

# Tribute to a Fallen Hero

Name: SSGT Larry Theis

KIA May 22, 1970

Unit: 'C' Company



## Larry Theis

The pictures in this album were taken by Staff Sergeant Larry Theis, one of our fallen heroes. Larry was killed in action defending freedom. During the period 18 to 30 May 1970 the Triple Deuce battled elements of the 9th NVA Division along the Cambodian/Vietnam border, where the Triple Deuce lost 14 soldiers and many others wounded during fights near Krek in what is now known as "Ambush Alley"... the elevated road, surrounded by brush on one side and rice paddies on the other, was totally in a location that favored the NVA, due to the beginning of monsoon season, tracked vehicles were easily mired and had to stay on those narrow roads making ambush all too easy.

On 22 May 1970 Larry Theis and his friend Bill Jensen were killed along with six other members of C Company and one member of the Recon platoon, when the NVA attacked the lead and rear elements of the Triple Deuce which was in a battalion size convoy headed back into Cambodia.

SGT Larry Theis was 22 years old and hailed from New Riegel, Ohio. He had been recommended for promotion to Staff Sergeant just prior to the battle that took his life. These pictures were taken by Larry and provided by his family in his memory...

A very special thank you to Larry's family for allowing us the honor of posting his pictures and to Larry's niece, Kim, for sending us the pictures.

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The following information is taken from the Section in the Vietnam Virtual Wall.  
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LAWRENCE WILLIAM THEIS  
is honored on Panel 10W, Row 83 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Full Name: LAWRENCE WILLIAM THEIS  
Wall Name: LAWRENCE W THEIS  
Date of Birth: 1/1/1948  
Date of Casualty: 5/22/1970  
Home of Record: NEW RIEGEL  
State: OH  
Branch of Service: ARMY  
Rank: SSGT  
Casualty Country: CAMBODIA  
Casualty Province:

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#### Remembrances

The following remembrances have been left at The Virtual Wall for LAWRENCE WILLIAM THEIS:

[Never Forgotten](#)

Posted by Bill Nelson , NamVet 2/502 Inf 101 Abn 69-70

[Genealogy](#)

Posted by Zoeller, Cousin

[Thank you Sarge](#)

Posted by Donald Lytle, Radioman, USN, Ret.

[Gravesite](#)

Posted by S. Zoeller, Cousin



Charles Johnson-Tiny, Mike Stone, Jack Dudgeon.jpg | Charles (Tiny) Johnson, Mike Stone, Jack Dudgeon; Digging In (1098x781)



Copy of Sabino Lara, Mike Stone, Larry Theis.jpg | Sabino Lara, Mike Stone, Larry Theis (1128x824)



Don Layton, Sabino Lara, Roy Felts.jpg (1229x815)



Lt Miller.jpg | Lt. Miller Modeling smoking jacket. Wounded Nov. 25, 1969 (719x753)



Roy Felts.jpg | Roy Felts after a dusty ride down 7 Alpha (1068x802)



Sabino Lara, Mike Stone, Larry Theis.jpg (1128x824)



Sgt Aberle, Don Layton-hat, Dan Tremble, Sabino Lara-waving, Roy Felts, Slaughter-middle, Tom Milberry-hat, Bill Jensen-top, St McClennen.jpg | L to R: Sgt. Aberle, Don Layton (hat), Dan Tremble, Sabino Lara (waving), Slaughter (middle), Tom Milberry (hat), Bill Jensen (top) Sgt. McClennen (717x681)



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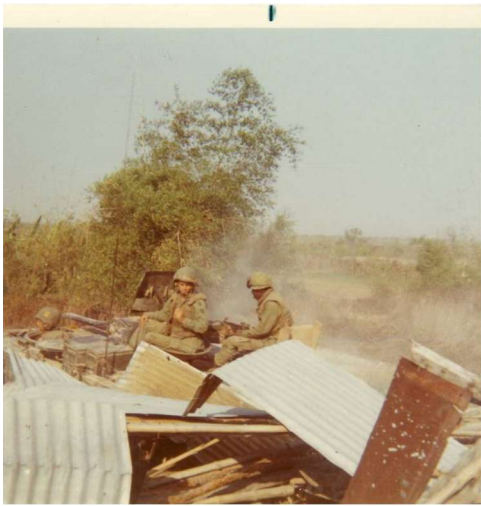
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ssgtheis 021.jpg | Larry ready to go on AP, taken at Fire Support base Stoneman (437x432)



ssgtheis 022.jpg | Larry and Cobra Gun Ship at Tay Ninh (681x761)



ssgtheis 023.jpg | Lawrence W. Theis, next to 155MM Traveling Canon. Triple Deuce was often co-located at firebases with cannons like these. (713x724)



ssgtheis 024.jpg | Larry at fire support base Wood III (684x683)



ssgtheis 025.jpg | Track along Mehong River (1062x772)



ssgtheis 032.jpg | Sabino Lara (on bike) & John Goodwin (789x805)



ssgtheis 033.jpg | Sgt. Aberle, Sgt. McClennen and Popo (802x850)



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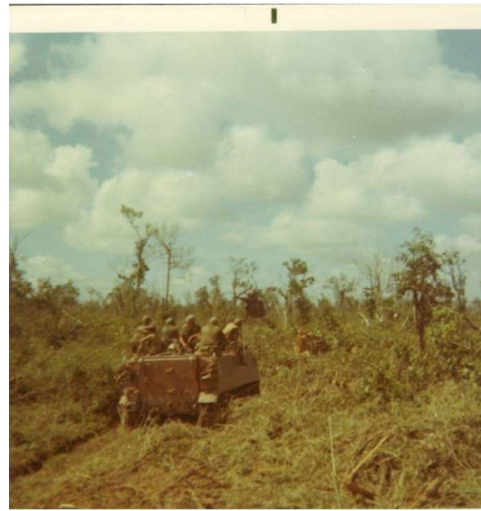
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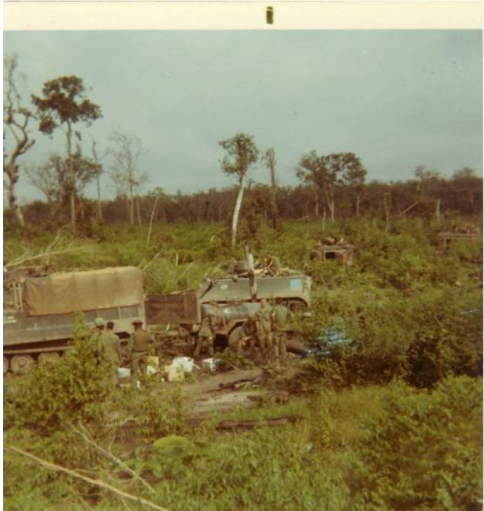
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