

# THE WALL OF FACES



HONORED ON PANEL 11W, LINE 106 OF THE WALL

**BOYD WAYNE SMITH**

WALL NAME  
**BOYD W SMITH**

PANEL / LINE  
**11W/106**

DATE OF BIRTH  
**12/14/1947**

DATE OF CASUALTY  
**05/05/1970**

HOME OF RECORD  
**KNOXVILLE**

COUNTY OF RECORD  
**Knox County**

STATE  
**TN**

BRANCH OF SERVICE  
**ARMY**

RANK  
**1LT**

On 1 May 1970, the 2nd Battalion 47th Infantry, (Panthers) 9th Infantry Division, along with elements of the 3rd of 5th Cavalry and the 25th Infantry Division, was the first unit to enter Cambodia during Operation Rock Crusher, part of the Cambodian Incursion.

As the column advanced on 5 May the Mechanized Infantry platoon was leading ahead of the tanks and LT Wayne Smith was riding in the point vehicle. His APC had been loaded with explosives since there were engineers and demolition men on the track.

An enemy combatant fired an RPG into the Platoon Leader's track killing all those aboard. The force of the explosion was such that the rear door had blown off in the direction of the where the RPG was fired and an NVA soldier was found in the nearby bushes with his head blown off. In addition to LT Smith, all squad members in the APC were killed that day. PFC John Raymond Feeser, PFC Roger Emil Holler, PFC James Mason Keller, SP4 Jack David Leopard and PFC Robert Ward

Worthington. Our thoughts and prayers go daily to these great men, these brave soldiers, and to their families.

All the men in this picture at the 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Monument, which is behind the parade grounds at Ft Benning, are former members of Bravo Company 2/47, who was there on that fateful day. Wayne's picture is being held by the third man from the left.



2/47 Lapel Pin



Wayne's Memorial Paver  
at the Infantry Museum