

DERRILL LEE BURNSIDE

Class 7-67

DERRILL LEE BURNSIDE
is honored on Panel 3W, Row 23 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: DERRILL LEE BURNSIDE
Wall Name: DERRILL L BURNSIDE
Date of Birth: 8/2/1939
Date of Casualty: 5/3/1971
Home of Record: KINGMAN
County of Record: MOHAVE COUNTY
State: AZ
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: CAPT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: QUANG TRI



CPT Burnside was piloting an OH-58A Kiowa helicopter that was shot down and crashed down during a reconnaissance mission. He was serving with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at the time of his death.



OH-58 Kiowa File Photo

From www.flyarmy.org

CPT Derrill Lee Burnside

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 05/03/1971 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 31.8

Date of Birth: 08/02/1939

Home City: Kingman, AZ

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

Unit: 5 MECH

Major organization: 5th Infantry Division

Flight class: 70-42

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

The Wall location: 03W-023

Aircraft: OH-58A tail number 68-16782

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: small arms fire

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Vehicle ownership: government

Started Tour: 02/24/1971

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

The initial status of this person was: no previous report

Length of service: *

Location: Quang Tri Province I Corps.

Military grid coordinates of event: XD935512

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - killed

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Baptist - other groups

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

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Helicopter OH-58A 68-16782

Information on U.S. Army helicopter OH-58A tail number 68-16782

The Army purchased this helicopter 1269

Total flight hours at this point: 00001123

Date: 05/03/1971

Incident number: 71050303.KIA

Unit: HHC 165 CAG

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was LOSS TO INVENTORY

This was a Recon mission for Unarmed Recon

While in Operations Area this helicopter was Unknown at 0050 feet and 050 knots.

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: XD759525

Count of hits was not possible because the helicopter burned or exploded.

Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (12.7MM)

Systems damaged were: PERSONNEL

Casualties = 01 KIA, 02 INJ.

The helicopter Crashed. Aircraft Destroyed.

Both mission and flight capability were terminated.

Burned

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

Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Survivability/Vulnerability

Information Analysis Center Helicopter database. Also: OPERA, LNNF, FM386, CASRP

(Operations Report. Lindenmuth New Format Data Base. Casualty Report.)

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

P CPT BURNSIDE DERRILL LEE KIA

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