

## JOHN JOSEPH MONAGHAN JR

Class 34B-67

is honored on Panel 67W, Row 2 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** JOHN JOSEPH  
MONAGHAN JR  
**Wall Name:** JOHN J MONAGHAN JR  
**Date of Birth:** 10/10/1947  
**Date of Casualty:** 5/25/1968  
**Date of Death:** 5/25/1968  
**Home of Record:** MECHANICSVILLE  
**County of Record:** HANOVER COUNTY  
**State:** VA  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** 2LT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** BINH DINH



2LT Monaghan was killed in action while serving with Battery B, 7th Battalion, 13th Artillery, 41st Artillery Group. He was a Forward Observer attached to Company B, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry

## The 50th Infantry Battalion Remembers



A Memorial for our men lost in action is located at the current day 1/50th Battalion Headquarters at Fort Benning, Georgia. Memorial Wreath Laying Ceremonies are held every two years at the reunions of the 1/50th Association. John's name is inscribed on our memorial pictured with this posting.

**Posted by: Jim Sheppard - 50th Infantry Historian**

**From the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Association**

May of 1968 saw several major contacts between the 1st Bn (Mechanized), 50th Infantry and NVA/VC forces between Phu My and Bong Son. On May 5th, "A", "B" and "C" Company fought the largest of these battles at An Bao. "B" and "C" Company fought elements of the same enemy unit on May 11th at Trung Hoi...and on May 25th...a mere 1000 meters from the contact of May 11th, elements of the 95th NVA Regiment and 97th Bn of the 2nd VC Regiment were reportedly still in the area...and building bunkers and fighting positions.



At 0720 on the morning of May 25th, B and C Companies moved from their respective night positions to a point just east of the village of Trinh Van (1). Their advance had been slowed considerably by the fact that the area was saturated with anti-tank mines. As the Companies crossed a stream bed at 1100 o'clock in a wedge formation with "B" Company on the south and "C" Company on the north...they simultaneously came under heavy attack from the West, Northwest and Northeast. Incoming fire killed Danny Hoskins and wounded 18 other men from the Battalion. A Forward Observer, working with "B" 1st of the 50th, 2LT John Monaghan, from "B" Battery, 7th Battalion, 13th Artillery, 105 mm (Field Artillery) was also wounded and later died when a 60mm Mortar round scored a direct hit on the "B" Company Command Track.

The U.S. Forces withdrew and, at one point were receiving incoming rifle fire from 4 directions...before finally forming a secure night position several clicks to the south and east. The following morning, a sweep of the area met little resistance from a few snipers...the enemy had withdrawn to the mountains to the west and northwest. NVA Forces lost 33 killed in the engagement.(By Body Count)

**John is buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia**