

KIA 31 Dec 1971

Sp4 Robert L Denmark

Denmark had been a crewchief for C/158 until the Unit stood down & returned to the USA. He was then transferred to D Troop 3/5 Cav 101 ABN.

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Doorgunner, KIA 31Dec71 and he was from Cottonwood, Calif,
that is all I have

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SP/4 William (Robert) Denmark, D Trp. 3/5 Cav. 101st. Abn., Killed 31 Dec.1971;
Denmark was the Crew Chief of a UH-1H that was on a recon mission with 1 OH-6, and 2 AH-1's (Blue Team) There mission area was just off Khe Sahn to the south. The little bird was working a valley, with the Uh-1 flying over watch, when the Uh-1 flew into a trap of 3 - 51cal. guns set up on the hill tops. The Uh-1 was hit and went down. The Uh-1 was carrying a team of 5 LRRPs and one Medic. The acft was landed in the valley with no injuries. Denmark got everyone out of the aircraft, and a perimeter was set up. At this time they found out that the gunner had been hit, the wound was bad but not life threatening. They soon found themselves in close contact with large numbers of NVA. Denmark ran back to the aircraft and while coming back, after retrieving ammo and the gunners M-60, he was shot and killed.

That is the short story, there were also 2 other people killed, a little bird shot down, and two Air Force Jolly Greens shot up.

How do I know I was there with an other Blue team, working the other side of the valley to the north.

If you need any more just tell me.

Charles King