

MICHAEL LORRELL ARRANTS

Class 7-69

MICHAEL LORRELL ARRANTS
is honored on Panel 14W, Row 82 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: MICHAEL LORRELL ARRANTS
Wall Name: MICHAEL L ARRANTS
Date of Birth: 10/13/1948
Date of Casualty: 1/31/1970
Home of Record: AUSTIN
County of Record: WILLIAMSON COUNTY
State: TX
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 2LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: TAY NINH



2LT Arrants was the pilot of a UH-1H helicopter that was shot down. He was assigned to Company B, 25th Aviation Battalion, 25th Infantry Division. His tour of duty in Vietnam began on 14 January and he lost his life on 31 January.

A Note from The Virtual Wall

Seven men - four aircrew and three passengers - died when their UH-1H (tail number 68-15462) was shot down about 8 kilometers southeast of Thien Ngon airfield in Tay Ninh Province:

B Company, 25th Aviation Bn, 25th ID

CW2 Ronald Joe Fulton, pilot
2LT Michael Lorrell Arrants, copilot
SGT John Thomas Rodgers, gunner
SGT Jerald Dale West, crew chief

Passengers, all Division HHC, 25th ID

CPT John Lawrence Beek
CPT Paul Barkley Bowman
CPT Jerry David Denny

Michael is buried in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas

From www.flyarmy.org

ARRANTS MICHAEL LORRELL

Name: 2LT Michael Lorrell Arrants

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 01/31/1970 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 21.3

Date of Birth: 10/13/1948

Home City: Austin, TX

Service: FA branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: B/25 AVN 25 INF

Major organization: 25th Infantry Division

Flight class: 69-40/69-44

Service: FA branch of the U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 14W-082

Aircraft: UH-1H tail number 68-15462

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 1981 = 19 Rotary Wing Aviator (Unit Commander)

Primary cause: Hostile Fire

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: fire or burns

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Started Tour: 01/14/1970

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Location: Tay Ninh Province III Corps.

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - killed

single male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Methodist (Evangelical United Brethren)

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.

Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military class: officer

This record was last updated on 04/26/2002

Helicopter UH-1H 68-15462

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1H tail number 68-15462

The Army purchased this helicopter 0369

Total flight hours at this point: 00001239

Date: 01/31/1970

Incident number: 70013142.KIA

Unit: B/25 AVN 25 INF

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: XT163714

Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated:

Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Also: OPERA (Operations Report.)

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

AC CW2 FULTON RONALD JOE KIA

P 2LT ARRANTS MICHAEL LORRELL KIA

CE SGT WEST JERALD DALE KIA

G SGT RODGERS JOHN THOMAS KIA