

Cross, Herbert Terrell (Terry), 2nd Platoon

12 January 1944 - 4 March 1968

Oakdale Cemetery, LA



Herbert Terrell Cross is the son of Elbert E. and Hazel T. Cross and the brother of Kenneth A. Cross of Oakdale LA. He attended Louisiana Tech University 1967 with a MSEE. He enlisted in the US Marine Corps on May 27, 1967 in Rustin LA and was later commissioned as an Officer. He arrived in Vietnam on January 23, 1968 and was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st MARDIV (Rein) FMF.

While on a patrol along the Song Yen River in near the village of La Chau in Hieu Duc District Quang Nam Province (AP) anti-personnel mine was detonated resulting in the death of three Marines and one who was wounded. Following the explosion the enemy opened fire, which was returned and continued until a reaction squad arrived forcing the VC to withdraw. 2dLt Cross was one of the casualties; he was killed in action as a result of multi fragmentation wounds. 2Lt Cross was presented a posthumous award of the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device "For meritorious service from January 27 to April 8 1968." Second Lieutenant Cross is also honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Panel 48E - Line 52.

USMC Resume:

The Basic School Class 1-68 Alpha Company, 2nd Platoon, Jun-Nov 1967

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Personal Reflections about Terry Cross: