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## Monte Serviceman Killed In Vietnam

Pfc. Donald W. Thompson, 22, of Montezuma was killed in action in Vietnam Saturday, Dec. 2, relatives were informed Tuesday. Thompson was an acting sergeant at the time of his death.

Defense Department officials said Thompson was killed when a booby trap exploded, although full details of his death were not available.

### No Details

The private's wife, Mrs. Linda Thompson of Montezuma, was notified of her husband's death by an Iowa City representative of the Defense Department. Additional details of Thompson's death will not be available until an officer assigned to assist the family with burial arrangements arrives.

According to the Defense Department, Thompson was stationed near Saigon in South Vietnam.

He entered the Army March 20 of this year, and left for Viet-

nam in September. Born and raised in the Montezuma area, Thompson graduated from high school there in 1963.

### Survivors

Thompson is survived by his widow, Linda and two children, William Wayne, 3, and Sheryl Renae, 19 months; his father, Ray Thompson of Barnes City, Iowa; three brothers—Allen of Grinnell and John and Ronald of Barnes City; his sister, Mrs. Caroline Thompson of Grinnell; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Van Cleave of Montezuma; and his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thompson of Montezuma.

A date for the funeral has not yet been set, but arrangements will be made through Steffy Funeral Home in Montezuma.

Earlier this year, another Montezuma serviceman, Pvt. Ailey Hurley, was killed in Vietnam.



CORPORAL DONALD W. THOMPSON

## Funeral Services Conducted Tuesday For Montezuma Serviceman Donald Thompson

Funeral services for Army Corporal Donald W. Thompson were conducted Tuesday at 2 p.m. by the Rev. Howard Hayes at the Montezuma Methodist Church. Miss Alice Underwood was the organist.

Interment was in Jackson Township Cemetery. Fred Lidtka, Hughie Snook, Edward Snook, John Jordan, Walter Audas and Robert Hobbs served as casket bearers.

Graveside military rites were conducted by units from the Blakley-Stevens Post of the American Legion.

Cpl. Thompson, 22, was killed in Vietnam Saturday, Dec. 2, when a booby trap exploded while he was in the field.

The son of Ray and the late Irene Thompson, he was born on a farm north of Montezuma Oct. 2, 1945. He attended Montezuma schools and graduated

from Montezuma Community High School in 1963.

On Oct. 5, 1963, he was united in marriage with Linda Akers. To this union two children were born.

He was a farmer and also worked with Hughie Snook and the Audas Supply Co.

On March 20, 1967, he entered the service and left the United States for Vietnam duty on Sept. 11. An acting sergeant, Cpl. Thompson had been stationed south of Saigon.

Cpl. Thompson is survived by his wife and their two children, William and Sheryl; his father, Ray Thompson of Barnes City; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Van Cleave of Montezuma; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thompson of Montezuma.

His mother preceded him in death.