

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

1968

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

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Never Forgotten!

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January 1968



January 17, 1968

Larry Stephen Semeniuk

Operation Manchester – Binh Duong Province

Larry Stephen Semeniuk deployed with the 3/187th in December 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Larry was killed in action during a combat operation along the Song Be. He was the first Rakkasan to lose his life in the Republic of Vietnam.

Larry was from Riverside, Ontario, Canada and was eighteen years of age. He is buried at St Alphonsus Cemetery, Windsor, Ontario. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 34E, Line 64.

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January 1968



January 30, 1968
William Edmond
White III

Operation Manchester
- Bien Hoa Province

William Edmond White III deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. William was wounded in action on January 30, 1968 during a combat operation due to a VC/NVA land mine. William was medevac'd from the field but succumbed to his wounds at the 24th Evacuation Hospital located at Long Binh, RVN.

William was from Coral Gables, Florida and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Skyway Memorial

Gardens, Palmetto, Florida. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 35E, Line 64.

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February 1968



February 6, 1968
Paul David Shamp Jr.

Operation
Manchester – Bien
Hoa Province

Paul David Shamp Jr deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1968 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Charlie Company and was on his second tour in Vietnam. Paul was killed in action on February 6, 1968 during a combat operation near Fire Support Base Dave when Charlie Company positions came under attack.

Paul was from Jacksonville, Florida and was twenty-five years of age. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville, Florida.

His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 37E, Line 69.

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February 1968



**February 8,
1968**

**Lester Wesley
Johnson Jr.**

Operation
Manchester – Bien
Hoa Province

Lester Wesley Johnson Jr. deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Charlie Company. Lester was wounded in action on February 6, 1968 when Charlie Company positions came under ground and mortar attack. He was medevac'd from the field and admitted to the 93rd Evacuation Hospital where he passed away due to congestive heart failure.

Lester was from Libby, Montana and was eighteen years of age. He is buried at Fairmont Memorial Park, Spokane, Washington. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 38E, Line 30.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

February 1968



February 13, 1968 **Jesse Lee Smith**

Binh Long Province

Jesse Lee Smith deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Bravo Company. Jesse was killed in action on February 13, 1968 during a combat operation.

Jesse was from Los Angeles, California and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Pine Ridge Cemetery, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 39E, Line 26.



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David Louis Bidart - Charlie Company - March 5, 1968

March 5, 1968
David Louis Bidart

Phuoc Long Province

David Louis Bidart deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Charlie Company, 2nd Platoon. David was wounded in action on March 5, 1967 during a combat operation near Song Be City in Phuoc Long Province. He was medevac'd from the field and admitted to a military hospital. However, David succumbed to his wounds.

David was from Reno, Nevada and was eighteen years of age. He is buried at Winnemucca Cemetery, Winnemucca, Nevada. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 43W, Line 003.

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Gary Ray Burnette - Charlie Company - March 5, 1968

March 5, 1968

**Gary Ray
Burnett**

Phuoc Long
Province

Gary Ray Burnett deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Charlie Company, 2nd Platoon. Gary was killed in action during a combat operation near Song Be City.

Gary was from Union, Missouri and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Midlawn Memorial Gardens, Union, Missouri. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 43E, Line 4.

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March 5, 1968
Michael Walter
Langer

Phuoc Long Province

Michael Walter Langer deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Charlie Company, 2nd Platoon. Michael was killed in action on March 5, 1968 near Song Be City.

Michael was from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 43E, Line 8.

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March 5, 1968
Fredrick Ellis
Larsen

Phuoc Long Province

Fredrick Ellis Larsen deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Charlie Company, 2nd Platoon. Fredrick was killed in action on March 5, 1968 during a combat operation near Song Be City.

Fredrick was from Seattle, Washington and was twenty-five years of age. He is buried at Churchill County Cemetery, Fallon, Nevada. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 43E, Line 8.

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March 6, 1968 Melvin B Fenn

Binh Duong Province

Melvin B Fenn deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Alpha Company. Melvin lost his life on March 6, 1968 due to accidental drowning. He had been observed washing his clothes along the Song Be and apparently fell in.

Melvin's place of residence was listed as Compton, California but he was born and raised in New Jersey. Melvin was twenty years of age. He is buried at Midway Green

Cemetery, Matawan, New Jersey. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 43E, Line 18.

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March 13, 1968
David Lee Edney

Phuoc Vinh Basecamp -
Binh Duong Province

David Lee Edney deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Echo Company, Recon Platoon. David was killed in action on March 13, 1968 when the Echo Company area on Phuoc Vinh Basecamp came under enemy mortar attack.

David was from Erwin, Tennessee and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Roselawn Memorial Park, Johnson City, Tennessee. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 44E, Line 35.

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March 13, 1968
Arnold Paul
Sarna

Phuoc Vinh
Basecamp - Binh
Duong Province

Arnold Paul Sarna
deployed with the
3/187th in
December 1968
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served with Echo
Company, Recon
Platoon. Arnold was
killed in action on
March 13, 1968
when the Echo
Company area on
Phuoc Vinh
Basecamp came
under enemy mortar
attack.

Arnold was from
Livonia, Michigan
and was twenty-one
years of age. He is
buried at ST Hedwig
Cemetery, Dearborn

Heights, Michigan. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 44E, Line 40.

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March 17, 1968
Robert Anthony
Itzoe

Operation Box
Springs/Operation
Rakkasan Chaparral -
Binh Duong Province

Robert Anthony Itzoe
deployed with the
3/187th in December
of 1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He initially
served with Alpha
Company but
transferred to Echo
Company - Recon
Platoon. Robert was
killed in action in the
early morning hours of
March 17, 1968, when
his night defensive
position was hit by a
NVA/VC mortar.

Robert was from
Baltimore, Maryland
and was twenty-eight
years of age. He is

buried at Baltimore National Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45E, Line 12.

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March 18, 1968

**Walter
Alexander
Williams**

Operation Box
Springs/Operation
Rakkasan Chaparral
- Binh Duong
Province

Walter Alexander Williams deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Alpha Company. Walter was killed in action on March 18, 1968 from gunshot wounds during a combat operation. Duty Officer's Logs from March 18, 1968 indicate Walter was KIA during a firefight that occurred in the early afternoon - 1:00/2:00 PM (and several other Alpha

Company were wounded).

Walter was from Mocksville, North Carolina and was twenty years of age. He is buried at New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, Mocksville, North Carolina. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on Panel 45E, Line 23.

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March 18, 1968

Michael David Carroll

Operation Box
Springs/Operation Rakkasan
Chaparral - Binh Duong
Province

Michael David Carroll
deployed with the 3/187th in
December of 1967 during
Operation Eagle Thrust. He
served with Delta Company.
Michael was killed in action on
March 18, 1968 during an
overnight battle with NVA/VC
forces in southern Binh Duong
Province.

Michael was from Houston,
Texas and was nineteen years
of age. He is buried at Houston
National Cemetery, Houston,
Texas. His name is etched on
the Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall on Panel 45E,
Line 18.

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March 18, 1968
Paul Allan Conner

Operation Box
Springs/Operation
Rakkasan Chaparral -
Binh Duong Province

Paul Allan Conner
deployed with the
3/187th in December of
1967 during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He served
with Delta Company.
Paul was killed in action
on March 18, 1968
during an overnight
battle with NVA/VC
forces in southern Binh
Duong Province.

Paul was from Fort
Lauderdale, Florida and
was twenty years of
age. He is buried at
North Becket Cemetery,
Becket, Massachusetts.
His name is etched on
the Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall on Panel
45E, Line 19.

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Cecil Leroy Davis - Delta Company - March 18, 1968

March 18, 1968
Cecil Leroy David

Operation Box
Springs/Operation
Rakkasan Chaparral -
Binh Duong Province

Cecil Leroy Davis
deployed with the
3/187th in December
of 1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He served with
Delta Company. Cecil
was killed in action on
March 18, 1968 during
an overnight battle
with NVA/VC forces in
southern Binh Duong
Province.

Cecil was from
Birmingham, Alabama
and was twenty years
of age. He is buried at
Jefferson Memorial
Gardens East,
Trussville, Alabama.
His name is etched on
the Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall on
Panel 45E, Line 19.

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Roy Lee Estrada - Delta Company - March 18, 1968

**March 18,
1968**

**Roy Lee
Estrada**

Operation Box
Springs/Operation
Rakkasan
Chaparral - Binh
Duong Province

Roy Lee Estrada
deployed with the
3/187th in
December of
1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He served
with Delta
Company. Roy
was killed in
action on March
18, 1968 during
an overnight
battle with
NVA/VC forces in
southern Binh
Duong Province.

Roy was from Lakeside, California and was twenty years of age. He is buried at El Camino Memorial Park, San Diego, California. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on Panel 45E, Line 20.

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March 18, 1968
Larry Vernard
Green

Operation Box
Springs/Operation
Rakkasan Chaparral -
Binh Duong Province

Larry Vernard Green
deployed with the
3/187th in December
of 1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He served
with Delta Company.
Larry was killed in
action on March 18,
1968 during an
overnight battle with
NVA/VC forces in
southern Binh Duong
Province.

Larry was from
Detroit, Michigan and
was nineteen years of
age. He is buried at
Lincoln Memorial
Park, Clinton
Township, Michigan.

His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on Panel 45E, Line 22.

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March 18, 1968
Steven Louis
Messerli

Operation Box
Springs/Operation
Rakkasan Chaparral
- Binh Duong
Province

Steven Louis
Messerli deployed
with the 3/187th in
December of 1967
during of Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served with Delta
Company. Steven
was killed in action
on March 18, 1968
during an overnight
battle with NVA/VC
forces in southern
Binh Duong
Province.

Steven was from
Norwalk, California
and was nineteen
years of age. He is
buried at All Souls
Cemetery, Long

Beach, California. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on Panel 45E, Line 25.

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March 18, 1968
Juan Jose Nazario

Operation Box
Springs/Operation Rakkasan
Chaparral - Binh Duong
Province

Juan Jose Nazario deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Delta Company. Juan was killed in action on March 18, 1968 during an overnight battle with NVA/VC forces in southern Binh Duong Province.

Juan was from Aguas Buenas, Puerto Rico and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Lawncroft Cemetery, Fairfield, Connecticut. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on Panel 45E, Line 26.

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March 18, 1968
Jimmy Lee Sherrill

Operation Box
Springs/Operation
Rakkasan Chaparral -
Binh Duong Province

Jimmy Lee Sherrill
deployed with the
3/187th in December of
1967 during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He served
as 3rd Platoon Leader,
Delta Company. Jimmy
was killed in action on
March 18, 1968 during
an overnight battle with
NVA/VC forces in
southern Binh Duong
Province.

Jimmy was from
Morgantown, Kentucky
and was twenty-one
years of age. He is buried
at Riverview Cemetery,
Morgantown, Kentucky
His name is etched on
the Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall on Panel
45E, Line 29.

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**March 18,
1968**
**Dennis Francis
Moore**

Operation Box
Springs/Operation
Rakkasan
Chaparral - Binh
Duong Province

Dennis Francis
Moore deployed
with the 3/187th
in December of
1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He was a
HHC Medic and
served with Delta
Company. Dennis
was killed in
action on March
18, 1968 during
an overnight
battle with
NVA/VC forces in
southern Binh
Duong Province.

Dennis 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 on Panel 45E, Line 26.

Dennis was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions.

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March 18, 1968

Larry Dean Sain

Operation Box Springs/Operation Rakkasan Chaparral

Larry Dean Sain deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Bravo Company, 2nd Platoon. Larry killed in action on March 18, 1968 during an overnight battle with NVA/VC forces in southern Binh Duong Province.

Larry was from Cherryville, North Carolina and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Cherryville City Memorial Cemetery, Cherryville, Gaston County, North Carolina. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on Panel 45E, Line 29.

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**March 18,
1968
Thomas Lloyd
Smith**

Operation Box
Springs/
Operation
Rakkasan
Chaparral

Thomas Lloyd
Smith deployed
with the
3/187th in
December of
1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He
served with
Bravo Company,
2nd Platoon.
Thomas was
killed in action
on March 18,
1968 during an
overnight battle
with NVA/VC

forces in southern Binh Duong Province.

Thomas was from Durham, California and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Glen Oaks Memorial Park, Chico, California. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on Panel 45E, Line 30.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

March 1968



March 21, 1968

**Odis Leon
Gosnell**

Operation Box
Springs/Operation
Rakkasan Chaparral
- Binh Duong
Province

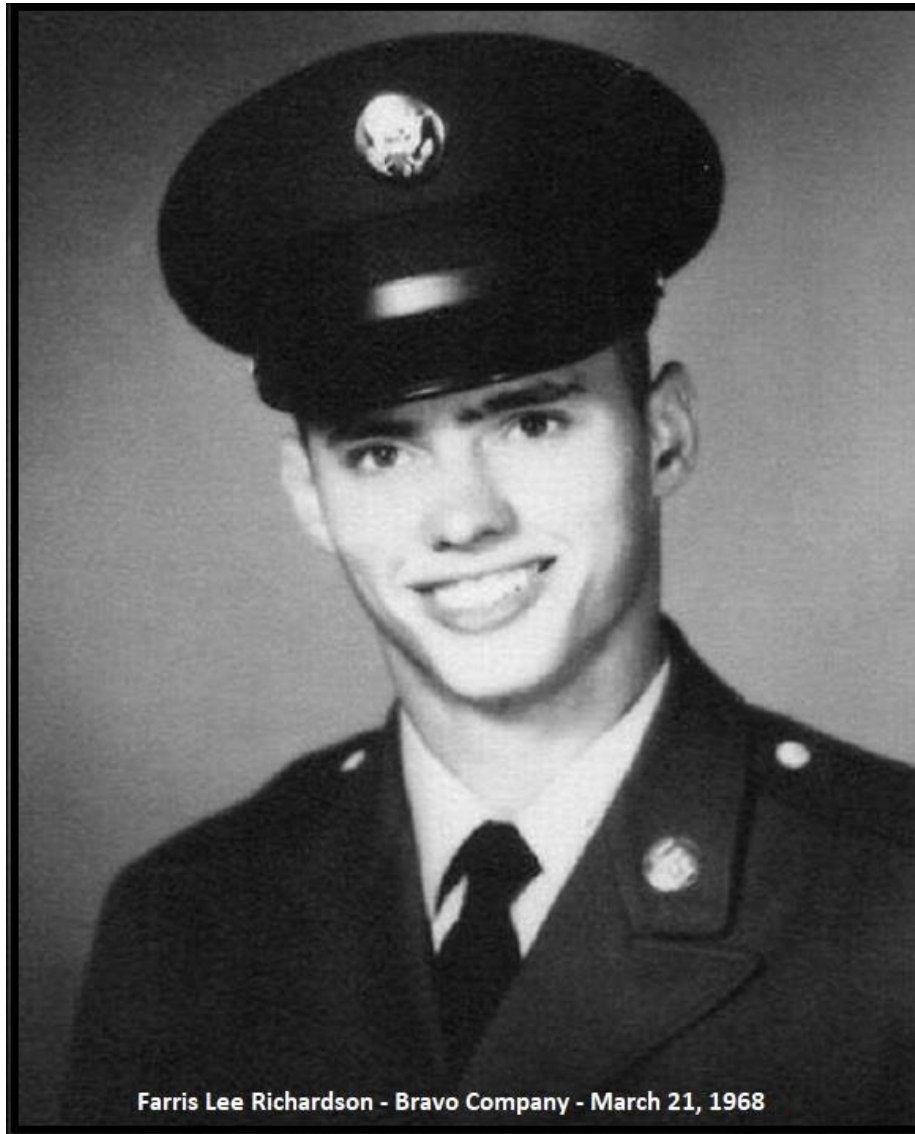
Odis Leon Gosnell
deployed with the
3/187th in
December of 1967
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served with Bravo
Company, 2nd
Platoon. Odis was
killed in action on
March 21, 1968 due
to gunshot wounds
while on a combat
operation.

Odis was from
Harvey, Illinois and
was twenty years of
age. He is buried at
Oak Ridge
Cemetery, Lansing,
Illinois. His name is

etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45E, Line 46.

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Farris Lee Richardson - Bravo Company - March 21, 1968

March 21, 1968

**Farris Lee
Richardson**

Operation Box
Springs/Operation
Rakkasan Chaparral -
Binh Duong Province

Farris Lee Richardson
deployed with the
3/187th in December
of 1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He served
with Bravo Company,
2nd Platoon. Farris was
killed in action on
March 21, 1968
during a combat
operation when a
hostile force was
encountered.

Farris was from
Cincinnati, Ohio and
was twenty years of
age. He is buried at
Sunset Memorial

Gardens, West Irving, Kentucky. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45E, Line 50.

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In March of 1968 soldiers from other units were also killed in action fighting in the same battles and firefights as the 3/187th soldiers.

March 5, 1968

On March 5, 1968, Charlie Company 3/187th was under the Operational Control of the 1/506th (a sister battalion under 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division). Charlie Company, 3/187th lost four men killed in action while the 1/506th lost soldiers:

Juan Jose De Mara – Alpha Company, 1/506th
Jazreal Levite Haywood – Alpha Company, 1/506th
Robert David Mc Millian – Alpha Company, 1/506th
Thomas William Pryor – Alpha Company, 1/506th
Charles Sanders – Alpha Company, 1/506th

Operation Box Springs/Operation Rakkasan Chaparral March 16, 1968 to March 22, 1968

Operation Box Springs was a 3rd Brigade and 199th Infantry Brigade operation in southern Binh Duong Province (South of Phuoc Vinh and north of Bien Hoa). The 3/187th was the 3rd Brigade maneuver battalion but the operation involved other units from the 3rd Brigade.

Dennis Lane Cunningham – Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol, HHC, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division – March 17, 1968

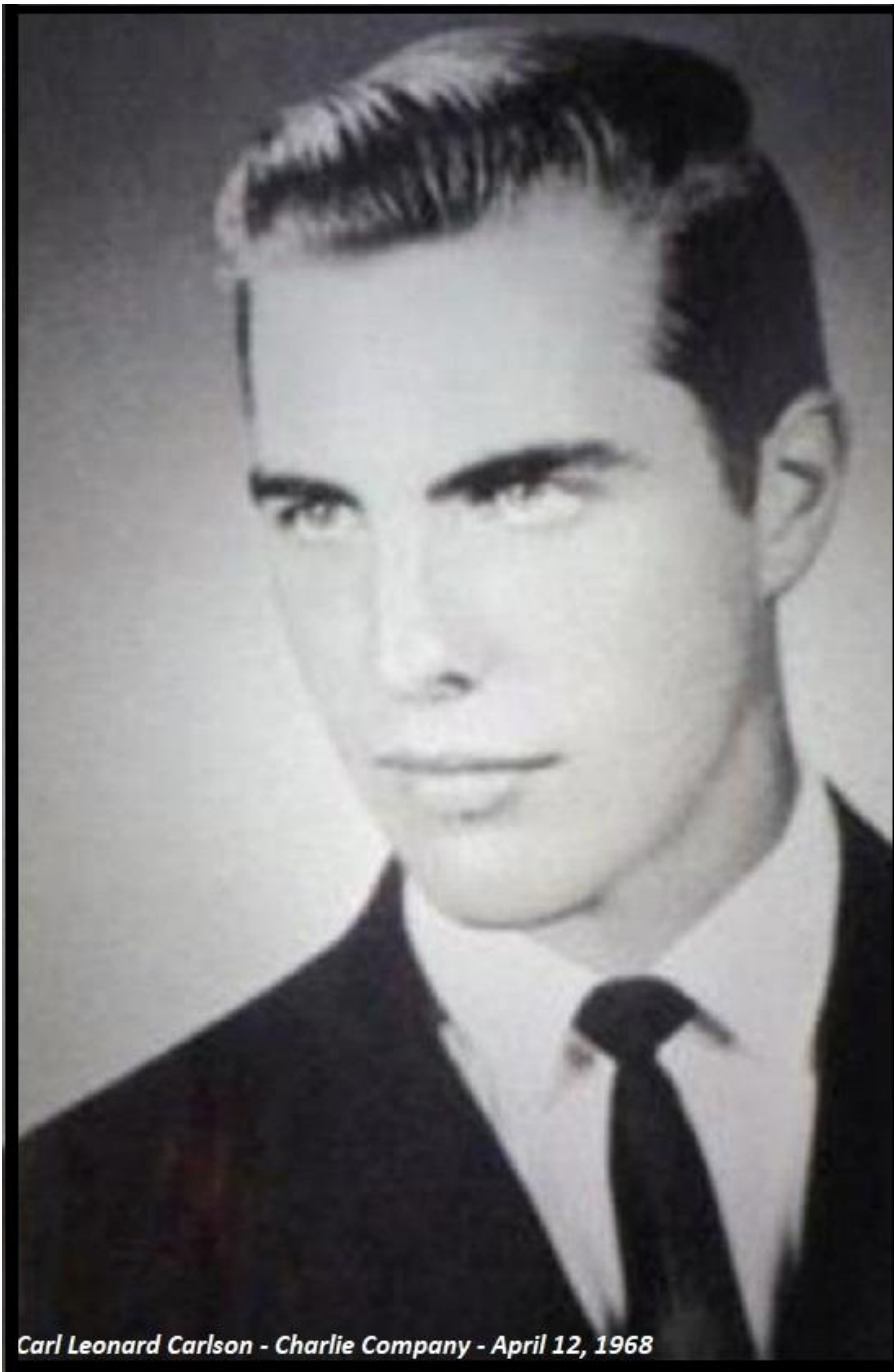
Monte Ray Cooley - Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol, HHC, 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division – March 18, 1968

Charles Daniel Smith – US Army records list him as Alpha Company, 1/506th but soldiers present indicate he was with Public Information Office (PIO).



SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

April 1968



Carl Leonard Carlson - Charlie Company - April 12, 1968

April 12, 1968

Carl Leonard Carlson

Operation Toan Thang –
Binh Duong Province

Carl Leonard Carlson arrived in Vietnam in February of 1968. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Carl was killed in action on April 12, 1968 when he was hit by fragments from a mine just north of Phuoc Vinh Basecamp.

Carl was from Swatara, Minnesota and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Lakeview Cemetery, Cass County, Minnesota. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on Panel 94E, Line 29.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

April 1968



Michael Byron Alvarez - Charlie Company, 3/187th - April 21, 1968

April 21, 1968
Michael Byron
Alvarez

Operation Toan
Thang - Binh
Duong Province -
Near the Song Be

Michael Byron
Alvarez arrived in
Vietnam in
February of 1968.
He served with
Charlie Company,
3/187th. Michael
and five other
Rakkasans were
killed in action on
April 21, 1968
when their
position was
accidentally hit by
friendly artillery
fire while out on a
combat operation.

Michael was from
Madera, California
and was twenty-
one years of age.
He is buried at
Calvary Cemetery,
Madera, California.

His name is engraved on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 51E, Line 15.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

April 1968



April 21, 1968
Ronald Devone
Griffin

Operation Toan
Thang - Binh Duong
Province - Near the
Song Be.

Ronald Devine Griffin
arrived in Vietnam in
March of 1968. He
served with Echo
Company, Recon
Platoon, 3/187th.
Ronald and five other
Rakkasans were killed
in action on April 21,
1968 when friendly
artillery fire
accidentally hit the
battalion locations
during a combat
operation.

Ronald was from
Charlotte, North
Carolina and was
eighteen years of
age. He is buried at
Sharon Memorial

Park, Charlotte, North Carolina. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall,
Panel 51E, Line 20.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

April 1968



April 21, 1968
Robert Leonard
Johnson Jr.

Operation Toan
Thang - Binh Duong
Province - Near the
Song Be

Robert Leonard
Johnson Jr. deployed
with the 3/187th in
December of 1967
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served with Echo
Company, Recon
Platoon, 3/187th.
Robert and five other
Rakkasans were
killed in action on
April 21, 1968 when
friendly artillery fire
accidentally hit the
battalion locations
during a combat
operation.

Robert was from Rosedale, New York and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Long Island National Cemetery. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 51E, Line 17.

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April 21, 1968
Kenneth
Eugene
Kotyluk

Operation Toan
Thang - Binh
Duong Province -
Near the Song
Be

Kenneth Eugene
Kotyluk
deployed with
the 3/187th in
December of
1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He
served as a HHC
Medic and was
embedded with
Charlie
Company.

Kenneth and five
other Rakkasans

were killed in action as a result of friendly artillery fire accidentally hitting their position on April 21, 1968. Kenneth was gravely wounded, was medevac'd from the field and was admitted to a US Army Hospital where he succumbed to his wounds on April 24, 1968.

Kenneth was from Sacramento, California and was twenty 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 51E, Line 47.

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April 21, 1968
Felix Vazquez Jr

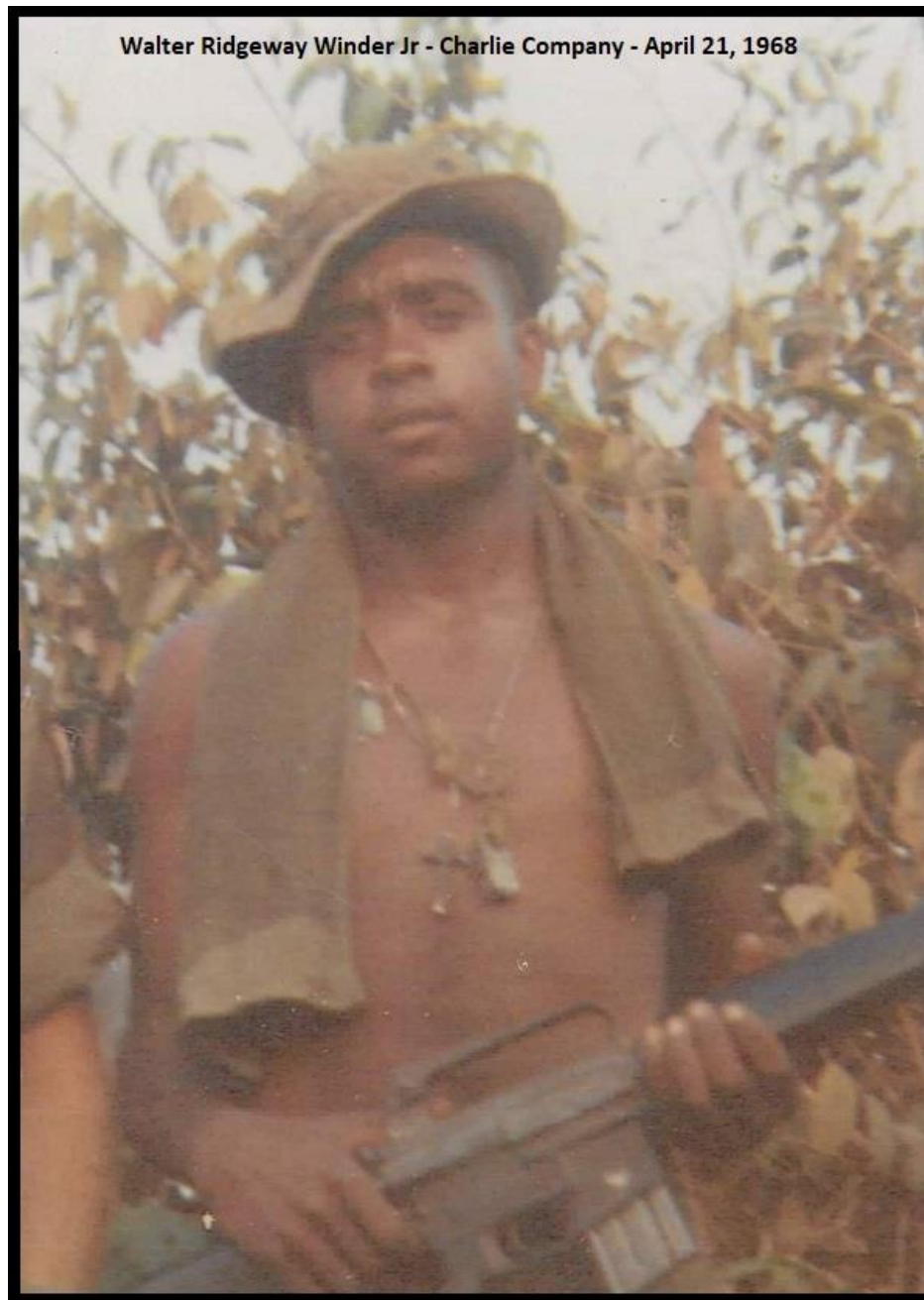
Operation Toan Thang -
Binh Duong Province -
Near the Song Be

Felix Vazquez Jr
deployed with the
3/187th in December of
1967 during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He served
with Alpha Company,
4th Platoon, 3/187th.
Felix and five other
Rakkasans were killed in
action on April 21, 1968
when friendly artillery
fire accidentally hit their
position during a
combat operation.

Felix was from Long
Island City, New York
and was twenty years of
age. He is buried at
Long Island National
Cemetery. His name is
etched on the Vietnam
Veterans Memorial
Wall, Panel 51E, Line 26.

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April 21, 1968

**Walter Ridgeway
Winder Jr.**

Operation Toan Thang
– Binh Duong Province
- Near the Song Be

Walter Ridgeway Winder Jr deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Walter and five other Rakkasans were killed in action on April 21, 1968 when friendly artillery fire accidentally hit their position during a combat operation.

Walter was from Washington DC and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 51E, Line 34.



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Billy Mac Brister - Charlie Company - May 22, 1968

May 22, 1968

**Billy Mac
Brister**

Phuoc Vinh
Basecamp -
Charlie Company
Billets

Billy Mac Brister arrived in Vietnam in April of 1968. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Billy and two other Charlie Company soldiers were killed on May 22, 1968 when a grenade accidentally detonated in their billets.

Billy was from Groveton, Texas and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Mount Zion Cemetery, Apple Springs, Texas. His

name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 65E, Line 5.

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May 22, 1968
Anthony Dwight
Hatcher

Phuoc Vinh Basecamp
- Charlie Company
Billets

Anthony Dwight Hatcher arrived in Vietnam in March of 1968. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. Anthony and two other Charlie Company soldiers were killed on May 22, 1968 when a grenade accidentally detonated in their billets.

Anthony was from Cave City, Kentucky and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Cave City Cemetery, Cave City, Kentucky. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 65E, Line 10.

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May 1968



May 22, 1968
Fred Harrison
Osburn Jr.

Phuoc Vinh
Basecamp - Charlie
Company Billets

Fred Harrison
Osburn Jr deployed
with the 3/187th in
December of 1967
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served with Charlie
Company. Fred and
two other Charlie
Company soldiers
were killed on May
22, 1968 when a
grenade
accidentally
detonated in their
billets.

Fred was from San
Diego, California
and was twenty
years of age. He is
buried at Fort
Rosecrans National
Cemetery, San
Diego, California.

His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 66E, Line 1.

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May 27, 1968
George Ramiro
Sosa

Binh Duong Province

George Ramiro Sosa deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Bravo Company. George was wounded in action on an unknown date. He was medically evacuated from the field and admitted to the 24th Evac Hospital. He was later moved to the 106th General Hospital in Japan. On May 27, 1968, George succumbed to his wounds.

George was from McAllen, Texas and was twenty-two years of age. He is

buried Valley Memorial Gardens, McAllen, Texas. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 64W, Line 3.

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May 1968



Bobby Lee Wheeler - Alpha Company - May 28, 1968

May 28, 1968
Bobby Lee Wheeler

Operation
Mathews/Operation
Lucas Green - Kontum
Province

Bobby Lee Wheeler arrived in Vietnam in March of 1968. He served with Alpha Company. Bobby was killed in action on May 28, 1968 when his position on Fire Support Base #29, west of Dak To in the Central Highlands, was hit by NVA mortars.

Bobby was from Hamlin, West Virginia and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Harvey's Creek Cemetery, Lincoln County, West Virginia. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 63W, Line 1.



SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

June 1968



June 14, 1968
Robert
Richard White

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province

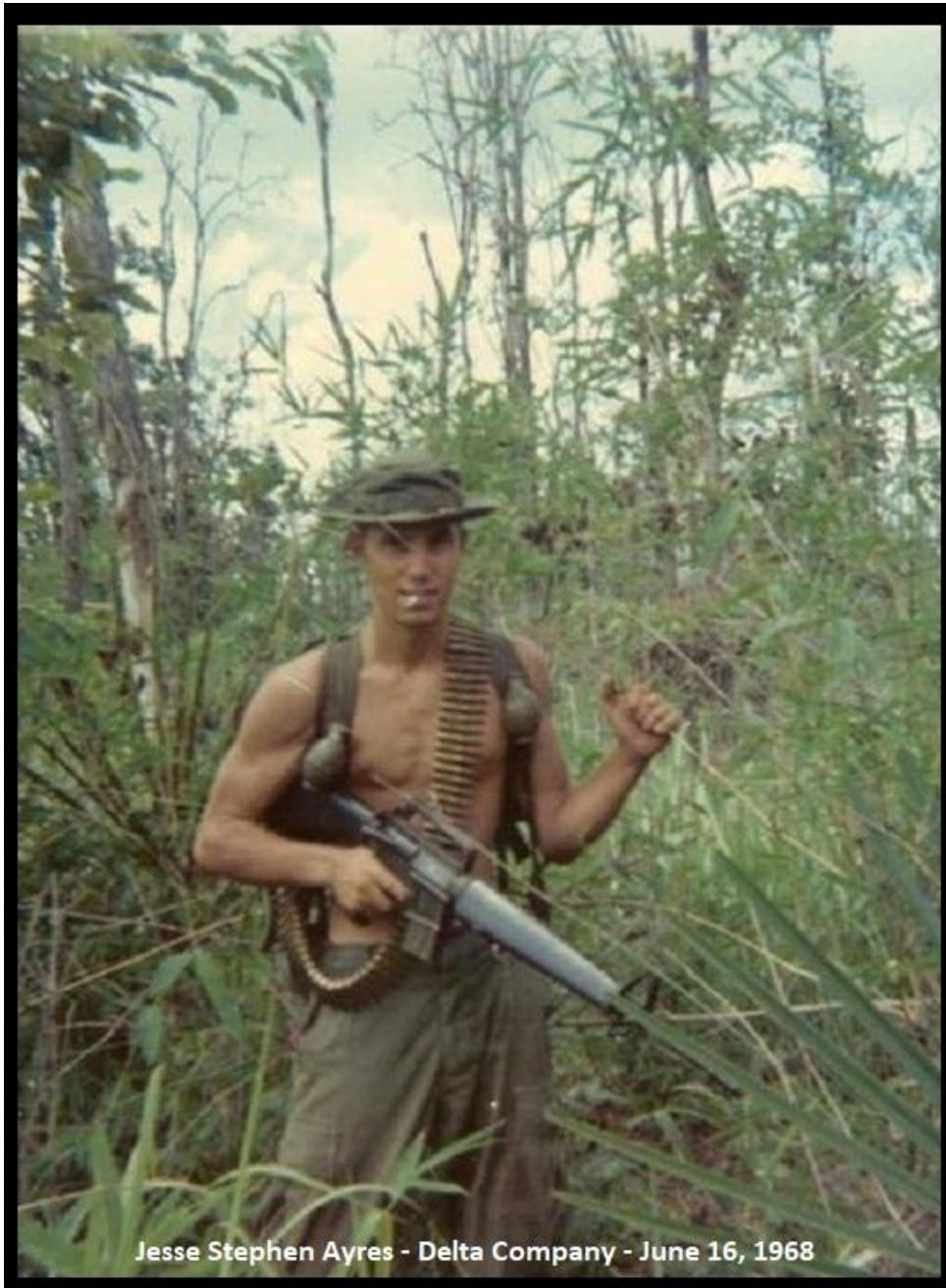
Robert Richard
White arrived in
Vietnam in
March of 1968.
He served with
Alpha Company,
3/187th. Robert
took his own life
on June 14, 1968
in Hau Nghia
Province, shortly
after the
battalion moved
operations to
the Cu Chi-Trang
Bang area.

Robert was from
Chambersburg,
Pennsylvania
and was twenty
years of age. He
is buried at
Presbyterian

Church of Falling Springs, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 57W, Line 20.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

June 1968



Jesse Stephen Ayres - Delta Company - June 16, 1968

June 16, 1968
Jesse Stephen
Ayres

Operation Toan
Thang II – Binh
Duong Province

Jesse Stephen
Ayres arrived in
Vietnam in March
of 1968. He served
with Delta
Company,
3/187th. Jesse was
killed in action on
June 16, 1968
during a combat
operation in Binh
Duong Province.
Jesse was walking
point when
NVA/VC were
encountered.

Jesse was from
Silsbee, Texas and
was eighteen years
of age. He is
buried at Forest
Lawn Memorial
Park, Beaumont,
Texas. His name is
etched on the

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 57W, Line 34.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

June 1968



June 18, 1968

Norman Jones Jr

Operation Toan Thang
II – Binh Duong
Province

Norman Jones, Jr
arrived in Vietnam in
March of 1968. He
served with Delta
Company, 3/187th.
Norman was killed in
action on June 18, 1968
during a combat
operation/firefight in
Binh Duong Province.

Norman was from
Elyria, Ohio and was
twenty years of age. He
is buried at Brookdale
Cemetery, Elyria, Ohio.
His name is etched on
the Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel
56W, Line 23.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

June 1968



June 26, 1968

**Robert Lloyd
Coulter**

Operation Toan
Thang II - Binh Thuy
Province

Robert Lloyd Coulter
deployed with the
3/187th in December
of 1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He served
with Delta Company.
On June 26, 1968
Robert lost his life by
accidental drowning.

Robert was from
Toledo, Oregon and
was twenty-two years
of age. Robert is
buried at Toledo
Cemetery, Toledo,
Oregon. His name is
etched on the
Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel
W54, Line 2.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...





SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

July 1968



July 8, 1968
Donald Earl
Bear

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province

Donald Earl Bear
deployed with the
3/187th in
December of 1967
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served with Bravo
Company, 2nd
Platoon and was on
his second tour in
Vietnam. SGT Bear
and three other
Bravo Company
soldiers were killed
in action on July 8,
1968 during a
combat operation.

Donald was from
Mountain View,
Oklahoma and was
twenty-six years of
age. He is buried at
Fort Sill Post
Cemetery, Lawton,

Oklahoma. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 43W, Line 42.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

July 1968



July 8, 1968
Craig Jesse
De Vore

Operation
Toan Thang II
– Hau Nghia
Province

Craig Jesse De
Vore arrived
in Vietnam in
February of
1968. He
served with
Bravo
Company,
2nd Platoon,
3/187th.
Craig and
three other
Bravo
Company
soldiers were
killed in
action on July
8, 1968

during a combat operation.

Craig was from Garfield, New Jersey and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Laurel Grove Memorial Park, Totowa, New Jersey. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 53W, Line 42.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

July 1968



July 8, 1968
James David
Nansel

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province

James David Nansel arrived in Vietnam in March of 1968. He served with Bravo Company, 2nd Platoon, 3/187th. James and three other Bravo Company soldiers were killed in action on July 8, 1968 during a combat operation.

James was from Kirkland, Washington and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Cedar Park Memorial Park, Redmond, Washington. His name is etched on the Vietnam

Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 53 W, Line 44.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

July 1968



William Irvin Turner, Jr - HHC Medic - July 8, 1968

July 8, 1968
William Irvin
Turner Jr.

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province

William Irvin Turner Jr deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served as a HHC Medic with Bravo Company. William and three other Bravo Company soldiers were killed in action on July 8, 1968 during a combat operation.

William was from Bowden, North Carolina and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Devotional Gardens, Warsaw, New Jersey. His name is etched on the Vietnam

Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 52W, Line 2.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

July 1968



July 9, 1968

Anthony Irvin Lee

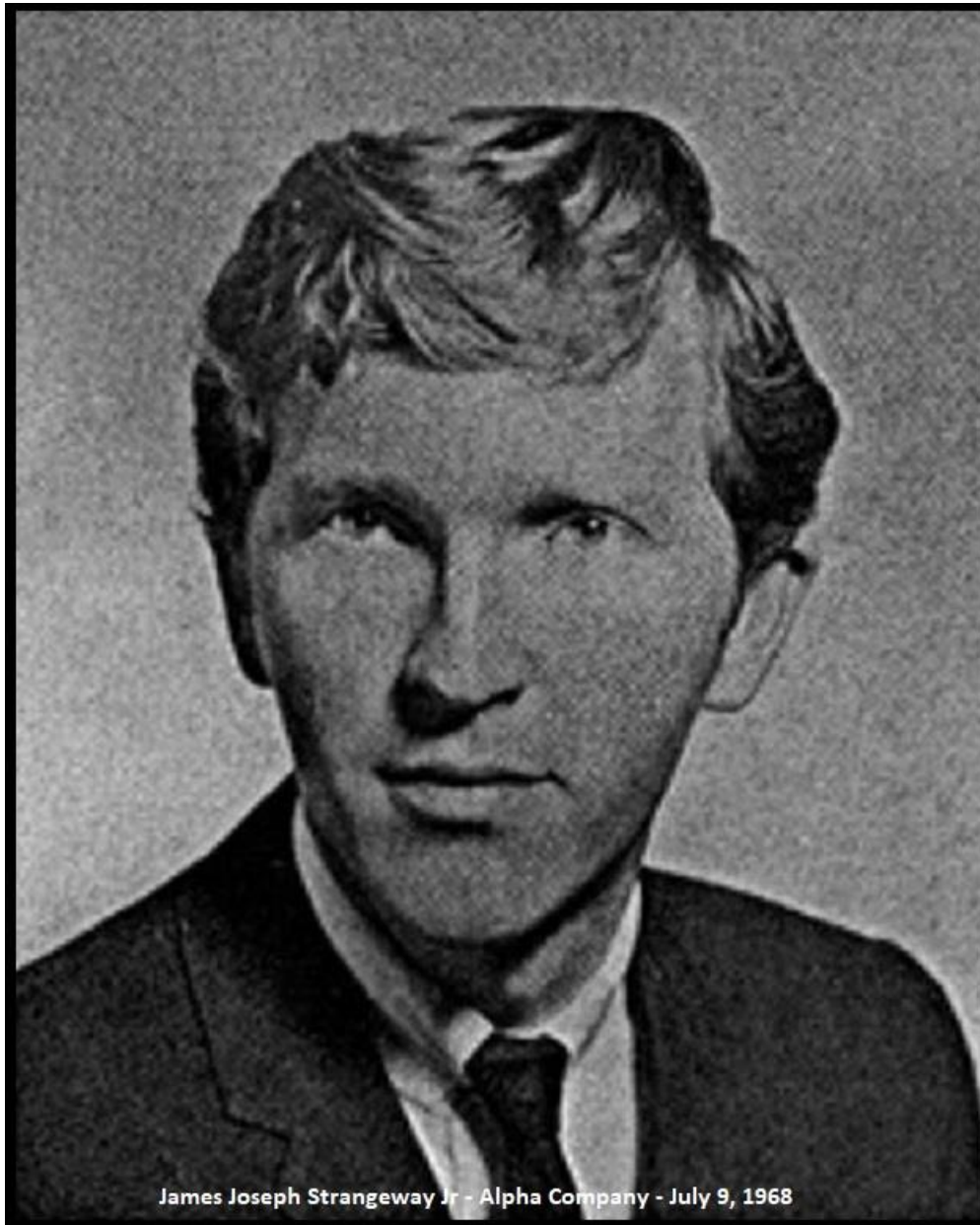
Operation Toan Thang II – Hau Nghia Province

Anthony Irvin Lee deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Alpha Company. Anthony and one other Alpha Company soldier were killed by friendly claymore mine on July 9, 1968 when coming in from a night defensive position.

Anthony was from Rossville, Georgia and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Peavine Cemetery, Rock Springs, Georgia. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 52W, Line 6.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

July 1968



James Joseph Strangeway Jr - Alpha Company - July 9, 1968

July 9, 1968
James Joseph
Strangeway Jr

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province

James Joseph
Strangeway Jr
arrived in
Vietnam in
March of 1968.
He served with
Alpha Company,
3/187th. James
and another
Alpha Company
soldier were
killed on July 9,
1968 by friendly
claymore mine
when coming in
from a night
defensive
position.

James was from
Clifton, New
Jersey and was
twenty-five
years of age. He

is buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Totowa, New Jersey. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 52W, Line 8.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

July 1968



July 18, 1968 Michael Elkinton

Operation Toan
Thang II – Binh Long
Province

Michael Elkinton
deployed with the
3/187th in December
of 1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He served
with Echo Company.
Michael was killed in
action on July 18,
1968 during a combat
operation in Binh
Long Province.

Michael was from
Calistoga, California
and was eighteen
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
51W, Line 3.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

July 1968



**July 19,
1968
Cecil Leroy
Mathew Jr**

Operation
Toan Thang II
- Binh Duong
Province

Cecil Leroy
Matthew Jr,
deployed
with the
3/187th in
December of
1967 during
Operation
Eagle Thrust.
He served
with Charlie

Company. Cecil was wounded in action on July 19, 1968 when a booby-trap detonated during a combat operation. He was medevac'd from the field and admitted to a military hospital where he succumbed to his wounds.

Cecil was from Columbus, Ohio and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Union Cemetery, West Columbia, Ohio. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 50W, Line 51.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

July 1968



July 21, 1968
Jesus Ernest
Chavez Jr

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province

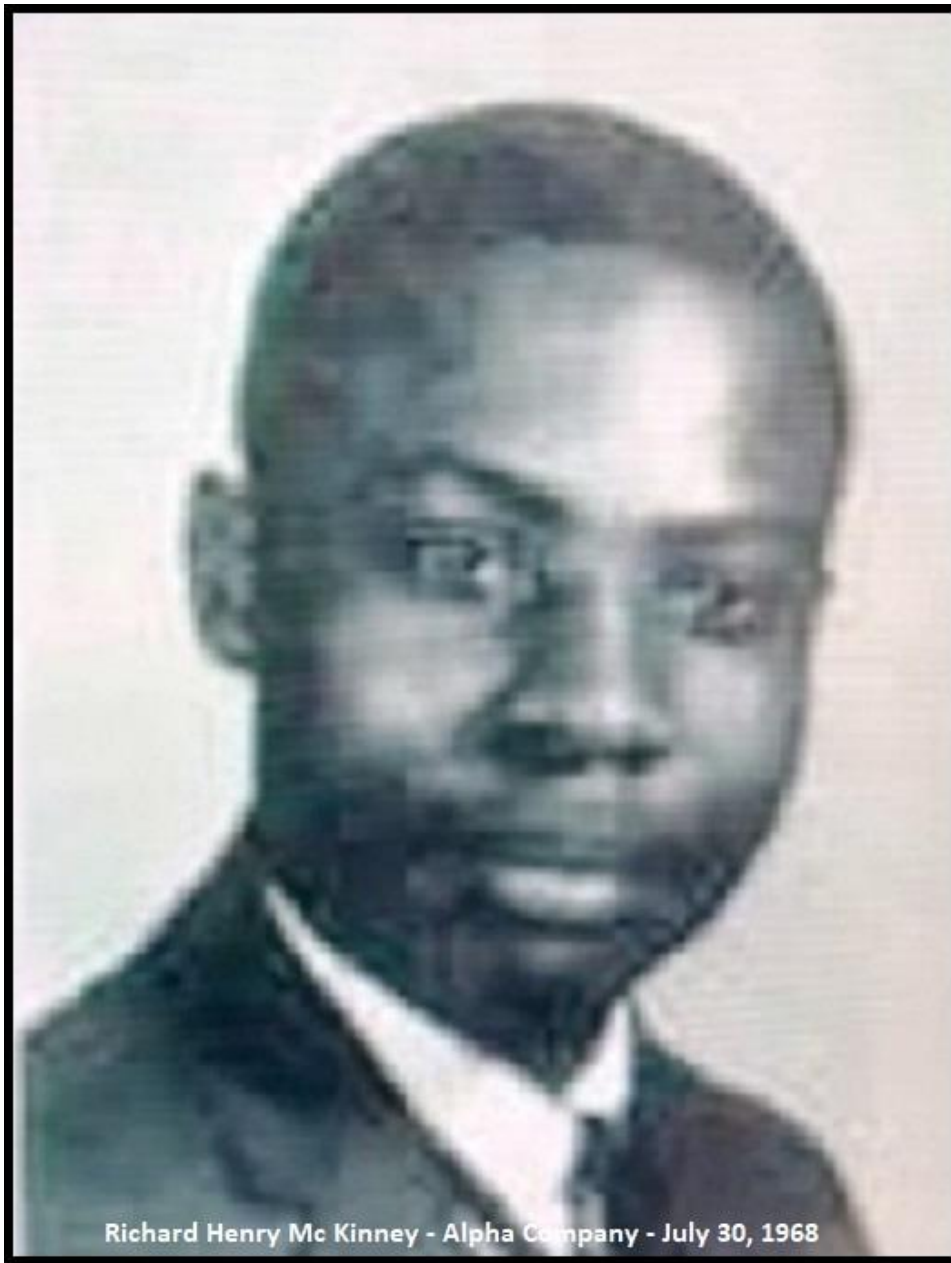
Jesus Ernest
Chavez, Jr arrived
in Vietnam in
December of
1967. He served
with Delta
Company,
3/187th. Jesus
was killed in
action on July 21,
1968 when a
booby-trap
detonated during
a combat
operation.

Jesus was from
Pico Rivera,
California and was
nineteen years of
age. He is buried
at Resurrection
Cemetery,
Montebello,
California. His

name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 51W, Line 24.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

July 1968



July 30, 1968
Richard Henry
Mc Kinney

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province

Richard Henry Mc
Kinney arrived in
Vietnam in April of
1968. He served
with Alpha
Company, 3/187th.
Richard was
wounded in action
on an unknown
date during a
combat operation.
He was admitted to
a military hospital
where he
succumbed to his
wounds on July 30,
1968.

Richard was from
Poughkeepsie, New
York and was
nineteen years of
age. He is buried at
Poughkeepsie Rural

Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, New York. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 50W, Line 36.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...





SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

August 1968



August 7, 1968
Roberto Cobarrubias

Operation Toan Thang II –
Tay Ninh Province

Roberto Cobarrubias deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Charlie Company. Roberto was wounded in action on an unknown date while on a combat operation. He was medevac'd from the field and admitted to a military hospital. He was then moved to a hospital in Japan, where he succumbed to his wounds on August 7, 1968.

Roberto was from San Jose, California and was twenty 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 49W, Line 22.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

August 1968



August 20, 1968
Vernon Webb
Christian Jr

Operation Toan
Thang II – Binh
Duong Province

Vernon Webb
Christian Jr
deployed with the
3/187th in
December of 1967
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served with Alpha
Company. Vernon
was killed in action
on August 20, 1968
due to a booby-trap
being detonated
during a combat
operation south of
Phuoc Vinh.

Vernon was from
Stewartsville, Ohio
and was twenty
years of age. He is
buried at Glencoe
Cemetery, Glencoe,
Ohio. His name is
etched on the

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 47W, Line 6.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...



September 1968



SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



TSTP Photo credit - Jon Jakeway, Charlie Company, 1st Platoon, 3/187th, RVN 6/68.

September 4, 1968 Jimmy Locklear

Operation Toan Thang II –
Hau Nghia Province

Jimmy Locklear deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1968, during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Charlie Company. Jimmy was wounded in action on August 30, 1968 during a combat operation. He was medevac'd from the field and admitted to the 24th Evac Hospital. On September 4, 1968, Jimmy succumbed to his wounds.

Jimmy was from Maxton, North Carolina and was eighteen years of age. He is buried at Hillside Memorial Park, Laurinburg, North Carolina. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 54W, Line 38.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



Carlton Travis Goree - Alpha Company - September 5, 1968

September 5, 1968 Carlton Travis Goree

Operation Toan Thang II –
Hau Nghia Province - Ap
Trang Dau

Carlton Travis Goree
arrived in Vietnam in July
of 1968. He served with
Alpha Company, 3/187th.
Carlton was killed in action
on September 5, 1968
when Alpha Company was
inserted into a hot landing
zone near the village of Ap
Trang Dau.

Carlton was from Mobile,
Alabama and was twenty
years of age. He is buried
at Bonner Memorial
Cemetery, Choctaw
County, Alabama. His name
is etched on the Vietnam
Veterans Memorial Wall,
Panel 45W, Line 40.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



James Howard Anderson - HHC Medic-Alpha Company - September 6, 1968

**September 6,
1968**
**James Howard
Anderson**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau Nghia
- Ap Trang Dau

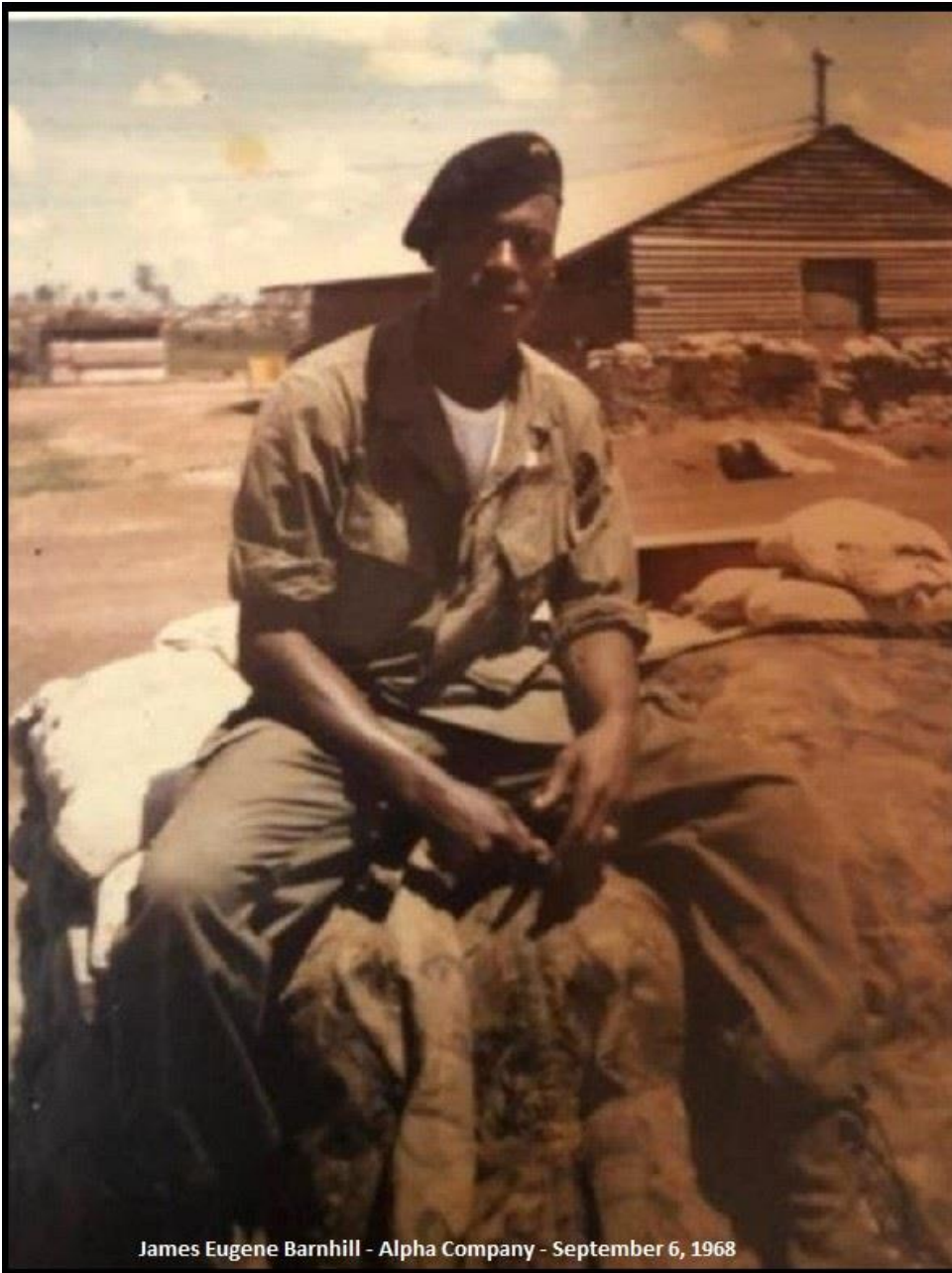
James Howard
Anderson deployed
with the 3/187th in
December of 1967
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served as a HHC
Medic with Alpha
Company. James
was killed in action
in the early morning
hours of September
6, 1968 during the
cordon operation of
the village of Ap
Trang Dau.

James was from
Anaheim, California
and was twenty-
seven years old. He
is buried at
Fairhaven Memorial

Park, Santa Ana, California. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 47.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



James Eugene Barnhill - Alpha Company - September 6, 1968

**September 6,
1968**

**James Eugene
Barnhill**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province -
Ap Trang Dau

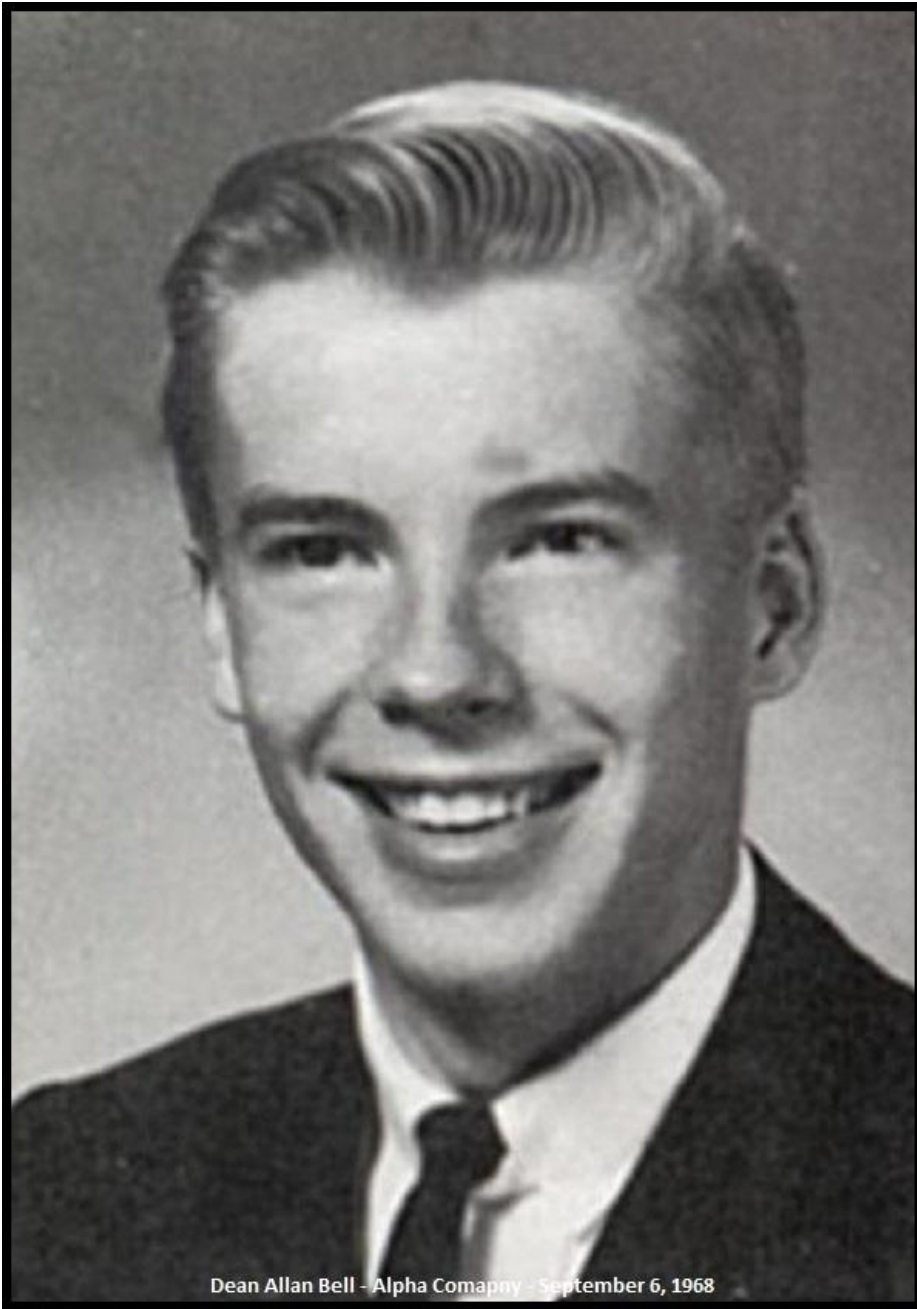
James Eugene
Barnhill arrived in
Vietnam in
February of 1968.
He served with
Alpha Company,
3/187th. James
was killed in action
in the early
morning hours of
September 6, 1968
during the cordon
operation of the
village of Ap Trang
Dau.

James was from
New York, New
York and was
twenty years of
age. He is buried at
Zeola Cemetery,
White Hall, South

Carolina. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 47.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



Dean Allan Bell - Alpha Comapny - September 6, 1968

September 6, 1968
Dean Allan Bell

Operation Toan Thang
II – Hau Nghia
Province - Ap Trang
Dau

Dean Allan Bell
deployed with the
3/187th in December
of 1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He served as a
HHC Medic with Alpha
Company. Dean was
killed in action in the
early morning hours of
September 6, 1968
during the cordon
operation of the
village of Ap Trang
Dau.

Dean was from Kansas
City, Missouri and was
twenty-one years of
age. He is buried at
Floral Hills Cemetery,
Kansas City, Missouri.
His name is etched on
the Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel
45W, Line 47.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



Gregory Lee Bomberry - Alpha Company - September 6, 1968

**September 6,
1968**

**Gregory Lee
Bomberry**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province - Ap
Trang Dau

Gregory Lee
Bomberry arrived
in Vietnam in
March of 1968. He
served with Alpha
Company, 3/187th.
Gregory was killed
in action in the
early morning
hours of September
6, 1968 during a
cordon operation
of the village of Ap
Trang Dau.

Gregory was from
Niagara Falls, New
York and was
twenty-one years
of age. He is buried
at Riverdale
Cemetery,
Lewiston, New

York. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 48.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



William Cannon - Alpha Company - September 6, 1968

**September 6,
1968**
William Cannon

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau Nghia
Province - Ap Trang
Dau

William Cannon
deployed with the
3/187th in
December of 1968
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served with Alpha
Company. William
was killed in action
in the early morning
hours of September
6, 1968 during a
cordon operation of
the village of Ap
Trang Dau.

William was from
Hayneville, Alabama
and was twenty-
three years of age.
He is buried at
Hayneville
Cemetery,
Hayneville,

Alabama. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 48.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 6,
1968**

**Robert O
Chambers**

Operation Toan
Thang – Hau Nghia
Province - Ap Trang
Dau

Robert O Chambers
deployed with the
3/187th in December
of 1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He served
with Alpha Company.
Robert was killed in
action in the early
morning hours of
September 6, 1968
during a cordon
operation of the
village of Ap Trang
Dau.

Robert was from
Camp Hill, Alabama
and was eighteen
years of age. He is
buried at Tallapoosa
County Memorial
gardens, Dadeville,
Alabama. His name is

etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 48.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 6,
1968
Benjamin Tally
Dawkins**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau Nghia
Province - Ap Trang
Dau

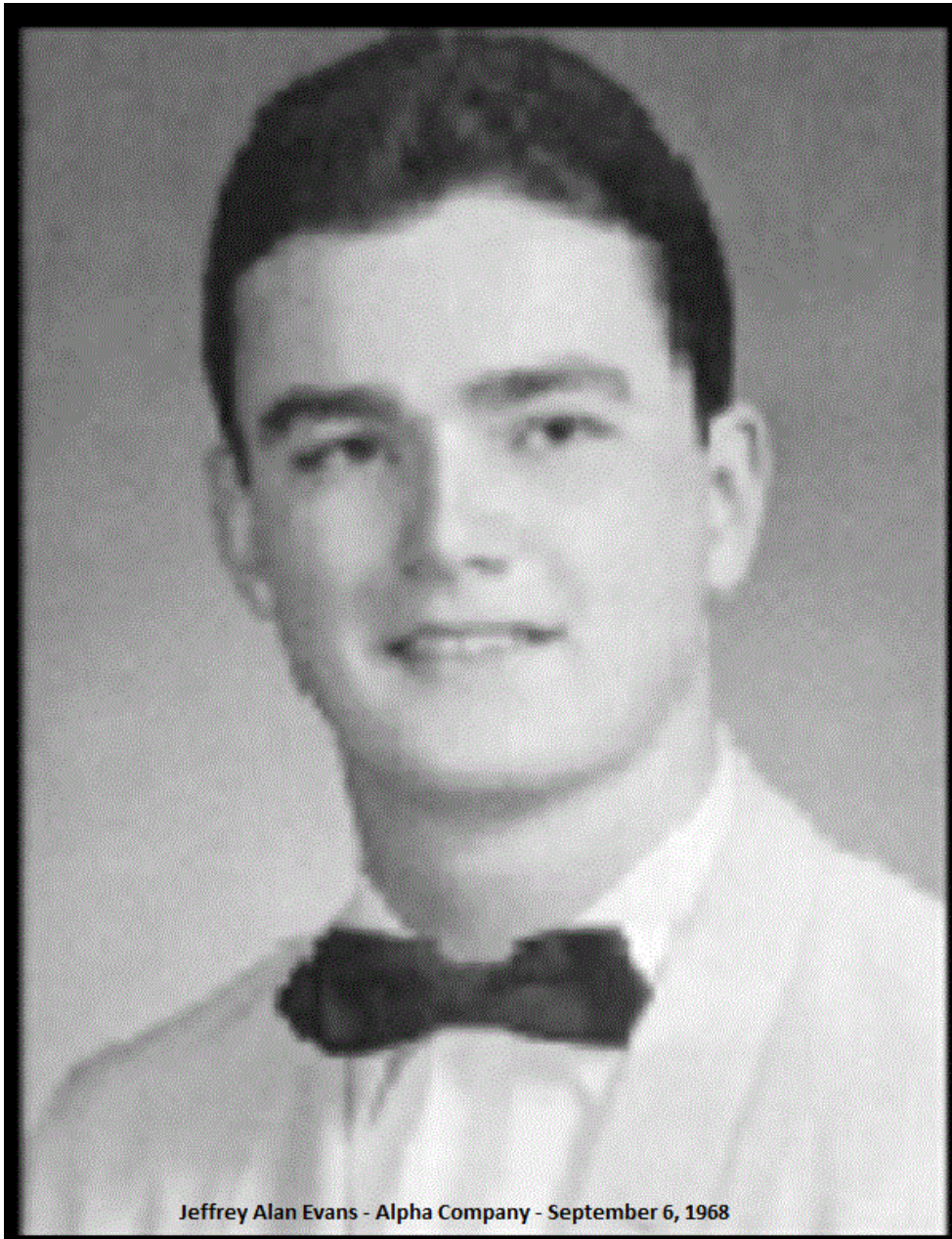
Benjamin Tally
Dawkins deployed
with the 3/187th in
December of 1967
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served as a HHC
Medic with Alpha
Company. Benjamin
was killed in action in
the early morning
hours of September
6, 1968 during a
cordon operation of
the village of Ap
Trang Dau.

Benjamin was from
Rockingham, North
Carolina and was
twenty-three years of
age. He is buried at

Dawkins Cemetery, Rockingham, North Carolina. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 49.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 6,
1968**
**Jeffrey Alan
Evans**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province -
Ap Trang Dau

Jeffrey Alan Evans
deployed with the
3/187th in
December of 1967
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served with Alpha
Company. Jeffrey
was killed in
action in the early
morning hours of
September 6,
1968 during a
cordon operation
of the village of
Ap Trang Dau.

Jeffrey was from
Baltimore,
Maryland and was
nineteen years of
age. He is buried
at Oak Lawn

Cemetery, Baltimore County, Maryland. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 50.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September
6, 1968
Lloyd
Thomas
Darling**

Operation
Toan Thang II –
Hau Nghia
Province - Ap
Trang Dau

Lloyd Thomas
Darling arrived
in Vietnam in
July of 1968.
He served with
Alpha
Company,
3/187th. Lloyd
was killed in
action in the
early morning
hours of
September 6,
1968 during a
cordon
operation of
the village of
Ap Trang Dau.

Lloyd was from Kill Buck, New York and was twenty years of age He is buried at Limestone Cemetery, Limestone, New York. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 49.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 6,
1968**
Jeffrey Alan Davis

Operation Toan Thang
II – Hau Nghia
Province - Ap Trang
Dau

Jeffrey Alan Davis
deployed with 3/187th
in December of 1967
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served with Alpha
Company. Jeffrey was
killed in action in the
early morning hours
of September 6, 1968
during a cordon
operation of the
village of Ap Trang
Dau.

Jeffrey was from
Indianapolis, Indiana
and was nineteen
years of age. He is
buried at Crown Hill
Cemetery,
Indianapolis, Indiana.
His name is etched on
the Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel

45W, Line 49.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



September 6, 1968
Robert Allen
Gamber

Operation Toan Thang
II – Hau Nghia
Province - Ap Trang
Dau

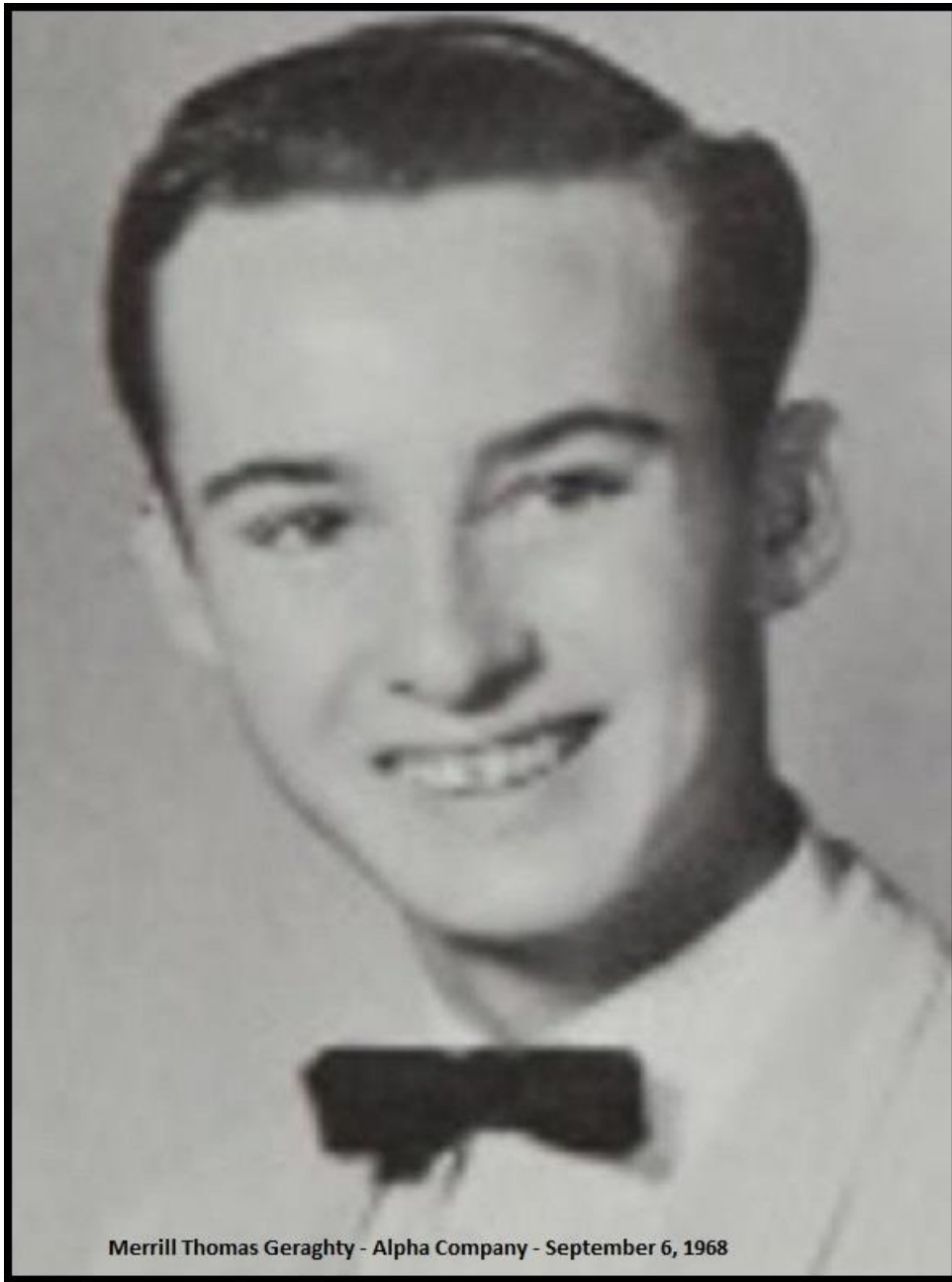
Robert Allen Gamber
deployed with the
3/187th in December
of 1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He served
with Alpha Company.
Robert was killed in
action in the early
morning hours of
September 6, 1968
during a cordon
operation of the
village of Ap Trang
Dau.

Robert was from York,
Pennsylvania and was
nineteen years of age.
He is buried at
Gettysburg National
Cemetery,
Gettysburg,
Pennsylvania. His
name is etched on the
Vietnam Veterans

Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 50.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 6,
1968**

**Merrill Thomas
Geraghty**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province -
Ap Trang Dau

LT Merrill Thomas Geraghty deployed with the Advance Party in November of 1967. He served as a LT with Alpha Company. Merrill was killed in action in the early morning hours of September 6, 1968 during a cordon operation of Ap Trang Dau.

Merrill was from Mesa, Arizona and was twenty-four years of age. He is buried at Mountain View Memorial Gardens, Mesa, Arizona. His name is etched on

the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 50.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



September 6, 1968

**George Aden
Gerald**

Operation Toan Thang
II – Hau Nghia Province
- Ap Trang Dau

George Aden Gerald
arrived in Vietnam in
May of 1968. He
served with Alpha
Company, 3/187th.
George was killed in
action in the early
morning hours of
September 6, 1968
during a cordon
operation of the village
of Ap Trang Dau.

George was from
Portsmouth, Virginia
and was twenty-four
years of age. He is
buried at Gerald-
Linkous Cemetery,
Vicker, Virginia. His
name is etched on the
Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel
45W, Line 50.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 6,
1968**
**Michael Lynn
Griffith**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau Nghia
Province - Ap Trang
Dau

Michael Lynn
Griffith arrived in
Vietnam in March of
1968. He served
with Alpha
Company, 3/187th.
Michael was killed in
action in the early
morning hours of
September 6, 1968
during a cordon
operation of the
village of Ap Trang
Dau.

Michael was from
Lancaster, Ohio and
was twenty-one
years of age. He is
buried at Floral Hills
Memory Gardens,
Lancaster, Ohio. His

name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 51.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968

September 6, 1968

Thomas Wyatt Harris

Operation Toan Thang II – Hau Nghia Province - Ap Trang Dau

Thomas Wyatt Harris arrived in Vietnam in April of 1968. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. Thomas was killed in action in the early morning hours of September 6, 1968 during a cordon operation of the village of Ap Trang Dau.

Thomas was from Brandon, Florida and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Valley View Memorial Gardens, Xenia, Ohio. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 56.



SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



September 6, 1968 Kenneth Bruce Jenkins

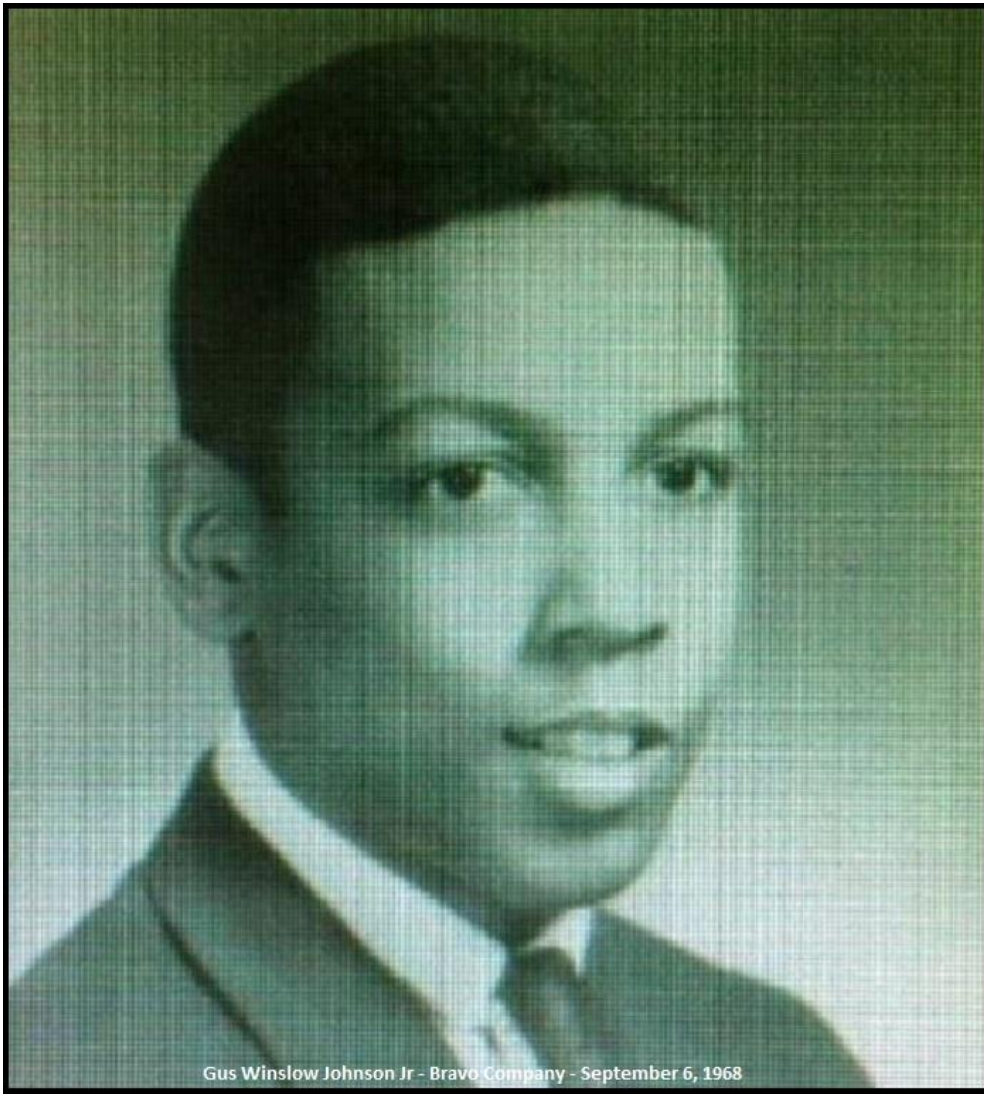
Operation Toan Thang II – Hau Nghia Province - Ap Trang Dau

Kenneth Bruce Jenkins deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust as a LT. He initially served with HHC but after being promoted to CPT, he took command of Alpha Company in August of 1968. Kenneth was killed in action in the early morning hours of September 6, 1968 during a cordon operation of Ap Trang Dau.

Kenneth was from Orangeburg, South Carolina and was twenty-three years of age. He is buried at Belleville Memorial Gardens, Orangeburg, South Carolina. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 53.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 6,
1968**

**Gus Winslow
Johnson Jr**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province -
Ap Trang Dau

Gus Winslow
Johnson Jr
deployed with
the 3/187th in
December of
1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. His
records indicate
he served with
Bravo Company.
Gus was killed in
action in the early
morning hours of
September 6,
1968 during a
cordon operation
of Ap Trang Dau.

Gus was from Blacklick, Ohio and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Union Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 53.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 6,
1968**

**John Franklin
Kelly**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province - Ap
Trang Dau

John Franklin Kelly arrived in Vietnam in July of 1968. He served as a HHC Medic assigned to Alpha Company, 3/187th. John was killed in action in the early morning hours of September 6, 1968 during a cordon operation of Ap Trang Dau.

John was from Houston, Texas and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Quanah Memorial Park, Quanah, Texas. His name is etched on the Vietnam

Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 53.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



September 6, 1968
Michael Carey
Kolarov

Operation Toan Thang
II – Hau Nghia
Province - Ap Trang
Dau

Michael Carey Kolarov
deployed with the
3/187th in December
of 1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He served with
Alpha Company.
Michael was killed in
action in the early
morning hours of
September 6, 1968
during a cordon
operation of Ap Trang
Dau.

Michael was from
Akron, Ohio and was
nineteen years of age.
He is buried at
Greenlawn Memorial
Park, Akron, Ohio. His
name is etched on the
Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel
45W, Line 53.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



Jimmy Davis Lemley - Alpha Company - September 6, 1968

September 6, 1968
Jimmy Davis Lemley

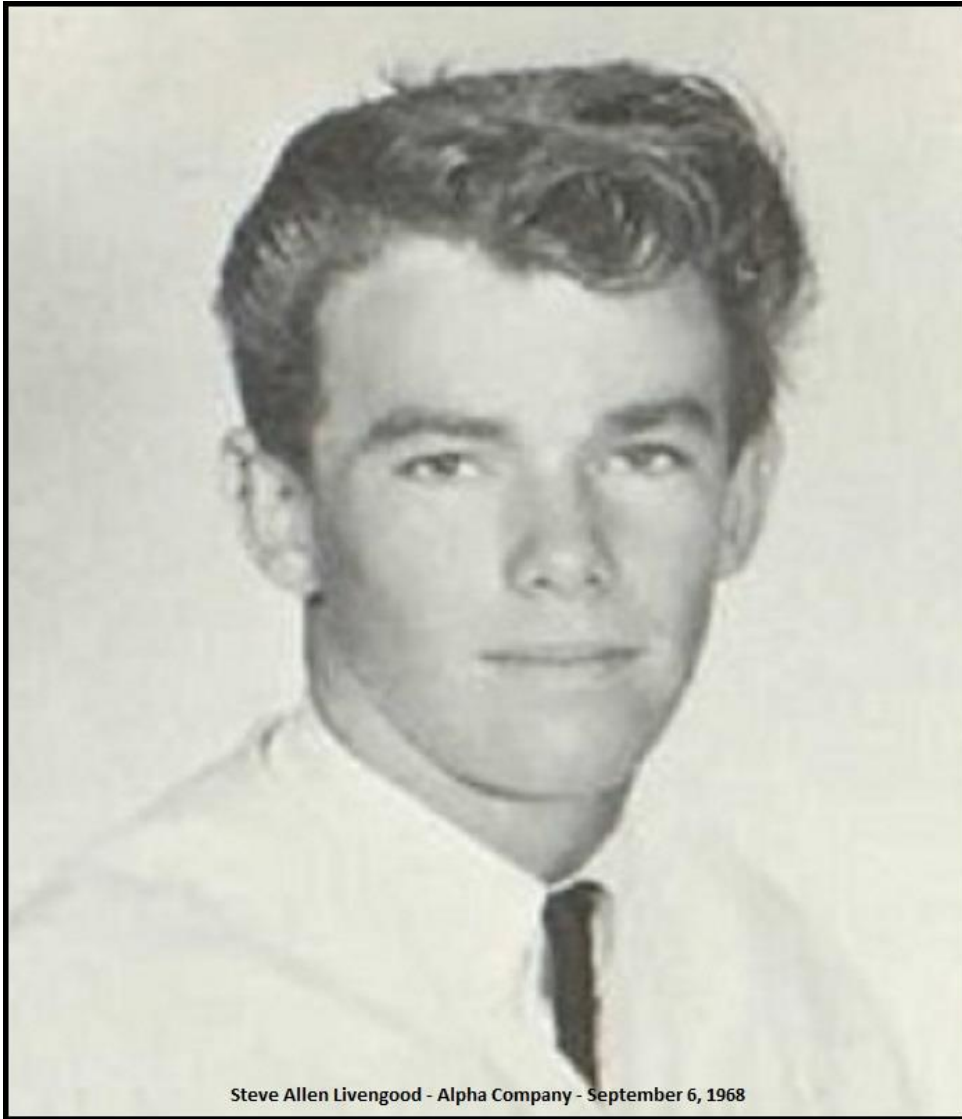
Operation Toan Thang II –
Hau Nghia Province - Ap
Trang Dau

Jimmy Davis Lemley arrived in Vietnam in February of 1968. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. Jimmy was killed in action in the early morning hours of September 6, 1968 during a cordon operation of Ap Trang Dau.

Jimmy was from Checotah, Oklahoma and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Greenlawn Cemetery, Checotah, Oklahoma. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 54.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 6,
1968**

**Steven Allen
Livengood**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province - Ap
Trang Dau

Steve Allen
Livengood
Deployed with the
3/187th in
December of 1967
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served with Alpha
Company. Steve
was killed in action
in the early
morning hours of
September 6, 1968
during a cordon
operation of Ap
Trang Dau.

Steve was from
North Miami

Beach, Florida and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Dade Memorial Park (South), Miami, Florida. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 54.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September
6, 1968
Anthony
John Montes**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province
- Ap Trang Dau

Anthony John
Montes
deployed with
the 3/187th in
December of
1967 during
Operation
Eagle Thrust.
He served with
Alpha
Company.
Anthony was
killed in action
in the early
morning hours
of September
6, 1968 during
a cordon
operation of Ap

Trang Dau.

Anthony was from Yabucoa, Puerto Rico and was twenty-four years of age. He is buried at Cementerio Municipal Barrio Valsovia, Yabucoa, Puerto Rico. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 54.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



Edwin Allan Penn - Alpha Company - September 6, 1968

**September 6,
1968**

**Edwin Allan
Penn**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province -
Ap Trang Dau

Edwin Allan Penn
arrived in
Vietnam in August
of 1967. He
served with Alpha
Company,
3/187th. Edwin
was killed in
action in the early
morning hours of
September 6,
1968 during a
cordon operation
of Ap Trang Dau.

Edwin was from
Denver, Colorado
and was twenty
years of age. He is
buried at Fort
Logan National
Cemetery,

Denver, Colorado. His name is etched in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 55.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 6,
1968**

**Randolph
Sampson**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province - Ap
Trang Dau

Randolph Sampson
arrived in Vietnam
in September of
1968. He served
with Alpha
Company, 3/187th.
Randolph was killed
in action in the
early morning hours
of September 6,
1968 during a
cordon operation of
Ap Trang Dau.

Randolph was from
Jacksonville, Florida
and was eighteen
years of age. He is
buried at Mount
Olive Cemetery,
Jacksonville,
Florida. His name is
etched on the

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 56.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



Roy Benjamin Squires - Echo Company - September 6, 1968

**September 6,
1968**

**Roy Benjamin
Squires**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province -
Ap Trang Dau

Roy Benjamin
Squires deployed
with the 3/187th in
December of 1968
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served with Echo
Company. Roy was
killed in action in
the early morning
hours of
September 6, 1968
during a cordon
operation of Ap
Trang Dau.

Roy was from
Flemington, West
Virginia and was
twenty years of
age. He is buried at
Simpson Cemetery,
Simpson, West

Virginia. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45 W, Line 57.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



Willie Lee Toney - Alpha Company - September 6, 1968

**September 6,
1968**

**Willie Lee
Toney**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province -
Ap Trang Dau

Willie Lee
Toney deployed
with the
3/187th in
December of
1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He
served with
Alpha
Company. Willie
was killed in
action in the
early morning
hours of
September 6,
1968 during a
cordon
operation of Ap
Trang Dau.

Willie was from Dallas, Texas and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Lincoln Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 58.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



Raymond Lawrence Whelpley - Alpha Company - September 6, 1968

September 6, 1968 Raymond Lawrence Whelpley

Operation Toan Thang II –
Hau Nghia Province - Ap
Trang Dau

Raymond Lawrence
Whelpley arrived in
Vietnam in March of 1968.
He served with Alpha
Company, 3/187th.
Raymond was killed in
action in the early morning
hours of September 6,
1968 during a cordon
operation of Ap Trang Dau.

Raymond was from Lake
Orion, Michigan and was
twenty-one years of age.
He is buried at Perry
Mount Park Cemetery,
Pontiac, Michigan. His
name is etched on the
Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel 45W,
Line 58.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 6,
1968**
**Donald Melven
Wilbanks**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province -
Ap Trang Dau

Donald Melven
Wilbanks arrived
in Vietnam in
February of 1968.
He served with
Alpha Company,
3/187th. Donald
was killed in
action in the early
morning hours of
September 6,
1968 during a
cordon of Ap
Trang Dau.

Donald was from
Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma. He is
buried at Sunny
Lane Cemetery,
Del City,
Oklahoma. His
name is etched on

the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 59.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 7,
1968**

**Carl Nicholas
Mapes Horner**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau Nghia
Province - X. Sa Nho
(2)

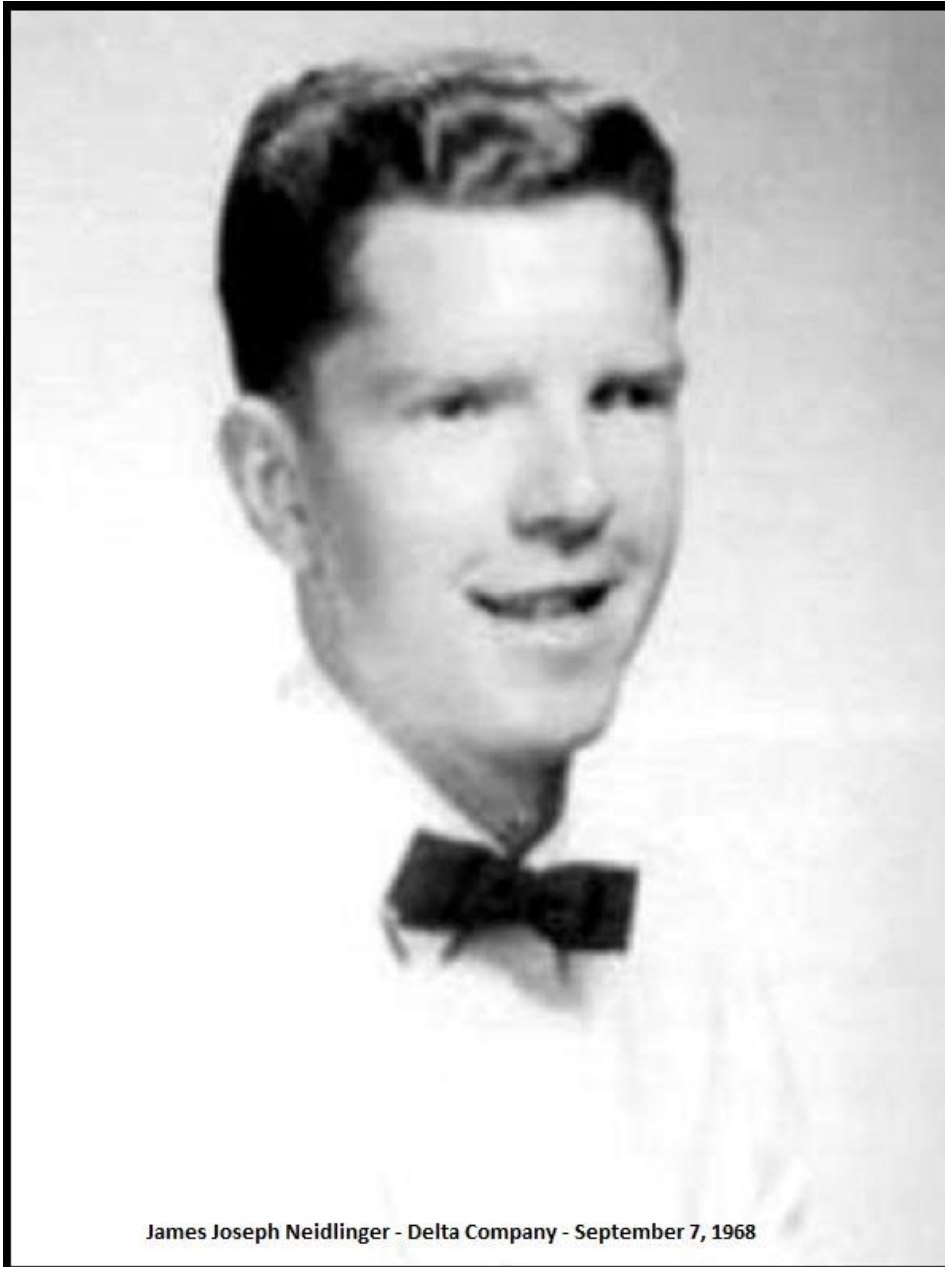
Carl Nicholas Mapes
Horner arrived in
Vietnam in March of
1968. He served
with Echo Company,
Recon Platoon,
3/187th. Carl was
killed in action
during a combat
operation near the
village of X. Sa Nho
(2).

Carl was from San
Bernadino,
California and was
twenty years of age.
He is buried at
Mountain View
Cemetery, San
Bernadino,
California. His name
is etched on the

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 62.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 7,
1968**

**James Joseph
Neidlinger**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau Nghia
Province - X. Sa Nho
(2)

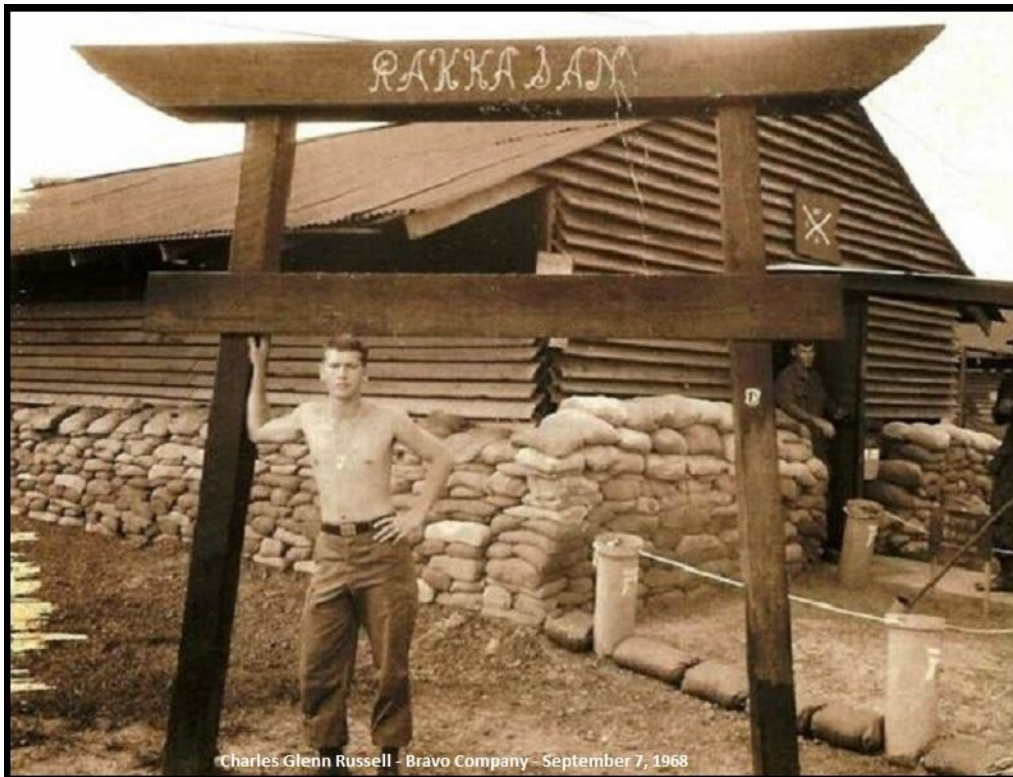
James Joseph
Neidlinger arrived in
Vietnam in March of
1968. He served
with Delta
Company, 3/187th.
James was killed in
action on
September 7, 1968
during a combat
operation near the
village of X. Sa Nho
(2).

James was from
New York, New York
and was twenty
years of age. He is
buried at Calvary
Cemetery,
Woodside, Queens
County, New York.
His name is etched

on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 63.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September
7, 1968
Charles
Glenn
Russell**

Operation
Toan Thang II
Hau Nghia
Province – X.
Sa Nho (2)

Charles Glenn
Russell arrived
in Vietnam in
March of 1968.
He served with
Bravo
Company,
3/187th,

becoming battalion RTO for CPT Robert Friedrich in late summer of 1968. Glenn was killed in action on September 7, 1968 during a combat operation near the village of X. Sa Nho (2).

Glenn was from Louisville, Kentucky and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Calvary Cemetery, Louisville, Kentucky. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 45W, Line 64.



SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



Carlos Dyrál Vibbert - Charlie Company - September 7, 1968

September 7, 1968 Carlos Dyrál Vibbert

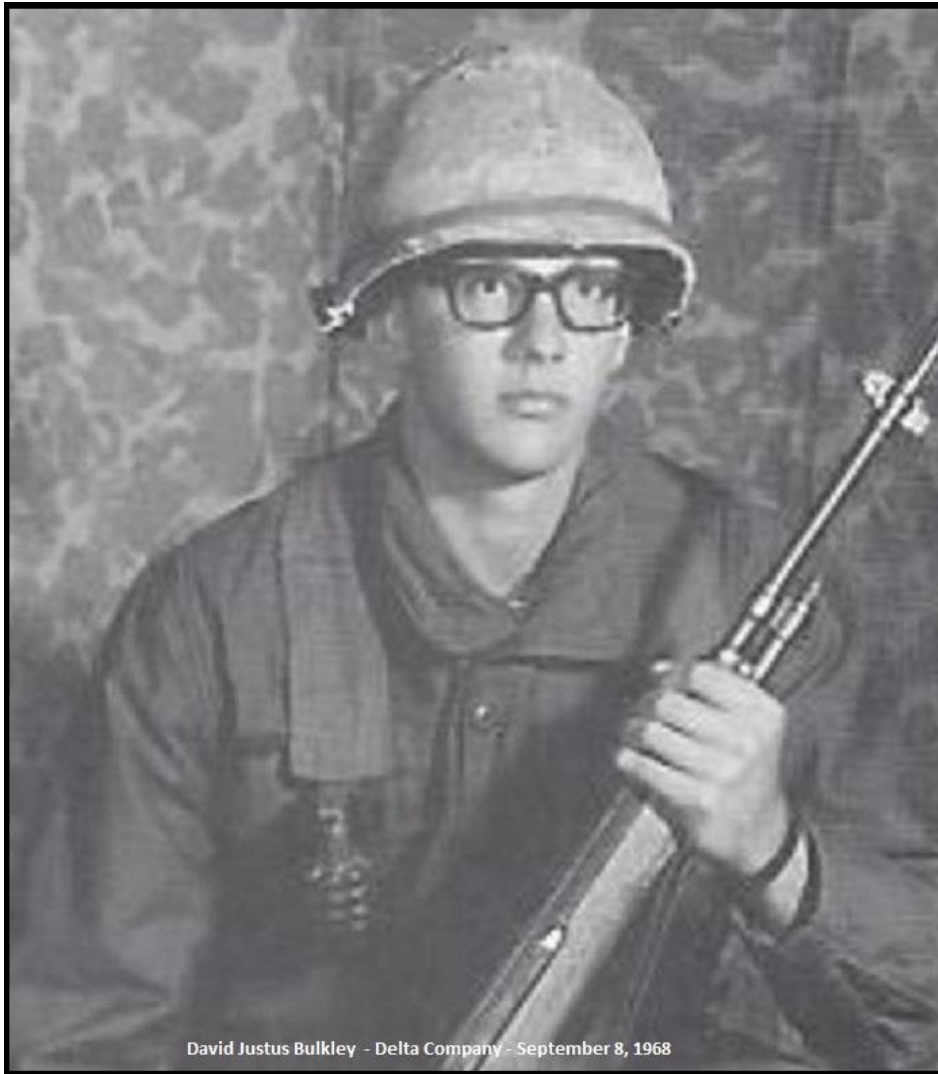
Operation Toan Thang II –
Hau Nghia Province - X. Sa
Nho (2)

Carlos Dyrál Vibbert arrived
in Vietnam in March of
1968. He served with
Charlie Company, 3/187th.
Carlos was killed in action
on September 7, 1968
during a combat operation
near the village of X. Sa
Nho (2).

Carlos was from Louisville,
Kentucky and was twenty-
two years of age. He is
buried at Mud Camp
Cemetery, Cumberland
County, Kentucky. His
name is etched on the
Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Wall, Panel 45W,
Line 64.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



David Justus Bulkley - Delta Company - September 8, 1968

**September 8,
1968**

**David Justus
Bulkley**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau Nghia
Province - X. Sa Nho
(2)

David Justus Bulkley arrived in Vietnam in March of 1968. He served with Delta Company, 3/187th. David was killed in action on September 7, 1968 during a combat operation near the village of X Sa Nho (2). Due to the intensity of the extended firefight, his body was recovered on September 8, 1968.

David was from Chilton, Wisconsin and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Hope Cemetery, Tyler, Minnesota. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 44W, Line 5.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



September 8, 1968

William Otto Lang

Operation Toan Thang II –
Hau Nghia Province - X. Sa
Nho (2)

William Otto Lang arrived in Vietnam in March of 1968. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. William was killed in action on September 7, 1968 during a combat operation near the village of X. Sa Nho (2). Due to the intensity of the extended firefight, his body was recovered on September 8, 1968.

William was from New Holstein Wisconsin and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Fernwood Cemetery, Gladstone, Michigan. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 44W, Line 4.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 8,
1968**

**Frederick William
McHugh**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau Nghia
Province - X. Sa Nho
(2)

Frederick William
McHugh deployed
with the 3/187th in
December of 1967
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served with Charlie
Company. Frederick
was killed in action on
September 7, 1968
during a combat
operation near the
village of X Sa Nho
(2). Due to the
intensity of the
extended firefight, his
body was recovered
on September 8, 1968

Frederick was from
Bangor Maine and
was twenty-one years
of age. He is buried at

Mount Pleasant Catholic Cemetery, Bangor, Maine. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 44W, Line 4.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



Edward Earl Pea - Charlie Company - September 8, 1968

**September 8,
1968**

**Edward Earl
Pea**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province -
X. Sa Nho (2)

Edward Earl Pea
deployed with
the 3/187th in
December of
1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He served
with Charlie
Company.
Edward was
killed in action on
September 7,
1968 during a
combat
operation near
the village of X.
Sa Nho (2). Due
to the intensity
of the extended
firefight, his body
was recovered on
September 8,

1968. September 8, 1968 was Edward's 20th birthday.

Edward was from Grand Cane, Louisiana 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 44W, Line 5.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 8,
1968**

**Terry Austin
Ruth**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province -
X. Sa Nho (2)

Terry Austin Ruth
deployed with the
3/187th in
December of
1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. Terry
initially served
with Bravo
Company but
took over Recon
Platoon in the late
summer of 1968.
Terry was killed in
action on
September 7,
1968 during a
combat operation
near the village of
X. Sa Nho (2). Due
to the intensity of

the extended firefight, his body was recovered on September 8, 1968.

Terry was from Anderson, Indiana and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Anderson Memorial Park, Anderson, Indiana. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 44W, Line 6.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



September 8, 1968 Grover Lynn Suit

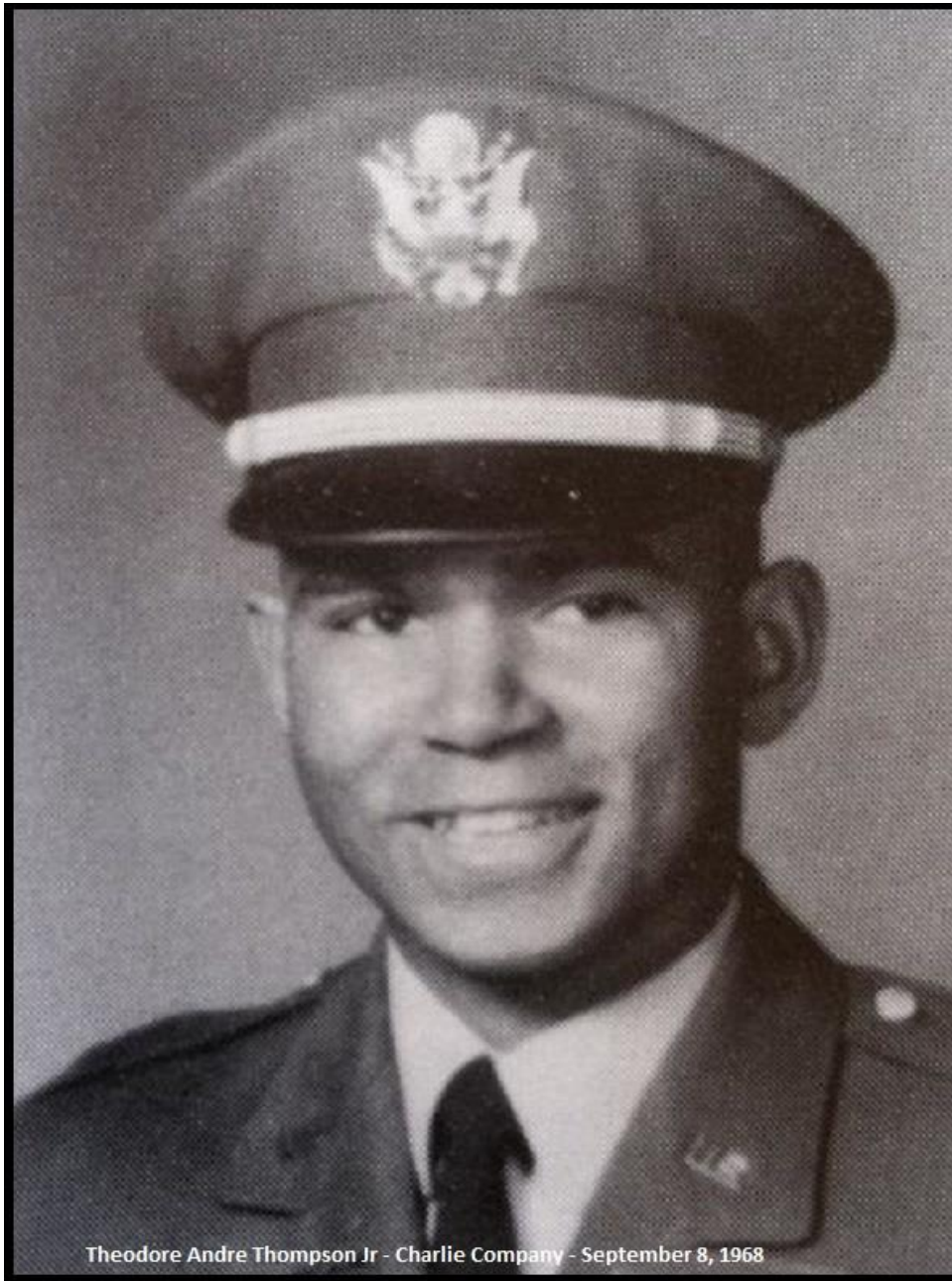
Operation Toan Thang II
– Hau Nghia Province -
X. Sa Nho (2)

Grover Lynn Suit arrived in Vietnam in February of 1968. He served with Echo Company, Recon, 3/187th. Grover was killed in action on September 7, 1968 during a combat operation near the village of X. Sa Nho (2). Due to the intensity of the extended firefight, his body was recovered on September 8, 1968.

Grover was from Rockmart, Georgia and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Aragon Cemetery, Aragon, Georgia. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 44W, Line 7.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 8,
1968**

**Theodore Andre
Thompson Jr**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Hau
Nghia Province - X.
Sa Nho (2)

Theodore Andre
Thompson Jr
deployed with the
3/187th in
December of 1967
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
initially served with
Bravo Company
but was
transferred to
Charlie Company.
LT Thompson was
killed in action on
September 7, 1968
during a combat
operation near the
village of X. Sa Nho
(2). Due to the
intensity of the
extended firefight,
his body was
recovered on
September 8, 1968.

LT Thompson was from Boston, Massachusetts and was twenty-five years of age. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 44W, Line 7.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



William Arnold Gibbs - Alpha Company - September 11, 1968

September 11, 1968
William Arnold
Gibbs

Operation Toan Thang II
– Hau Nghia Province –
Ap Trang Dau

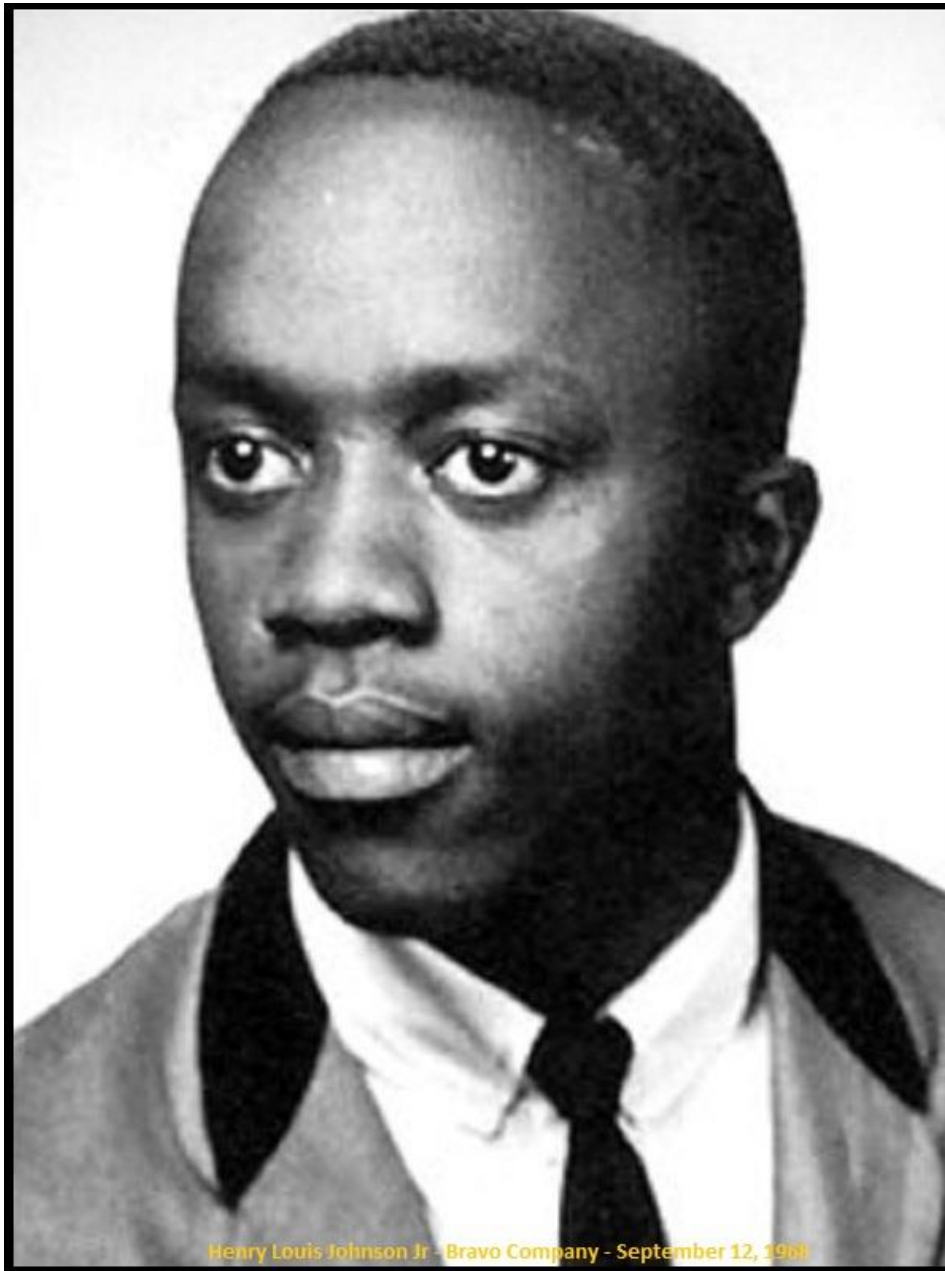
William Arnold Gibbs deployed with the 3/187th Infantry during Operation Eagle Thrust in December of 1967. He served with Alpha Company. William was wounded in action in the early morning hours of September 6, 1968 during the cordon of the village AP Trang Dau. He was medevac'd from the field and admitted to a military hospital. William succumbed to his wounds on September 11, 1968.

William was from Lakeville, Minnesota and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Stanley, Kansas. His name is

etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 44W, Line 25.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



Henry Louis Johnson Jr - Bravo Company - September 12, 1968

**September 12,
1968**

**Henry Louis
Johnson Jr**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Tay Ninh
Province – Task
Force

Henry Louis Johnson Jr arrived in Vietnam in March of 1968. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Henry was killed in action on September 12, 1968 when a task force was formed to come to the aid of a 25th Infantry Division convoy that had been ambushed on Route 22 between Tay Ninh and Trang Bang.

Henry was from New York, New York and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Long

Island National Cemetery, New York. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 44W, Line 38.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



September 12, 1968

**William Harley
Prather**

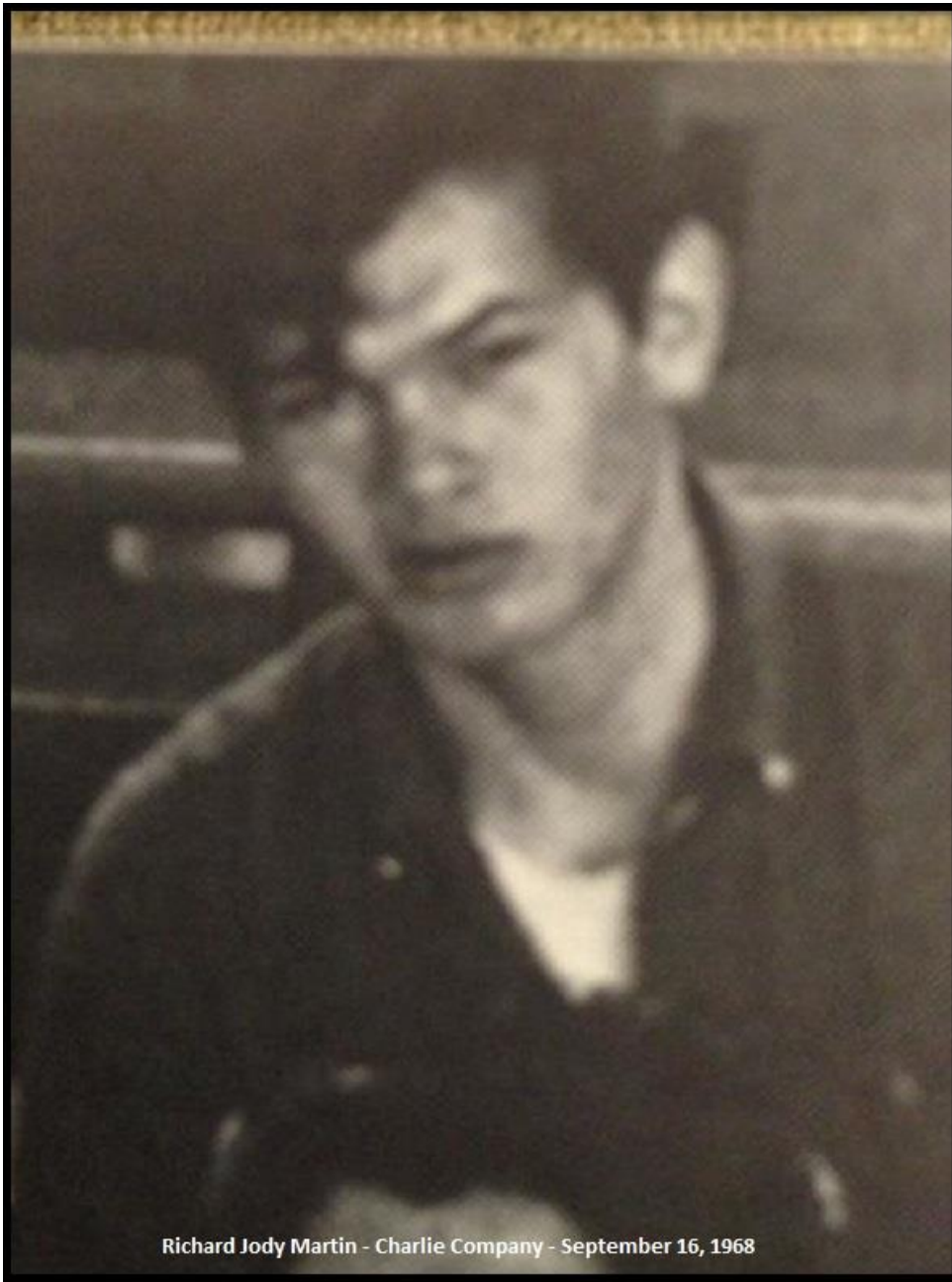
Operation Toan Thang II
– Tay Ninh Province –
Task Force

William Harley Prather deployed with 3/187th during Operation Eagle Thrust in December of 1967. He served with Bravo Company. William was killed in action on September 12, 1968 when a task force was formed to come to the aid of a 25th Infantry Division convoy that had been ambushed on Route 22 between Tay Ninh and Trang Bang.

William was from Hartville, Ohio and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Hillside Memorial Park, Akron, Ohio. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 44W, Line 41.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 16,
1968**

**Richard Jody
Martin**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Tay Ninh
Province – FSB
Pope

Richard Jody
Martin deployed
with the 3/187th in
December of 1967
during Operation
Eagle Thrust. He
served with Charlie
Company. Richard
was killed in action
when his platoon
sprung an ambush
during the NVA
assault on FSB
Pope and were
making their way
back to FSB Pope.

Richard was from
Carlotta, California
and was twenty-
one years of age.
He is buried at
Sunset Memorial
Park, Eureka,

California. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 43W, Line 1.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



September 17, 1968 Robert Allen Burke

Operation Toan Thang II
– Tay Ninh Province -
FSB Pope

Robert Allen Burke deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Charlie Company. Robert was killed in action on September 17, 1968 when his platoon's ambush position came under attack during the NVA assault on FSB Pope.

Robert was from Orange, New York and was twenty-nine years of age. He is buried at Dolgeville Cemetery, Dolgeville, New York. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 43W, Line 12.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



Ronald Lee Rondo - Charlie Company - September 17, 1968

**September 17,
1968**

**Ronald lee
Rondo**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Tay
Ninh Province -
FSB Pope

Ronald Lee
Rondo deployed
with the 3/187th
in December of
1967 during
Operation Eagle
Thrust. He
served with
Charlie
Company.
Ronald was killed
in action on
September 17,
1968 when his
platoon's
ambush position
came under
attack during the
NVA assault on
FSB Pope.

Ronald was from Hemlock, Michigan and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Saginaw, Michigan. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 43W, Line 21.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 17,
1968**

**Philip Edward
Zeleski**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Tay Ninh
Province - FSB Pope

Philip Edward Zeleski arrived in Vietnam in July of 1968. He served with the 3/187th as a Medic with Charlie Company. Ronald was killed in action on September 17, 1968 when his platoon's ambush position came under attack during the NVA assault on FSB Pope.

Ronald was from Phoenix, Arizona and was eighteen years of age. He is buried at ST Francis Cemetery, Phoenix, Arizona. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans

Memorial Wall, Panel 43W, Line 24.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 25,
1968**

**James Bruce
Collins**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Binh
Duong Province

James Bruce Collins arrived in Vietnam in April of 1968. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. James was killed in action on September 25, 1968 during a combat operation when a firefright erupted.

James was from Walla Walla, Washington and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Mountain View Cemetery, Walla Walla Washington. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 42W, Line 10.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968



**September 25,
1968**

**James Henry
Morgan**

Operation Toan
Thang II – Binh
Duong Province

James Henry Morgan arrived in Vietnam in August of 1968. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. James was killed in action on September 25, 1968 during a combat operation when a firefight erupted.

James was from Nashville, Tennessee and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Nashville National Cemetery, Madison, Tennessee. His name is etched on

the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 42W, Line 13.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

September 1968

In September of 1968 soldiers from other units were also killed in action fighting in the same battles and firefights as the 3/187th soldiers.

September 5th & 6th, 1968

On September 5, 1968, Alpha Company, Delta Company and Charlie Company, 1st Platoon were placed under the operational control of the 2/506th in order to complete a cordon around the village of Ap Trang Dau. Units from the 25th Infantry Division also were involved in the cordon. In addition to the thirty Rakkasans who lost their lives, the following were also killed in action:

Gerald M Duarte – Charlie Company, 2/27th
Robert E Botts – Delta Company, 2/506th
Joseph M Turk – HHC Medic, 2/506th

September 7th & 8th, 1968

In response to intelligence gathered on September 7, 1968, the 3/187th engaged in another extended firefight near the village of X. Sa Nho (2). The 3/187th engaged the VC/NVA unit believed to have overrun Alpha Company in the early morning hours of September 6, 1968. During this battle, a 2/319th Artillery Forward Observed was killed in action:

Lloyd D Doering – C Battery, 2/319th

September 16th & 17th, 1968

During the NVA attack on Fire Support Base Pope, an Artillery LT on the firebase was killed in action:

Gary Francis Johnston – C Battery, 2/319th



SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

October 1968



**October 6,
1968
Steven Dale
Perry**

Hau Nghia
Province

Steven Dale Perry deployed with the Advance Party in November of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Steven was killed in action on October 6, 1968 during a combat operation in Hau Nghia Province.

Steven was from Ahoskie, North Carolina and was

twenty years of age. He is buried at Highland Memorial Gardens, Ahoskie, North Carolina. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 41W, Line 19.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

October 1968



**October 6,
1968**

**Richard Durand
Stevens**

Hau Nghia
Province

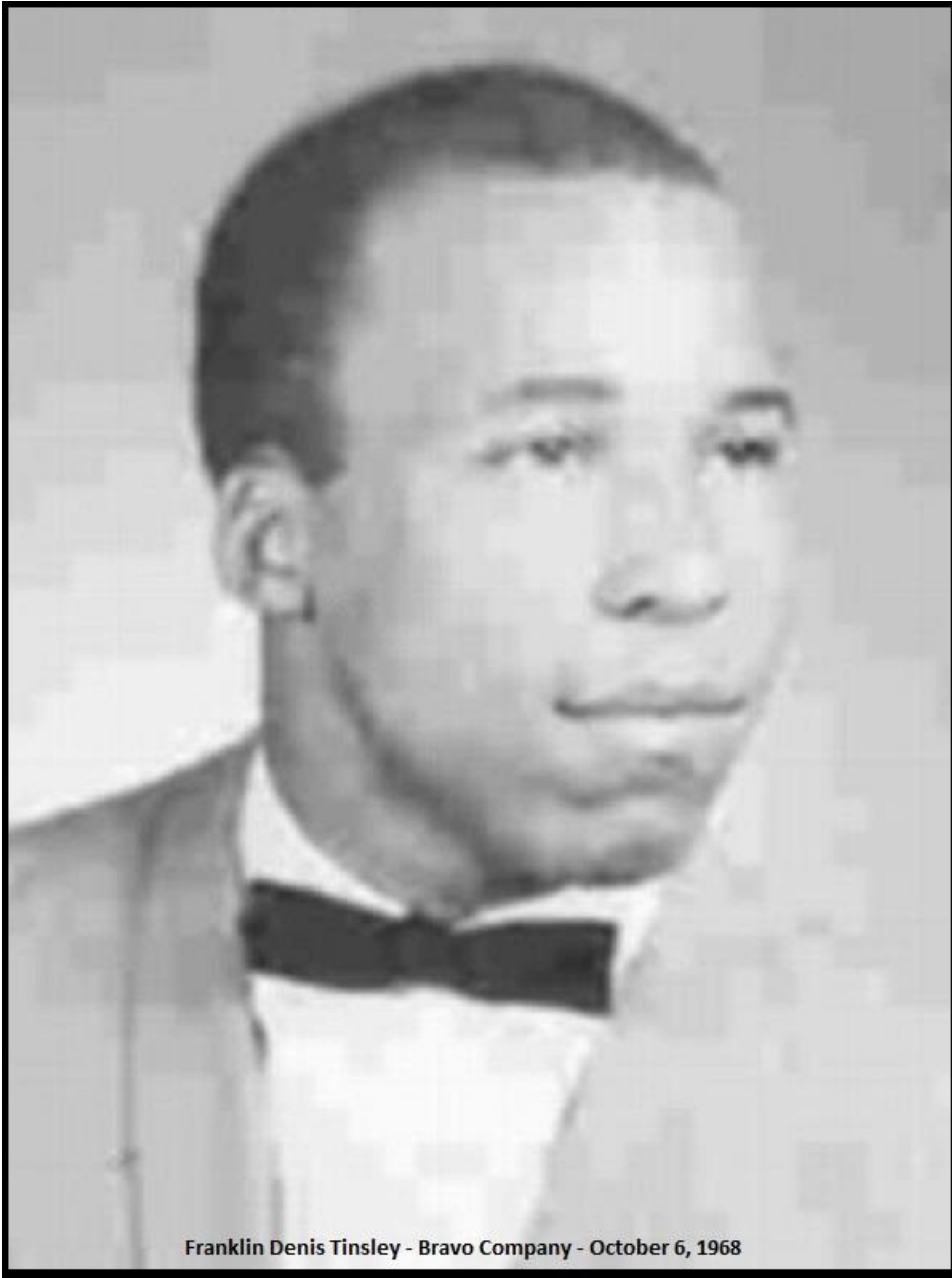
Richard Durand Stevens deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Bravo Company. Richard was killed in action on October 6, 1968 during a combat operation.

Richard was from Elizabethtown, New York and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Riverside Cemetery, Elizabethtown, New York. His name is etched on

the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 41W, Line 20.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

October 1968



Franklin Denis Tinsley - Bravo Company - October 6, 1968

October 6, 1968 Franklin Denis Tinsley

Hau Nghia Province

Franklin Denis Tinsley arrived in Vietnam in March of 1968. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Franklin was killed in action on October 6, 1968 during a combat operation.

Franklin was from Chicago, Illinois and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Graceland Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 41W, Line 21.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

October 1968



**October 7, 1968
Bruce Gilbert Brown**

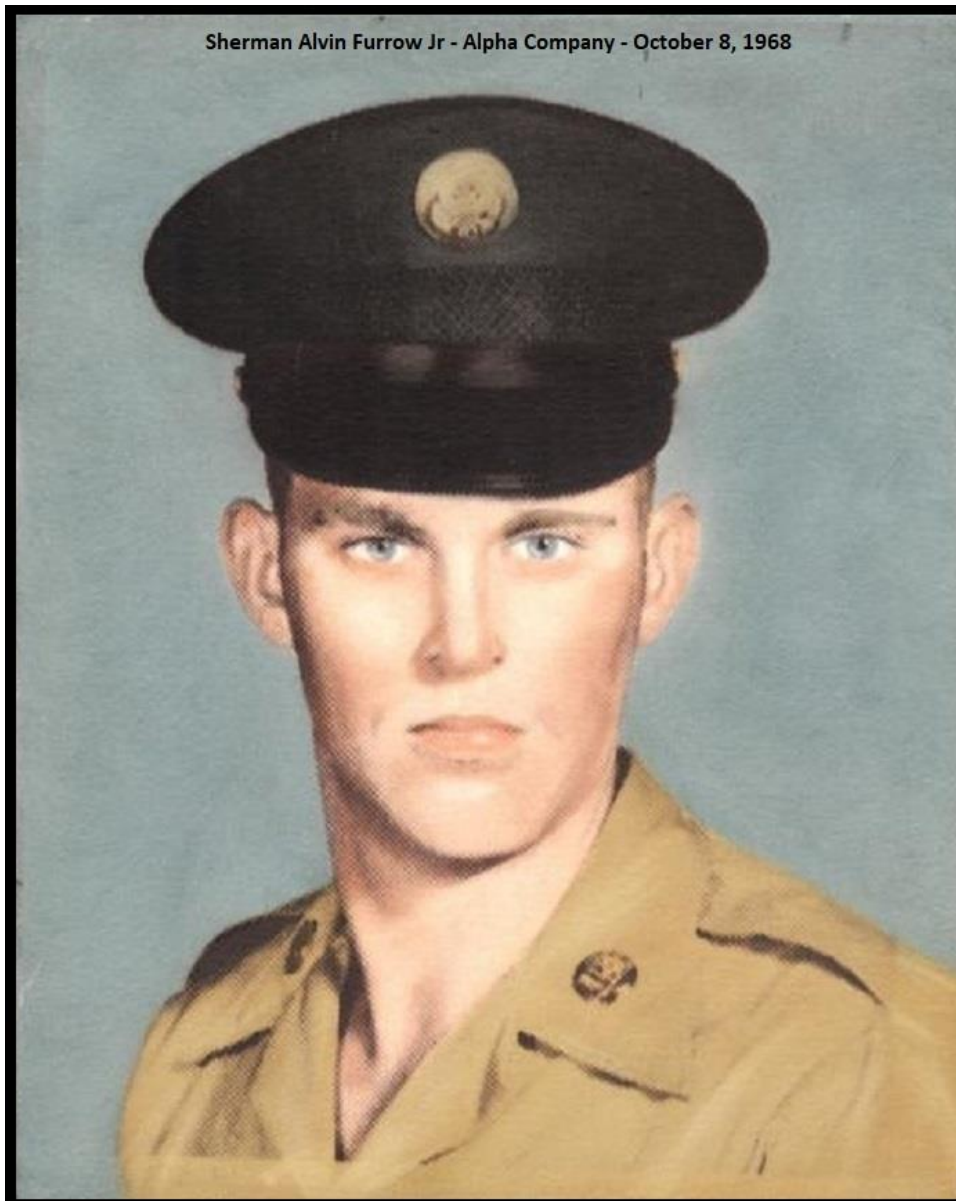
Hau Nghia Province

Bruce Gilbert Brown arrived in Vietnam in September of 1968. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Bruce was killed in action on October 7, 1968 during a combat operation.

Bruce was from Chicago, Illinois and was twenty-two years of age. He is buried at Graceland Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 41W, Line 22.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

October 1968



October 8, 1968
Sherman Alvin
Furrow Jr

Hau Nghia Province
- Closing of FSB
Patton II

Sherman Alvin
Furrow Jr arrived in
Vietnam in March
of 1968, He served
with Alpha
Company, 3/187th.
Sherman was killed
in action on
October 8, 1968
when the convoy
leaving FSB Patton
II, heading to Cu Chi
was ambushed and
hit by RPG.

Sherman was from
Rocky Mount,
Virginia and was
twenty-three years
of age. He is buried
at Pigg River Baptist
Church, Franklin
County, Virginia.

His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 41W, Line 29.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

October 1968



**October 8, 1968
Eugene Hingleton
Jr**

Hau Nghia Province -
Closing of FSB Patton
II

Eugene Hingleton Jr arrived in Vietnam in late December of 1967. He served with Alpha Company, 3/187th. Eugene was killed in action on October 8, 1968 when the convoy leaving FSB Patton II, heading to Cu Chi was ambushed and hit by RPG.

Eugene was from Columbia, South Carolina and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Lincoln Cemetery, Columbia, South Carolina. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 41W, Line 29.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

October 1968



**October 8,
1968**

**Lucas Herrera
Rodriguez**

Hau Nghia
Province -
Closing of FSB
Patton II

Lucas Herrera
Rodriguez
arrived in
Vietnam in
August of 1968.
He served with
Alpha Company,
3/187th. Lucas
was killed in
action on
October 8, 1968
when the
convoy leaving
FSB Patton II,
heading to Cu
Chi was
ambushed and
hit by RPGs.

Lucas was from
Agat, Guam and
was nineteen
years of age. He

is buried at Guam Veterans Cemetery, Piti, Guam. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 41W, Line 31.

SPEAK THEIR NAMES...

October 1968



**October 8,
1968**

**Robert Lee
Urban**

Hau Nghia
Province - Closing
of FSB Patton II

Robert Lee Urban
arrived in Vietnam
in September of
1968. He served
as a HHC Medic
with Alpha
Company,
3/187th. Robert
was killed in
action on October
8, 1968 when the
convoy leaving
FSB Patton II,
heading to Cu Chi
was ambushed
and hit by RPG.

Robert was from
Hays, Kansas and
was nineteen
years of age. He is
buried at ST
Joseph's

Cemetery, Hays, Kansas. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 41W, Line 33.

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October 1968



John Albert Giacone Jr - Alpha Company - October 9, 1968

October 9, 1968

**John Albert
Giacone Jr**

Hau Nghia
Province - Closing
of FSB Patton II

John Albert
Giacone Jr arrived
in Vietnam in
August of 1968. He
served with Alpha
Company, 3/187th.
John was wounded
in action on
October 8, 1968
when the convoy
leaving FSB Patton
II, heading to Cu
Chi was ambushed
and hit by RPG.
John succumbed to
his wounds on
October 9, 1968.

John was from
New York, New
York and was
twenty years of
age. He is buried at
Long Island

National Cemetery, New York. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 41W, Line 35.

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October 1968



October 19, 1968
Samuel Mena

Binh Duong Province

Samuel Mena deployed with the 3/187th in December of 1967 during Operation Eagle Thrust. He served with Charlie Company. Samuel was wounded due to a mine on an unknown date at or near Phuoc Vinh Basecamp. Samuel was admitted to a military hospital and eventually to the 106th General Hospital in Yokohama, Japan. On October 19, 1968, Samuel succumbed to his wounds.

Samuel was from Patterson, New Jersey and was nineteen years of age. He is buried at Long Island National Cemetery,

New York. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 40W, Line 4.

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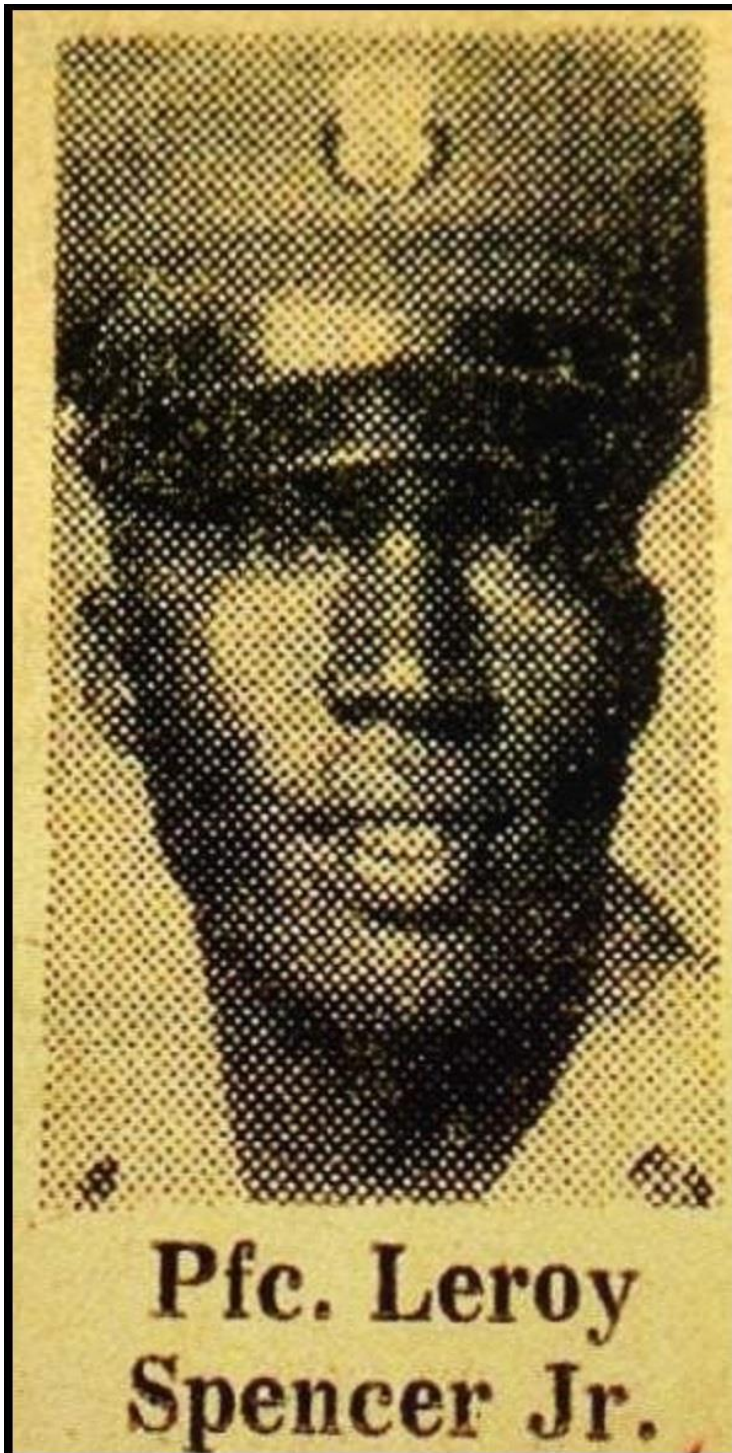


November 1968



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November 1968



November 19, 1968

Leroy Spencer Jr

Thua Thien Province

Leroy Spencer Jr arrived in Vietnam in October of 1968. He served with Bravo Company, 3/187th. Leroy was killed during a combat operation when his weapon accidentally discharged.

Leroy was from Jacksonville, Florida and was twenty years of age. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Jacksonville, Florida. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 38W, Line 13.

December 1968



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December 1968



**December 31,
1968**

**LT Douglas Alan
Dugger**

Thua Thien Province

LT Douglas Alan Dugger arrived in Vietnam in February of 1968. He served with Charlie Company, 3/187th. LT Dugger was killed in action due to sniper fire on December 31, 1968 during a combat operation.

Douglas was from Detroit, Michigan and was twenty-one years of age. He is buried at Christian Memorial Gardens, Rochester Hills, Michigan. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Panel 35W, Line 11.

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