

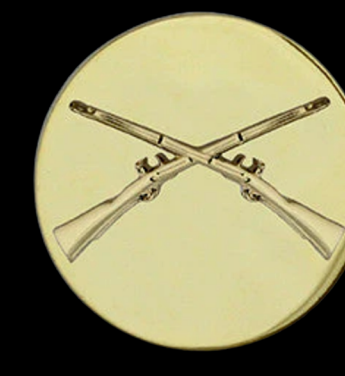


# HARRY BURKLEY FORBES

(MARCH 6, 1926 - JUNE 29, 1966)



Army  
Specialist 5



Infantry  
(Light Weapons)



Expert  
Marksman



2nd Battalion,  
35th Infantry



25th Infantry  
Division

Years of Service: 1948 - 29 JUN 1966

## Medals & Awards:

Bronze Star

National Defense Service Medal

Vietnam Service Medal

Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

One Overseas Service Bar

Combat Infantryman 1st Award

Infantry Shoulder Cord



**Specialist 5 Harry B. Forbes** had served with the United States Army for nearly 18 years when he began his tour of duty in Vietnam in January, 1966, at the age of 40. He was assigned to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC) of the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. This highly decorated unit, nicknamed "Tropic Lightning," was heavily engaged in the Central Highlands and coastal regions of Vietnam, and participated in some of the most significant operations during the war. The HHC provided command and control, as well as logistical support for the rifle companies during these operations. Considered an expert marksman, SP5 Forbes specialized in Light Weapons Infantry and was awarded a Bronze Star in 1966.

Harry Forbes was born in 1926, to Lucy Jane Morgan and Robert Eddie Forbes. The family lived in Appomattox County, where Forbes completed his early schooling. Forbes later moved to Lynchburg and during the mid-1940s, worked for a wholesale grocery company, and later as a truck driver. In April, 1945, he married Laura Earl Brown. They resided on Florida Avenue during the late 1940s and 1950s. Their son, Harry Burkley Forbes, Jr., born in 1949, graduated from Dunbar High School in 1967. Like his father, Forbes Jr. served with the U.S. Army, and then later worked at Babcock and Wilcox, Mt. Athos, retiring after 33 years of service.