

# Bobby Staton Killed In Vietnam War

## *First County Draftee To Lose Life In Present Conflict*

Bath County's first draftee was killed in the Vietnam War on Thursday, May 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Staton, Jr. of Salt Lick, were notified Friday, May 26 by a Fort Knox

officer that their son, Pfc. Robert G. Staton, had been killed by small mortar fire while fighting in the jungle. He was with Co. C, 4th Bn, 23 Inf. Mech.

The 19-year-old soldier attended Bath County High School and the Salt Lick Church of God. He entered the army in October of 1966 and arrived in Vietnam in April after receiving training in jungle warfare at Fort Polk, La.

In addition to his parents, Herman and Vera Simpkins Staton, he is survived by two brothers, Roy and Phillip Staton, at home, and two sisters, Peggy and Linda Staton, both at home.

A telegram from the Army Department Tuesday morning notified the parents that the body would arrive at Powell and Son Funeral Home at Salt Lick but no specific date was mentioned.



Pfc. Bobby Staton