

MICHAEL DALE COCHRAN**CLASS 7-63**

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the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: MICHAEL DALE COCHRAN
Wall Name: MICHAEL D COCHRAN
Date of Birth: 4/27/1939
Date of Casualty: 11/7/1967
Home of Record: LANCASTER
State: CA
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: CAPT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: BINH LONG



CPT Cochran was serving with the 1st Battalion, 5th Artillery, in support of the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division at the time of his death. Eighteen men were killed and twenty wounded in a fierce battle northeast of Loc Ninh on that day. Among those lost were 1LT Terry Allan Hendricks of Class 21-66 and the Infantry Battalion Commander, LTC Arthur D. Stigall, who was later awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. CPT Cochran was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on that day.

NEW FIGHT FLARES IN LOC NINH REGION

Foe Apparently Ambushes U.S. Search Unit, Killing 18
SAIGON, South Vietnam, November 7

Two companies of the United States 1st Infantry Division, searching for remnants of the Viet Cong regiments reported to have been eliminated in fighting last week near the Cambodian border, were apparently ambushed today. Eighteen men were killed, including a battalion commander, and 20 were wounded during a one - hour clash, the division reported. The engagement took place about five miles northeast of Loc Ninh, the rubber plantation village that was the target of a Viet Cong onslaught last week. A division spokesman said that the command group was struck by a high - explosive rocket during the first moments of the attack. Snipers in trees accounted for many others of the killed and wounded. The enemy unit, whose size was not estimated, was said to have lost 66 men killed and an undetermined number of wounded. Contact was lost when the infantrymen pulled back to permit artillery, helicopter gunships and aircraft to blast the area.



FORMER SILL OFFICER AWARDED SILVER STAR

A former Fort Sill officer, Army Capt. Michael D. Cochran, was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Air Medal and Purple Heart posthumously in ceremonies at Fort Carson, Colo. His widow, Mrs. M. D. Cochran of Boulder Colo., accepted the awards.

Capt. Cochran, who left from Fort Sill for Vietnam in August 1967, died of wounds received in Vietnam in November. He was an artillery liaison officer with an infantry battalion near Loc Ninh.

