

MICHAEL LEON PHILLIPS**Class 24-66**

is honored on Panel 57W, Row 12 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: MICHAEL LEON PHILLIPS
Wall Name: MICHAEL L PHILLIPS
Date of Birth: 3/9/1943
Date of Casualty: 6/13/1968
Home of Record: WASHINGTON
County of Record: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
State: DC
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: QUANG NGAI



On the morning of 13 June 1968 Company A, 4th Battalion 3rd Infantry, Americal Division made contact with an unknown sized enemy force. The Battalion Commander, the S-2 and LT Phillips (the Battalion Forward Observer from Headquarters and Service Battery, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery) were in a Command and Control Helicopter hovering over the infantry unit's position coordinating the mission. The helicopter was involved in a mid-air collision with an Air Force O-2 Forward Air Controller (FAC) that was climbing out after firing a marking rocket to mark enemy positions for an ARVN unit in an adjacent Area of Operations. All seven men on board the helicopter perished in the incident.

37 Years Ago, Mike

Mike,

I still remember the date of 13 June long ago.

Rest well, pal, and remember the great times in O.C.S. and Hawaii.

"On Time", as we said in the 6/11 Artillery.

Jim

Posted by: Jim Wambold

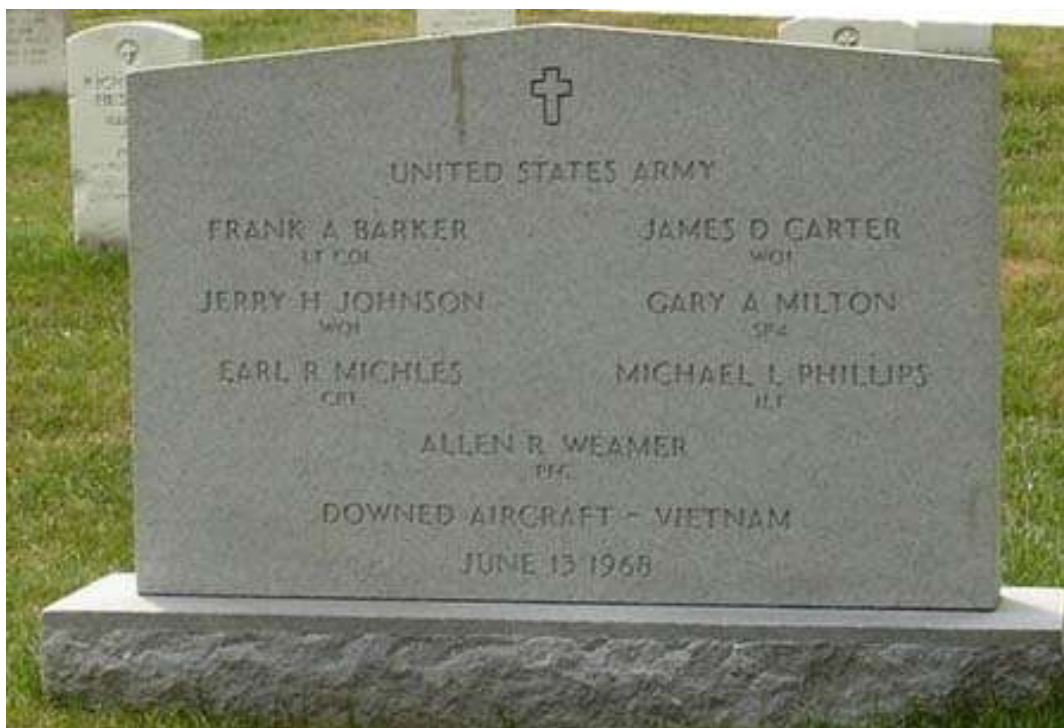
Relationship: We served together

June 13, 2005

From thewall-usa.com

LT PHILLIPS WAS A FUN GUY AND LIKED VERY MUCH BY THE ENLISTED MEN. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO FLY WITH HIM ON SPOTTER MISSIONS FOR THE 11TH ARTY. HE IS MISSED.

DWIGHT HOUCHENS
SERVED WITH HIM AT DUC PHO
PO BOX 255
MT OLIVET, KY 41064 USA
June 13, 2005



He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Duty Log entry from 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery dated June 13, 1968:

At 0750hrs it appears that Command and Control Helicopter from 4-3 Infantry and an O-2 fixed wing aircraft from Quang Ngai collided in the air. The chopper went down vicinity BS727808 with seven personnel on board: LTC Barker Battalion Commander, CPT Michles Battalion S-2, **LT Phillips the Artillery Liaison Officer** with Aircraft Commander and Co-Pilot and the 2 gunners. At 1850hrs as much of the chopper and O-2 pilots bodies as possible have been removed more data available.

From www.flyarmy.org

Helicopter UH-1D 66-01016

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1D tail number 66-01016

The Army purchased this helicopter 1266

Total flight hours at this point: 00001804

Date: 06/13/1968 MIA-POW file reference number: 1208

Incident number: 68061310.KIA

Unit: 174 AHC

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: BS718802

Casualties = 05 KIA . .

Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated:
Defense Intelligence Agency Reference Notes. Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter
Loss database. Also: 1208 ()

Summary: While avoiding machine gun fire on climb out, collided with USAF FAC at
about 1000 feet. Both aircraft crashed. The UH-1 burned.

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

P WO1 CARTER JAMES DEVRIN RR

AC WO1 JOHNSON JERRY HAMPTON KIA

G SP4 MILTON GARY ANDREW KIA

G PFC WEAMER ALLEN RAY KIA

Passengers and/or other participants:

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REFNO Synopsis:

James Carter was aboard a UH1D helicopter on a Command and Control mission on June 13, 1968 in South Vietnam. The aircraft landed, picked up passengers and departed to fly a visual reconnaissance mission near the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). The Operation Center at Duc Pho near Da Nang, South Vietnam, that was controlling the flight received a report that Carter's aircraft was involved in a mid-air collision with a U.S. Air Force O2 aircraft. The helicopter and the O2 crashed. Another helicopter crew in the area observed Carter's helicopter impact with the ground and stated that they did not see anyone escape from the site. The aircraft was burning. Another element from an infantry unit was airlifted to the crash site and could find no survivors at either site. A maintenance aircraft arrived and assisted in the search. No remains were recovered that could be associated with Carter. On subsequent searches, the remains of the pilot of the O2, Major Brenner, and the crew of the UH1D were recovered, but Carter's remains were never located. Compiled by Homecoming II Project 30 June 1990 from one or more of the following: raw data from U.S. Government agency sources, correspondence with POW/MIA families, published sources, interviews.

This record was last updated on 09/20/1998 and is the aircraft that LT Phillips was a passenger in when it went down.