

KIA 20 Feb 1969

Sp5 Andrew Lee Mills

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Some background on Andrew Mills: He was a member of the TC Det who went in country with us

Andrew Lee Mills

DOB 17 Jan 1940

SVC No 54218739 (my guess would be an RA prefix as I believe he was on his second enlistment, and second tour)

MOS 68D20 (power train, or prop and rotor)

Casualty date 20 Feb 69

Casualty Area Thau Thien Province (accident took place on Camp Evans)

Casualty type C-1 Non Hostile, vehicle loss

Home of Record Forrest City Arkansas

married.....Negro.....Baptist

Narrative of the incidents of 20 Feb 69 concerning A. Mills by R. Jewell:

It was customary for the units of the 158 AH Bn to assign a 5/4 truck with two personnel daily on a rotating basis for the removal of trash from collection points throughout the Battalion to the dump outside the back gate at Camp Evans. On the morning of 20 Feb 69 SSG Stevenson, NCOIC of the 273rd TC Detachment assigned myself (then SP/4) and SP/5 Andrew Mills to this detail. Mills was licensed to operate so drew a 5/4 from the C/158 Motor Pool. Mills drove, and I was loader during the morning.

At noon time Mills and I ate at the combined mess of C Co and A Co. SSG Stevenson informed us that an Aircraft had been "hot started" and that I was needed on the flight line to begin removal of the hot section for inspection (this was our first "hot start"). I proceeded to the Maintenance tent where the A/C had been towed.

SSG Stevenson replaced me on the detail with SP/4 McQueen, and Mills and McQueen left in the 5/4. Sometime that afternoon SSG Stevenson informed us that the vehicle driven by Mills had met another somewhere on Camp Evans, and had gotten too far off the dirt road, and had rolled over. The back of the cab (top was not installed) had come to rest on Mills head crushing his skull and killing him. McQueen was shaken but otherwise unhurt. (Queenie and I were on the same sp4 orders at Riley, wish I had them for his SVC No) SP/5 Andrew Mills left a wife and two small children.