

KIA April 15 1969
SP5 Doyle D Dunbar
WO1 Terrance J Mortensen
WO1 Jerone J Warnick

Warrant Officers Terry Mortensen, Jerone Warnick and Specialist 5 Doyle Dunbar were flying Aircraft 67-17614 on a early morning "sniffer" mission when they hit a large tree and exploded.

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Subject: Re: Dunbar Mortensen Warnick
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Hi Ken---I did not visit the site of the accident--however if memory serves me right, Mortensen and Warnick, with Dunbar as crew chief were on a first light sniffer mission flying at tree top level against the rising sun. They apparently flew into a dead tree which I suppose would not be visible in the glare of the sun against the wind shield.

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ken,

Wall database shows Warnick, Jerone.....VHPA database shows two observers killed the same day. Maj Lovsnes and Cpt Young. My recollection is that there were sniffer operators killed (though I can't imagine a Maj and Cpt running the equipment.....shrug?) The mission left the nest prior to zero dark thirty and was down by the time the rest of us were eating breakfast. Word was they were low level NOE and hooked a skid on a tree.

This one hit us hard.....we realized for the first time that some of us were going to die flying missions. I knew Dunbar, but as a young, dumb SP/4 Engine guy had no contact with Mortensen and Warnick.

Dick Jewell

