

ALAN LANE

CPL - E4 - Army - Selective Service
25th Infantry Division
21 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Apr 14, 1946
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
Length of service 1 year.
His tour of duty began on Aug 17, 1966
Casualty was on May 13, 1967
in QUANG NGAI, SOUTH VIETNAM
Hostile, died of wounds
GROUND CASUALTY
MULTIPLE FRAGMENTATION WOUNDS
Body was recovered
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Luck Runs out for Warren GI

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WARREN-Cpl. Alan Lane, a hero in one mortar attack by the North Vietnamese troops, died Saturday in another, according to word received here by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paskel Lane, 8244 Continental.

Lane, 20, a Lincoln High School graduate was struck by shell fragments as the North Vietnamese attacked and died shortly after in a hospital ship.

Lane was born in Detroit, but had lived in the Warren area most of his life. He attended Busch Junior High School in Center Line, but transferred to Lincoln for his high school work when his parents moved into Warren. He enlisted shortly after his graduation two years ago.

"Alan liked the army," said his mother, Pauline. "He wrote quite often and said things were fine. Said he'd never been in much danger. But he didn't ever tell us about that thing last March.

In "that affair last March" Cpl. Lane was credited in an army dispatch with saving the lives of 350 members of Battery C, Second Battalion, of the Ninth Artillery, in which he was a howitzer gunner.

He and most of his company was sleeping when the enemy attack started. He awoke and saw a loaded ammunition truck blazing.

He rushed to the truck and tried to drive it to a place when the exploding shells would not endanger the entire company.

He failed because two other trucks prevented him from going forward or back. So he leaped from the truck and fought the flames for a time with other gunners who had waked when he called for help.

Lane then moved one of the other trucks also loaded out of the area as PFC Salvador Gavaldon of Demming, N.M. moved the third. Then both returned to the fight fire.

Although several of the shells exploded, only one man was hurt. He suffered a broken leg from a shell fragment. No one was injured by the enemy fire.

Lane and Gavaldon emerged without a scratch, but Lane told questioners: "You should have seen that truck. When the shells exploded the wheels went one way and the hood another."

The Lanes, who have two other children, Kenneth and Mrs. Frank Eversole, were notified of their son's death in a telegram from the Department of Defense.

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