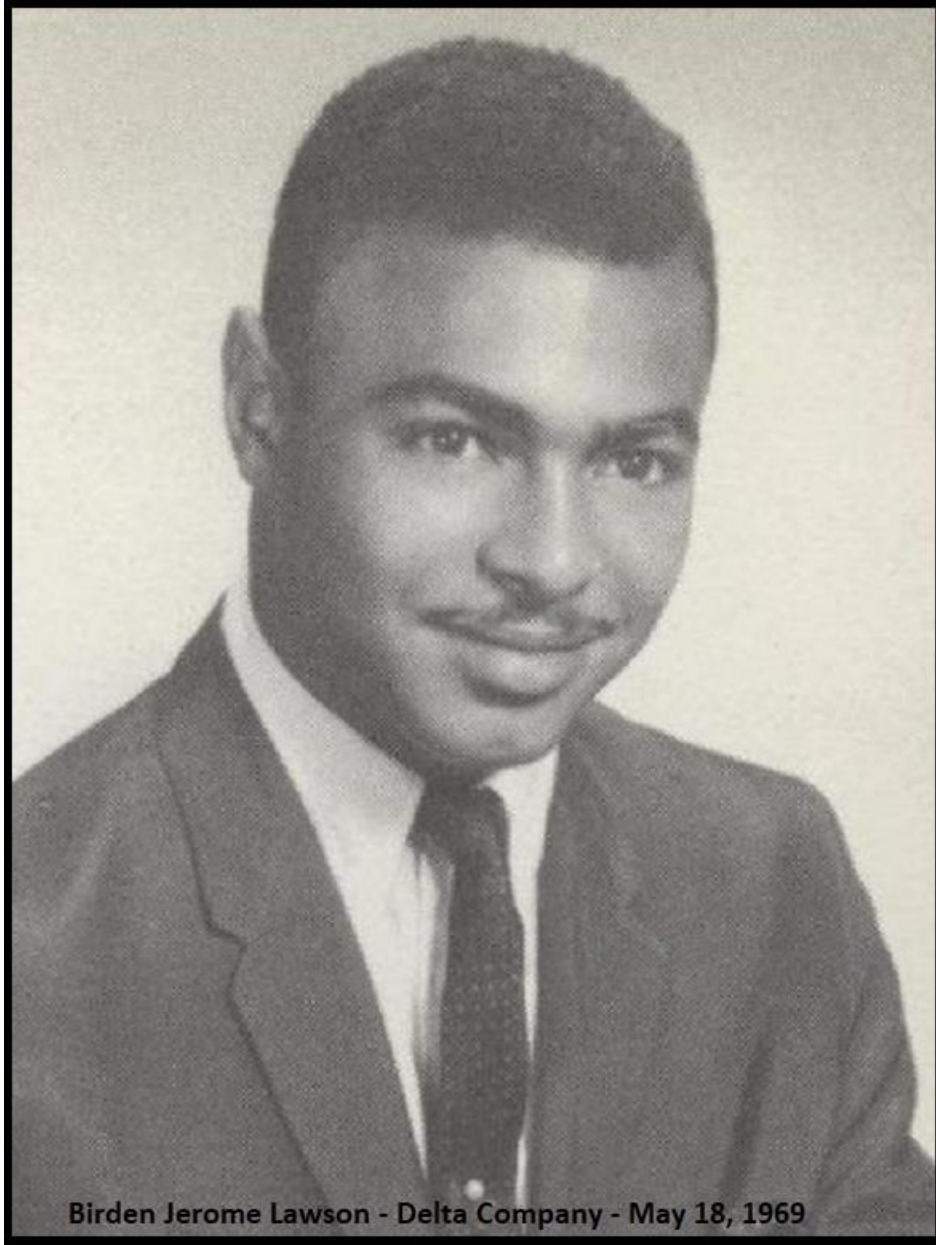
Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation Apache
Snow - Dong Ap Bia

Willie Lee Kirkland arrived in Vietnam in November of 1968. He served as a HHC Medic assigned to Delta Company, 3/187th. Willie was killed in action on May 18, 1969 during the assault on Dong Ap Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Willie was from Avon Park, Florida and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Lakeview Memorial Gardens, Highlands County, Florida. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 24W, Line 44.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

May 1969



Birden Jerome Lawson - Delta Company - May 18, 1969

**May 18, 1969
Birden Jerome
Lawson**

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

Birden Jerome
Lawson arrived in
Vietnam in October
of 1968. He served
with Delta Company,
3/187th. Birden was
killed in action on
May 18, 1969 during
the assault of Dong
Ap Bia/Hamburger
Hill.

Birden was from
Newark, New Jersey
and was twenty years
of age. He is buried at
Lakeview Cemetery,
Bridgeport,
Connecticut. His
name is etched on
the Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel
24W, Line 44.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

May 1969



May 18, 1969
Thomas Delano
Lipscomb

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong Ap
Bia

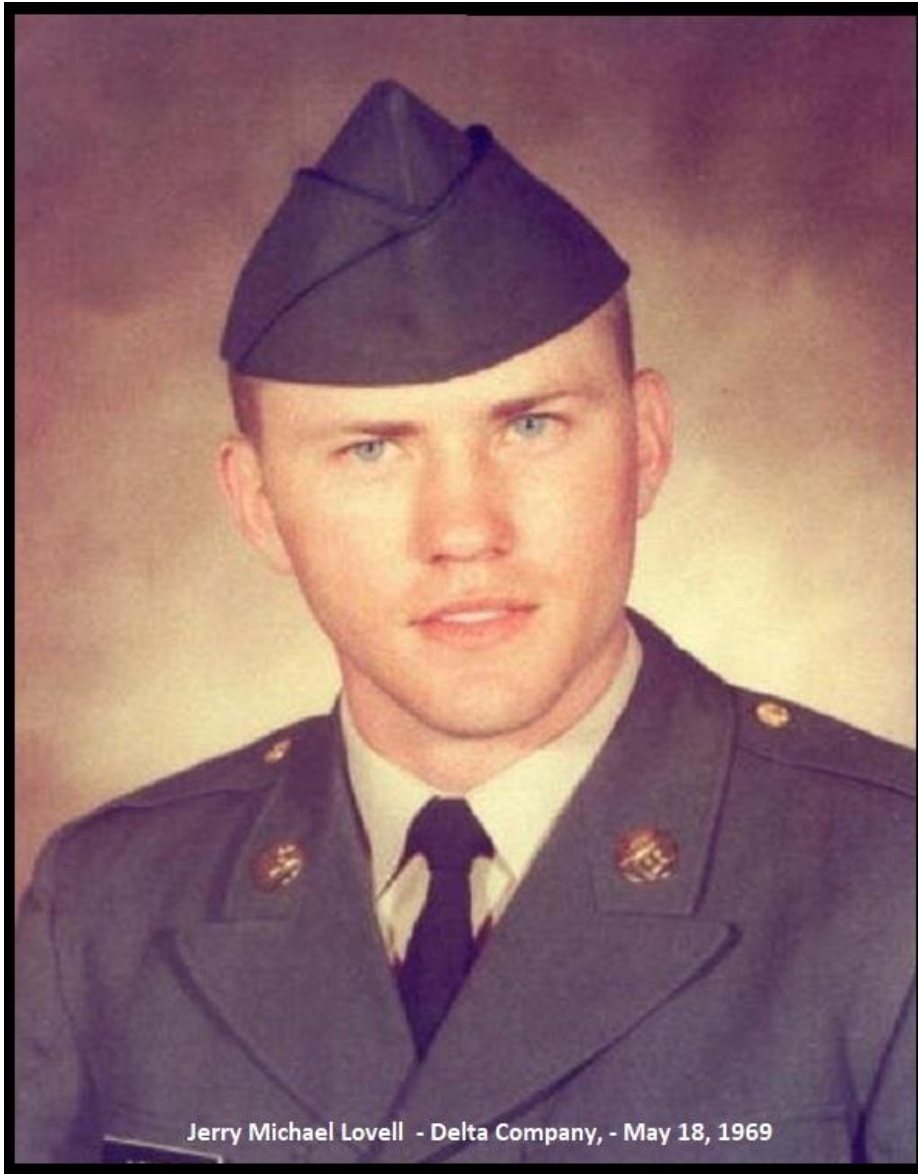
Thomas Delano
Lipscomb arrived in
Vietnam in January of
1969. He served with
Delta Company,
3/187th as a Platoon
Leader. Thomas was
killed in action on May
18, 1969 during the
assault on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Thomas was from
Williamstown, West
Virginia and was
twenty-seven years of
age. He is buried at
Raleigh National
Cemetery, Raleigh,
North Carolina. His

name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 24W, Line 44.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

May 1969



May 18, 1969
Jerry Michael
Lovell

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

Jerry Michael Lovell
arrived in Vietnam in
April of 1969. He
served with Delta
Company, 3/187th.
Jerry was killed in
action on May 18,
1969 during the
assault on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Jerry was from
Shelbyville, Louisiana
and was twenty-two
years of age. He is
buried at Hollywood
Cemetery, Wartrace,
Tennessee. His name
is etched on the
Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel

24W, Line 45.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

May 1969



May 18, 1969

Donald Joseph Malicek

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation Apache
Snow - Dong Ap Bia

Donald Joseph Malicek arrived in Vietnam in January of 1969. He served with Delta Company, 3/187th. Donald was killed in action on May 18, 1969 during the assault on Dong Ap Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Donald was from Twinsburg, Ohio and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Spring Glen Cemetary, Spring Glen, Utah. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 24W, Line 45.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

May 1969



Miguel Ortega Moreno - Delta Company - May 18, 1969

May 18, 1969
Miguel Ortega
Moreno

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow - Dong
Ap Bia

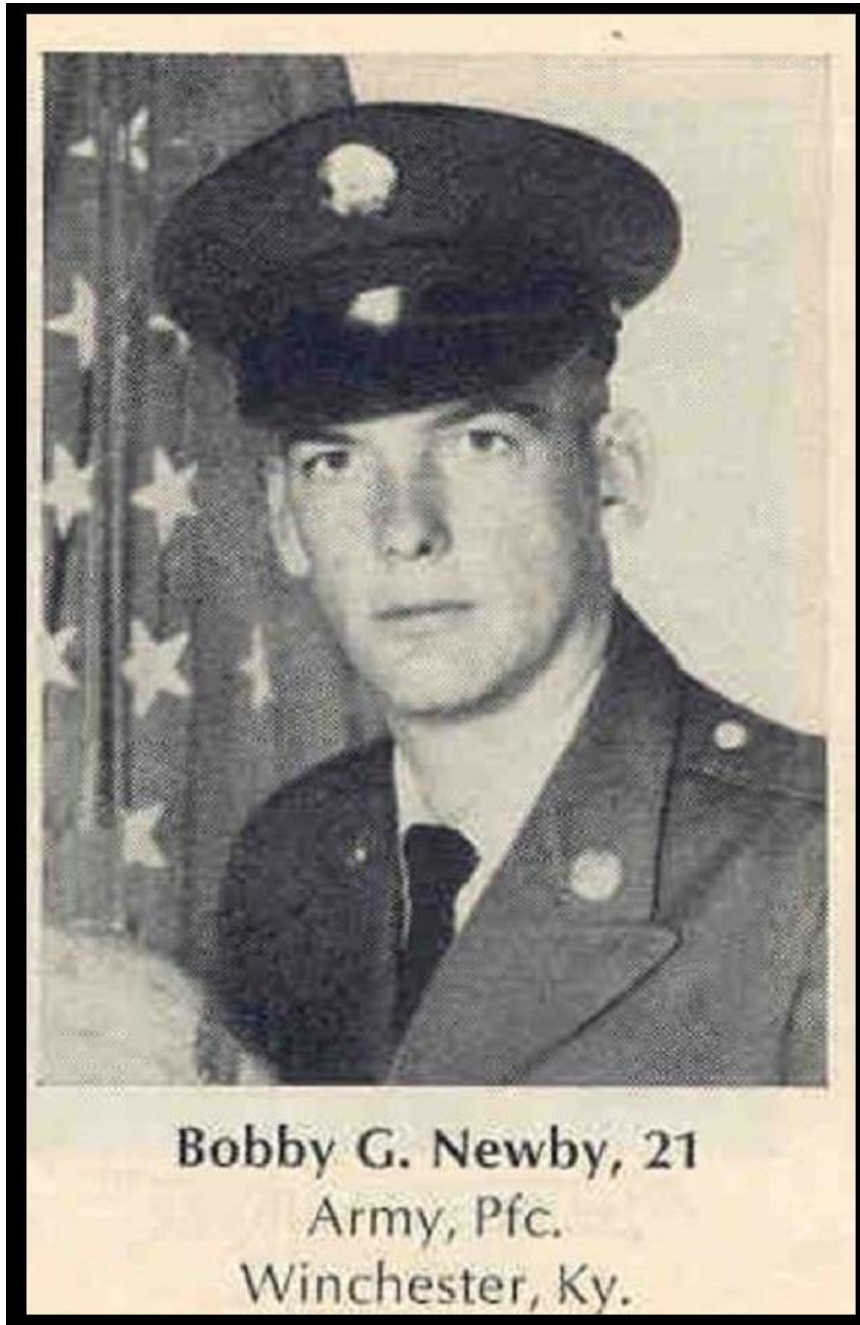
Miguel Ortega
Moreno arrived in
Vietnam in August of
1968. He served with
Delta Company,
3/187th. Miguel was
killed in action on May
18, 1969 during the
assault of Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill

Miguel was from
Phoenix, Arizona and
was twenty years of
age. He is buried at ST
Francis Cemetery,
Phoenix, Arizona. His
name is etched on the
Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel

24W, Line 45.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

May 1969



May 18, 1969
Bobby Jean Newby

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation Apache
Snow - Dong Ap Bia

Bobby Jean Newby arrived in Vietnam in January of 1969. He served with Delta Company, 3/187th. Bobby was killed in action on May 18, 1969 during the assault on Dong Ap Bia/Hamburger Hill.

Bobby was from Winchester, Kentucky and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Winchester Cemetery, Winchester, Kentucky. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 24W, Line 46.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

May 1969



May 18, 1969
Jordy Joseph
Pitre

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow -
Dong Ap Bia

Jordy Joseph Pitre
arrived in Vietnam
in October of 1968.
He served with
Bravo Company,
3/187th. Jordy was
killed in action on
May 18, 1969
during the assault
on Dong Ap
Bia/Hamburger Hill

Jordy was from Cut
Off, Louisiana and
was twenty years of
age. He is buried at
Sacred Heart
Cemetery, Cut Off,
Louisiana. His name
is etched on the
Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall,
Panel 24W, Line 48.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

May 1969



May 21, 1969
Roy Gibson
Mathews

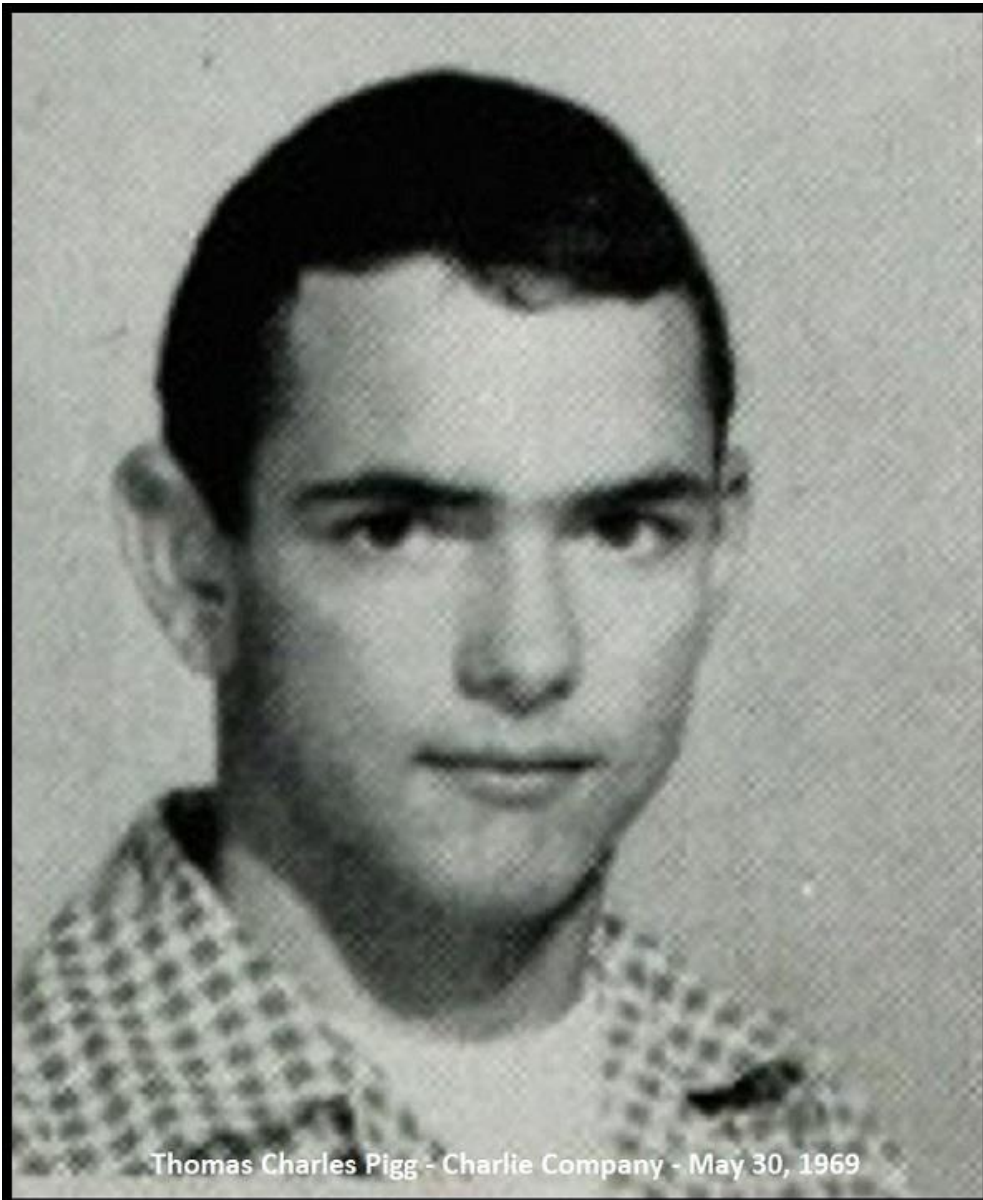
Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow

Roy Gibson Mathews arrived in Vietnam in April of 1969. He served with Delta Company, 3/187th. Roy was killed in action on May 21, 1969.

Roy was from Aiken, South Carolina and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Phillipi Baptist Church, Edgefield County, South Carolina. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 24W, Line 68.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

May 1969



May 30, 1969
Thomas Charles Pigg

Operation
Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Apache Snow -
Thua Thien
Province

Thomas Charles Pigg arrived in Vietnam in September of 1968. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Thomas was killed on May 30, 1969 at Eagle Beach after the Battle of Hamburger Hill when he was accidentally shot.

Thomas was from Carmichael, California and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried

at Mount Vernon Memorial Park, Fair Oaks, California. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 23W, Line 23.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

May 1969

A total of seventy-two (72) US soldiers lost their lives during Operation Apache Snow. Of those, thirty-nine (39) were with the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry. The following are the known names of US soldiers from other units who lost their lives during the assault on Dong Ap Bia – May 10, 1969 to May 20, 1969.

May 13, 1969

Jerry Tyrus Lee – 326th Medical Battalion
James Anthony Margo – 326th Medical Battalion
Warren Paul Nix – C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 319th Artillery

May 14, 1969

Raymond Warren De Meola – Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry

May 15, 1969

Carl William Walls – Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry

May 16, 1969

Roger William Pedue – Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry

May 17, 1969

Richard Earl May – Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry
Joseph McCants Jr – Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry
John Alvie Nicholas - Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry
Gilbert Wayne Page – Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry
William Robert Sessions - Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry
Richard Eugene Staab - Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry

May 18, 1969

Gregory Douglas Cornett - Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry
Charles Joseph Cudlike - Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

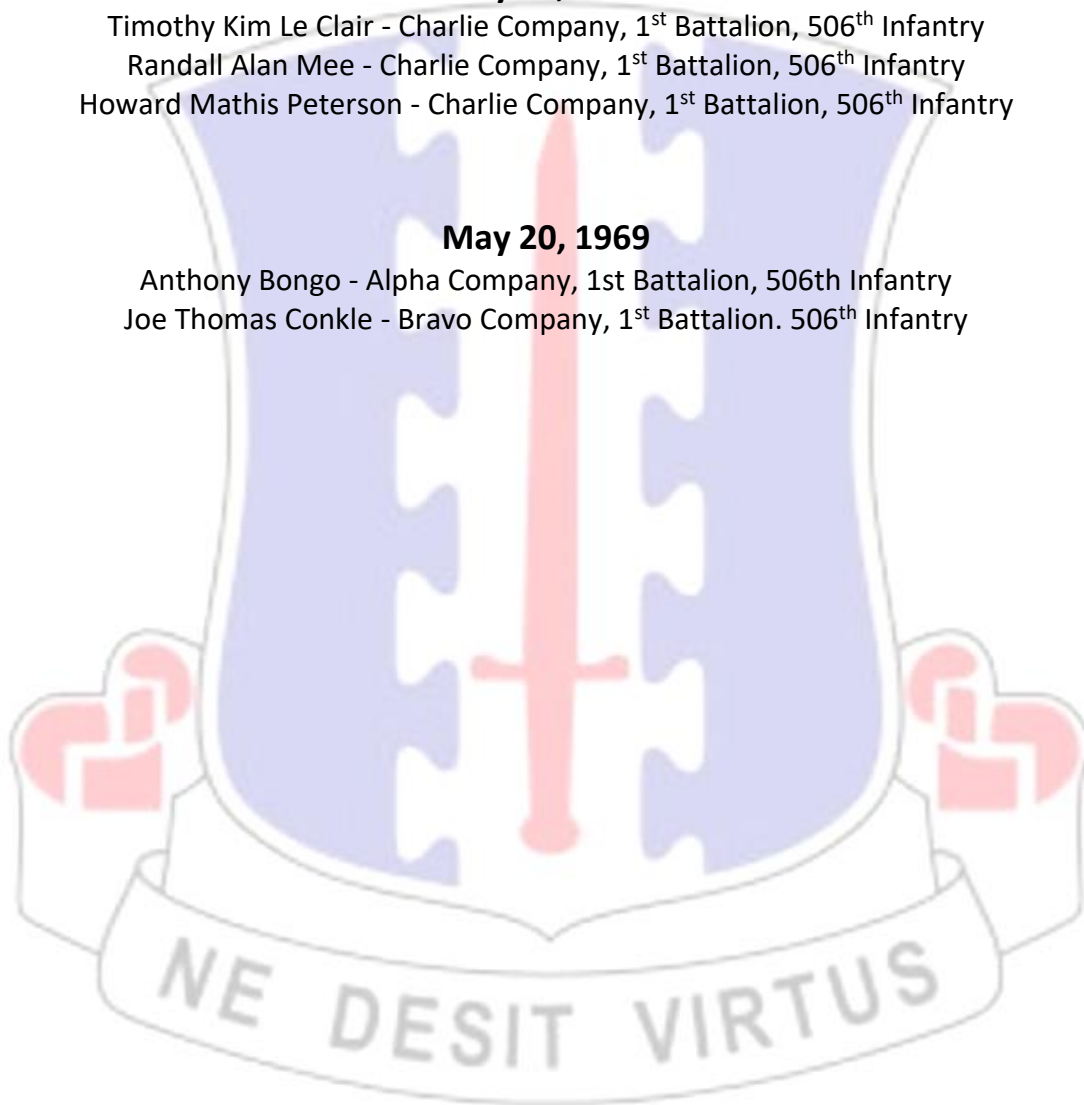
James Albert Dimock Jr - Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry
David Garth Finnegan - Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry
Gary Jerome Scheulen – Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry
Joseph Jeremiah Williams - Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry

May 19, 1969

Timothy Kim Le Clair - Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry
Randall Alan Mee - Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry
Howard Mathis Peterson - Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry

May 20, 1969

Anthony Bongo - Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry
Joe Thomas Conkle - Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry



SPEAK THEIR NAMES...



SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

June 1969



June 16, 1969
Hallia Leon Griffin Jr.

Operation Kentucky Jumper/Operation Montgomery Rendezvous - Thua Thien Province

Hallia Leon Griffin Jr. arrived in Vietnam in September of 1968. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Hallia was killed in action on June 16, 1969 during a combat operation when a booby-trap detonated.

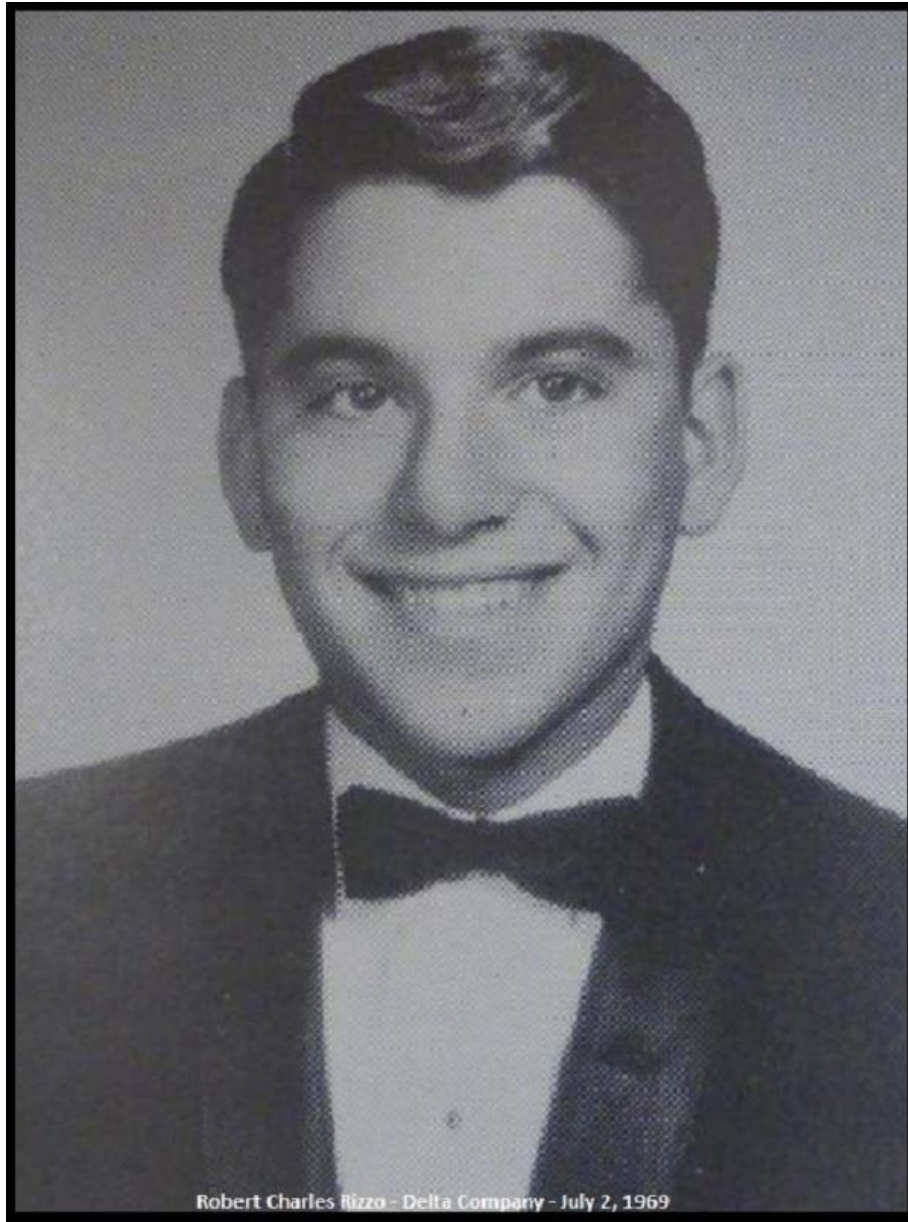
Hallia was from New York, New York and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Long Island National Cemetery, New York. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 22W, Line 57.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...



SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

July 1969



July 2, 1969
Robert Charles
Rizzo

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Montgomery
Rendezvous - Thua
Thien Province

Robert Charles Rizzo
arrived in Vietnam in
January of 1969. He
served with 2nd Squad,
2nd Platoon of Delta
Company, 3/187th
Robert was killed in
action on July 2, 1969
during a combat
operation.

Robert was from Santa
Clara, California and
was twenty-one years
of age. He is buried at
Golden Gate National
Cemetery, San Bruno,
California. His name is
etched on the Vietnam
Veterans Memorial
Wall, Panel 21W, Line
48.



SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

August 1969



Phillip Charles Smith - Alpha Company - August 3, 1969

August 3, 1969
Phillip Charles
Smith

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Montgomery
Rendezvous

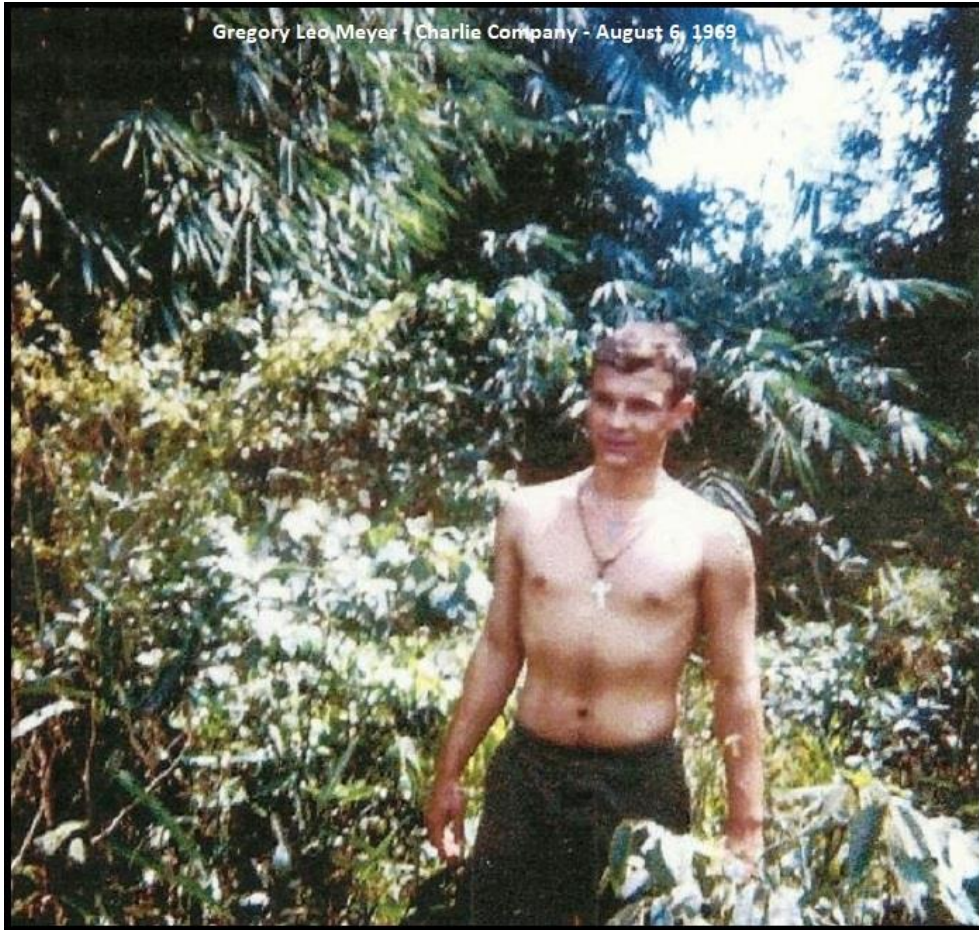
Phillip Charles Smith arrived in Vietnam in December of 1968. He served with Alpha Company. Phillip was wounded in action on an unknown date during a combat operation. He was admitted to a military hospital and placed on the seriously injured list. On August 3, 1969 he succumbed to his wounds.

Phillip was from Pacific Grove, California and was twenty years of age. He is buried at El Carmelo Cemetery, Pacific Grove, California. His name is etched on the Vietnam

Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 20W, Line 93.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

August 1969



August 6, 1969

Gregory Leo Meyer

Bien Hoa
Province

Gregory Leo Meyer arrived in Vietnam in May of 1968. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Gregory lost his life on August 6, 1969 due to an accident.

Gregory was from St Louis, Missouri and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at ST

Joseph Cemetery, Zell, Missouri. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 20W, Line 103.

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SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

August 1969



Curtis Bowman - Bravo Company - August 17, 1969

August 17, 1969

Curtis Bowman

Operation Kentucky
Jumper/Operation
Montgomery
Rendezvous

Curtis Bowman arrived in Vietnam in January of 1969. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Curtis was killed in action on August 17, 1969 during a combat operation.

Curtis was from Branchville, South Carolina and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Peter Bowman Cemetery, Orangeburg County, South Carolina. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 19W, Line 53.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

August 1969



August 17, 1969
Jayson Fred Ulrich

Operation Kentucky Jumper/Operation Montgomery Rendezvous

Jayson Fred Ulrich arrived in Vietnam in October of 1968. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Jayson was killed in action on August 17, 1969 during a combat operation.

Jayson was from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Good Hope Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 19W,

Line 57.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...



September 1969



SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1969



September 4, 1969

**Russell Carrell
Fordham**

Operation Louisiana
Lee - Quang Tri
Province

Russell Carrell Fordham arrived in Vietnam in January of 1969 for his second tour. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th and was a Sergeant First Class. Russel was killed in action on September 4, 1969 when his location was hit by "supporting mortar fire directed at hostile forces".

Russell was from Albany, Georgia and was thirty-five years old. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville, Florida. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans

Memorial Wall, Panel 18W, Line 32.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1969



September 13, 1969
James Byron Stockdale

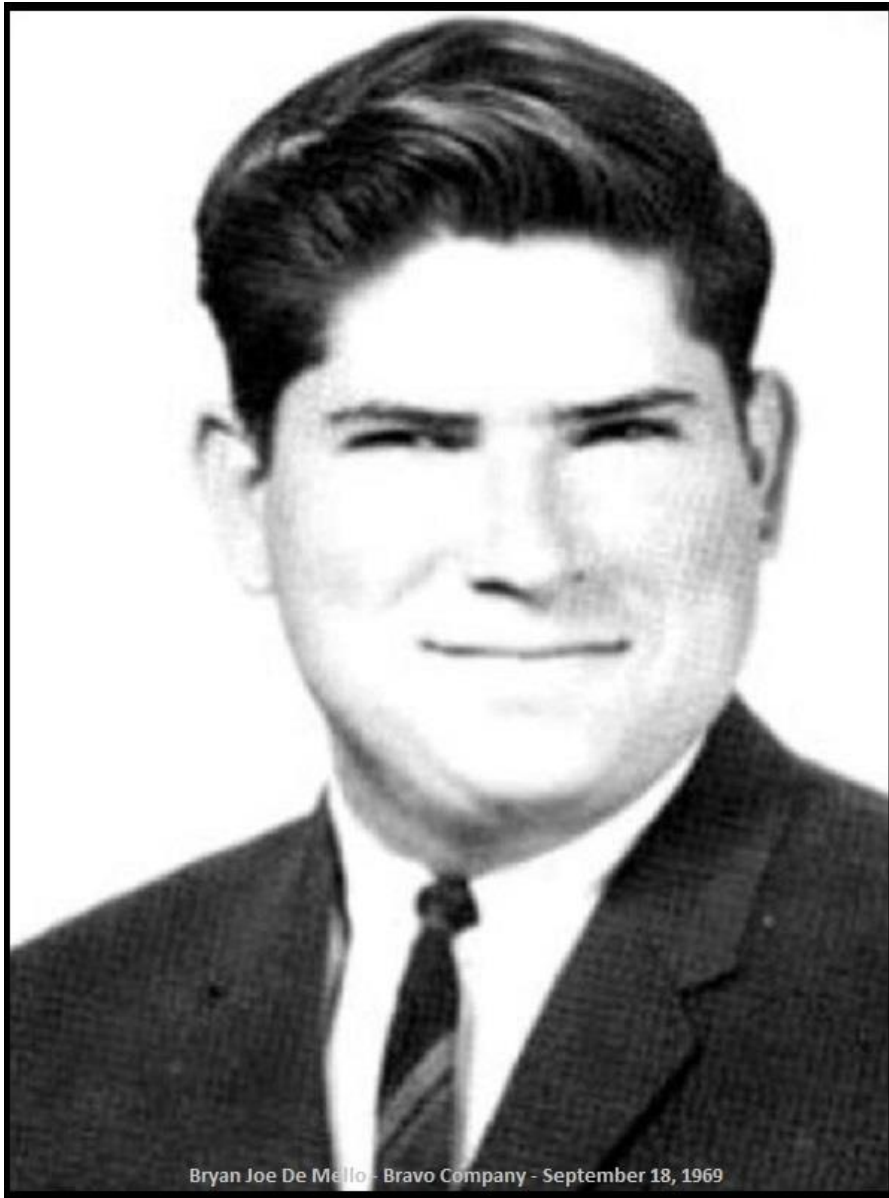
Operation Louisiana Lee –
Quang Tri Province

James Byron Stockdale arrived in Vietnam in July of 1969. He served with Delta Company, 3/187th. James was killed in action on September 13, 1969 when a booby-trap detonated during a combat operation.

James was from Detroit Michigan and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Stockdale Cemetery, Benton County, Tennessee. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 18W, Line 80.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1969



September 18, 1969
Bryan Joe De Mello

Operation Louisiana Lee
– Quang Tri Province

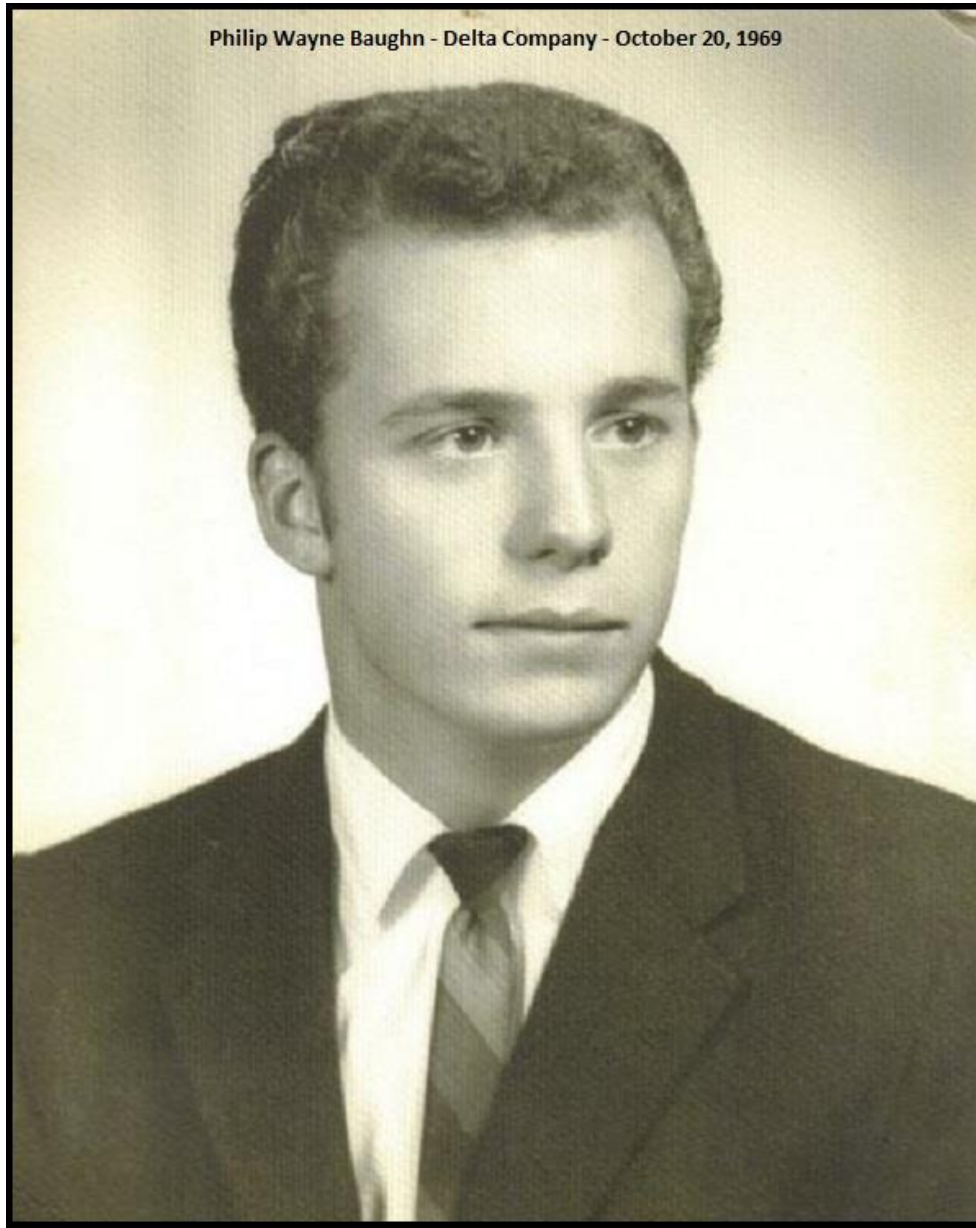
Bryan Joe De Mello arrived in Vietnam in January of 1969, He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Bryan was killed in action on September 18, 1969 during a combat operation when supporting fire directed at NVA landed near his position.

Bryan was from Palo Alto, California and was twenty one years of age. He is buried at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, California. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 18W, Line 109.



SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

October 1969



**October 20,
1968**
**Philip Wayne
Baughn**

Operation
Republic Square
– Near Song Bo
Railroad Bridge

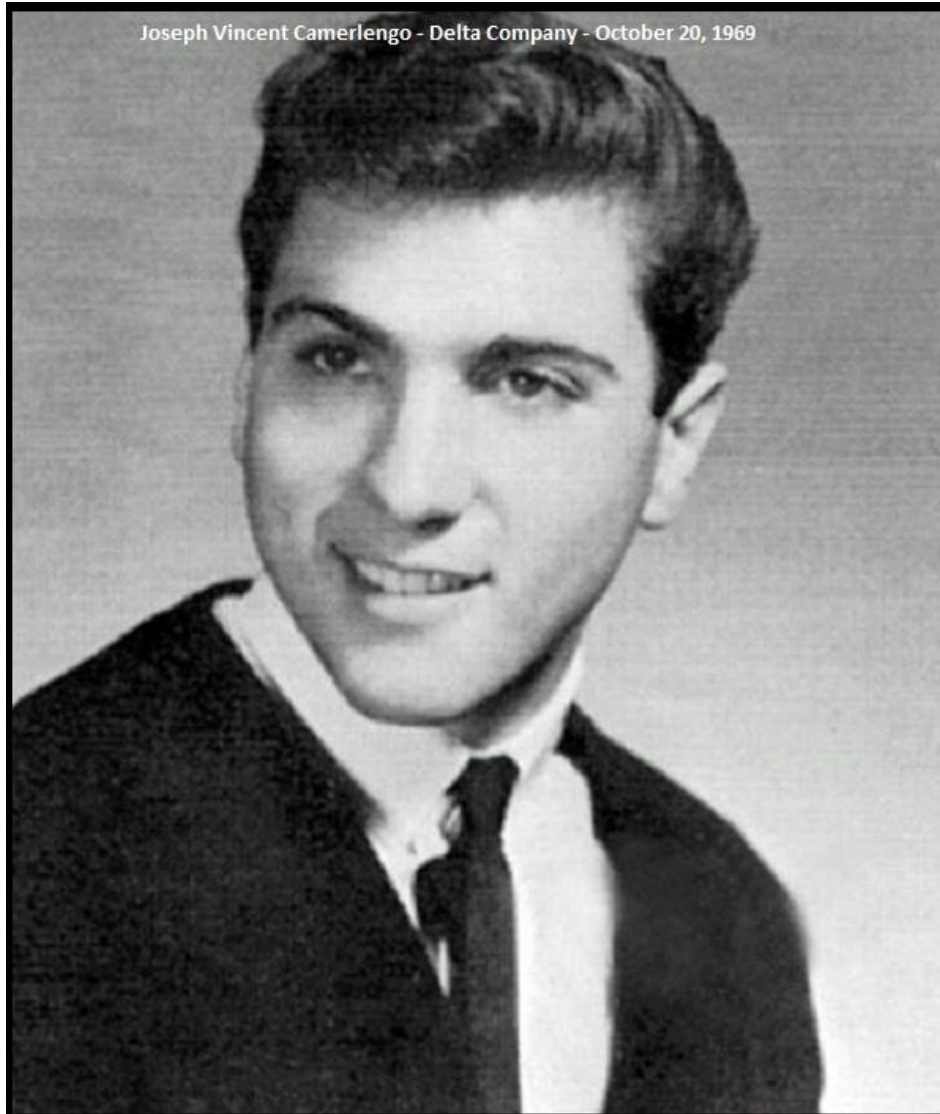
Philip Wayne
Baughn arrived in
Vietnam in
December of
1968. He served
with Delta
Company,
3/187th. Philip
was killed in
action on
October 20, 1969
when a “mule”
(vehicle) he was
riding on near
the Song Bo
Railroad Bridge
hit a mine.

Philip was from
Dayton, Ohio and
was twenty-one
years of age. He

is buried at Calvary Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans memorial Wall, Panel 17W, Line 93.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

October 1969



October 20, 1969
Joseph Vincent
Camerlengo

Operation Republic
Square – Near the
Song Bo Railroad
Bridge

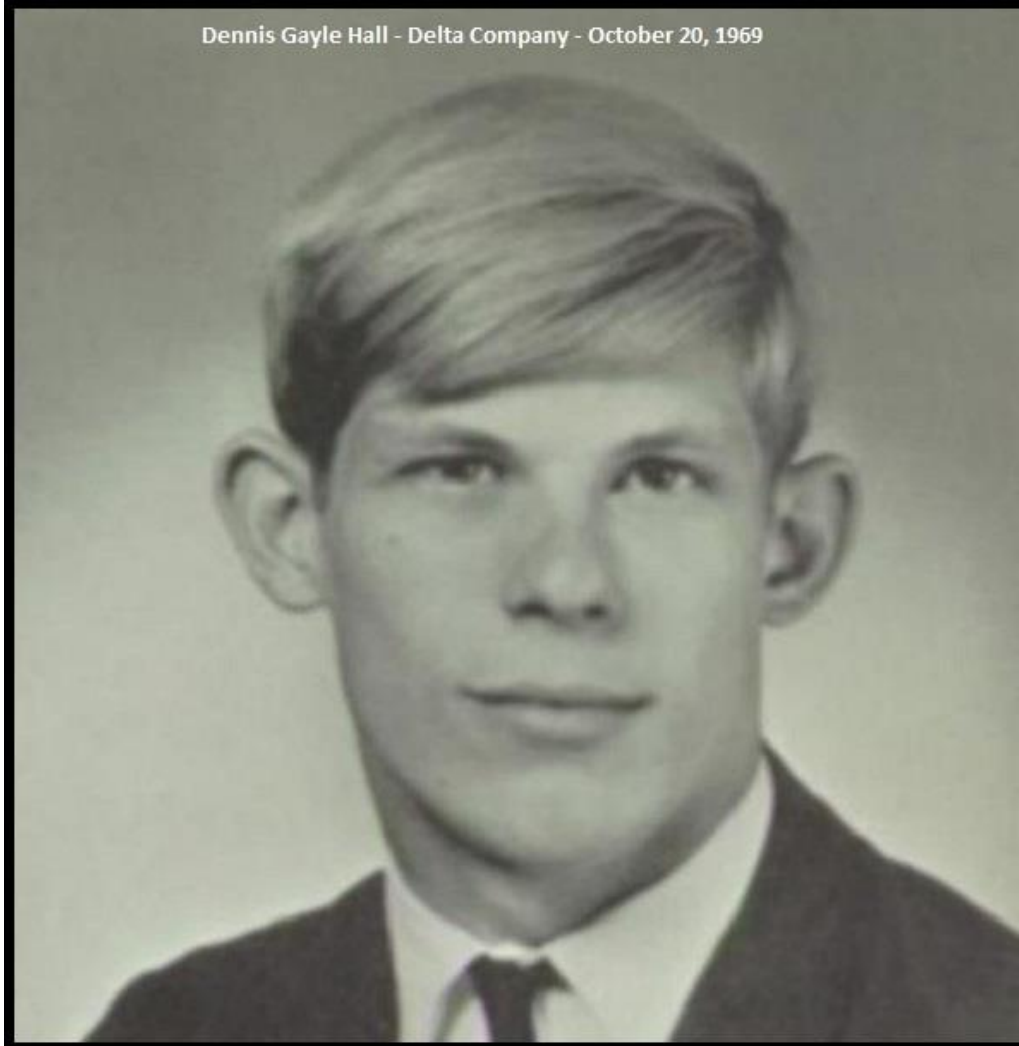
Joseph Vincent
Camerlengo arrived
in Vietnam in
December of 1968.
He served with Delta
Company, 3/187th.
Joseph was killed in
action on October
20, 1969 when the
“mule” (vehicle) he
was riding on struck
a mine near the
Song Bo Railroad
Bridge.

Joseph was from
New York, New York
and was twenty-one
years of age. He is
buried in Moravian

Cemetery, Staten Island, New York. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
Wall, Panel 17W, Line 94.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

October 1969



**October 20,
1969
Dennis
Gayle Hall**

Operation
Republic
Square – Near
the Song Bo
Railroad
Bridge

Dennis Gayle
Hall arrived in
Vietnam in
November of
1968. He
served with
Delta
Company,
3/187th.
Dennis was
killed in action
on October
20, 1969 when
the “mule”
(vehicle) he

was riding in struck a mine near the Song Bo Railroad Bridge.

Dennis was from La Grange, Kentucky and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Louisville Memorial Gardens (East), Louisville, Kentucky. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall Panel 17W, Line 95.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

October 1969



**October 27,
1969**
Dennis Akerley

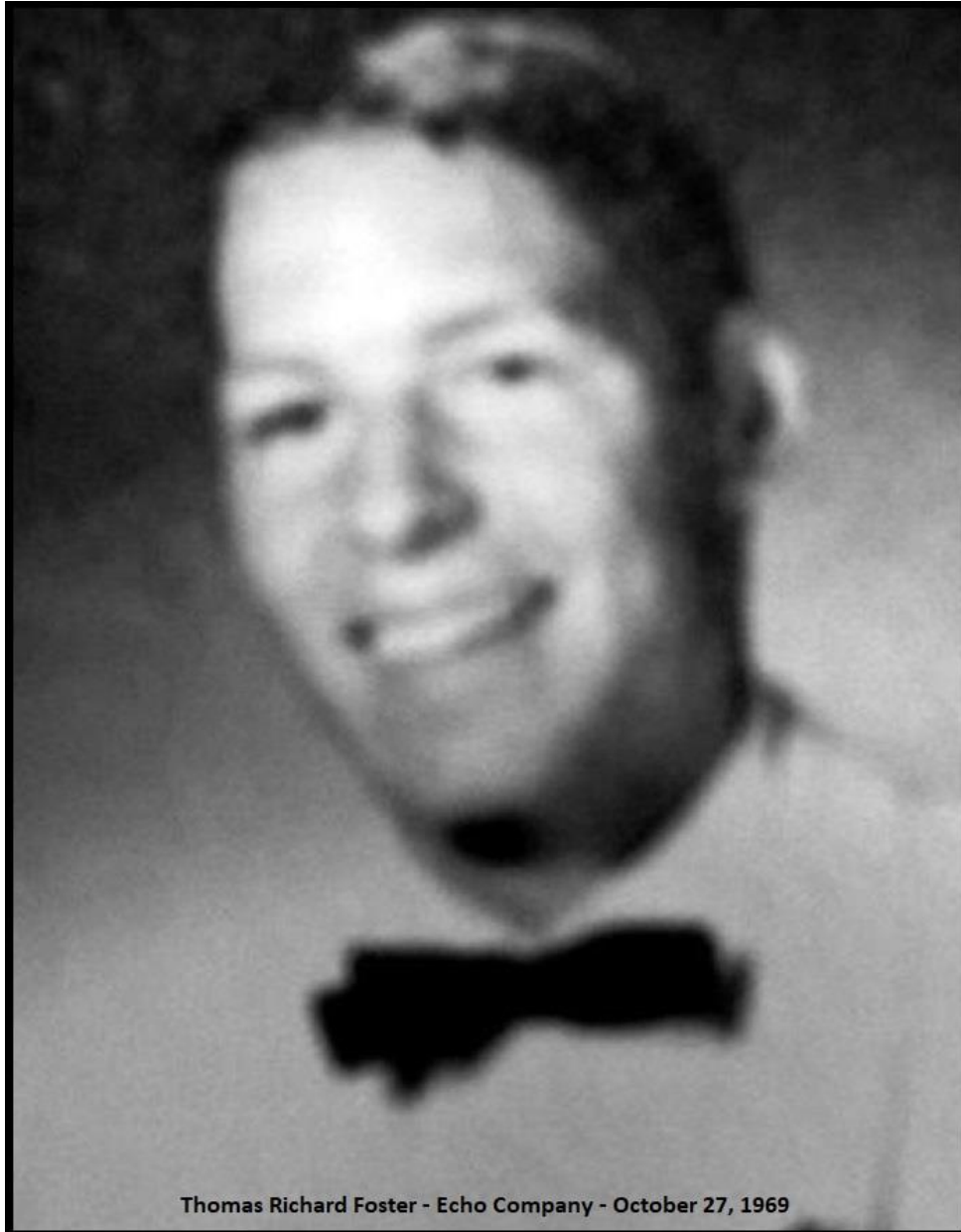
Operation
Republic Square

Dennis Akerley arrived in Vietnam in August of 1969. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Dennis was killed in action during a combat operation when a booby-trap detonated.

Dennis was from Grahamsville, New York and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, New York. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 17W, Line 123.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

October 1969



**October 27,
1969**

**Thomas
Richard Foster**

Operation
Republic Square

Thomas Richard Foster arrived in Vietnam in May of 1969. He served with Echo Company, 3/187th. Thomas was killed in action on October 27, 1969 when a booby-trap detonated during a combat operation.

Thomas was from Seattle, Washington and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery,

Seattle, Washington. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 17W, Line 123.

November 1969



SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

November 1969



November 15, 1969
Alex Charles Ray

Operation Republic Square

Alex Charles Ray arrived in Vietnam in October of 1969. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Alex was killed during a combat operation when mistaken for an enemy combatant.

Alex was from Gardena, California and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Carver Memorial Cemetery, Shreveport, Louisiana. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 16W, Line 78.

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Remembrances



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