

SHAREL EDWARD BALES**CLASS 7-65**

is honored on Panel 25E, Row 61 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: SHAREL EDWARD BALES
Wall Name: SHAREL E BALES
Date of Birth: 4/24/1937
Date of Casualty: 8/29/1967
Home of Record: BERTHOUD
State: CO
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: LONG KHANH



1LT Bales lost his life while serving with the 191st Assault helicopter Company, 1st Aviation Brigade. He was the pilot of a UH-1D Helicopter that went down in bad weather, enroute to recover a downed aircraft.

From thewall-usa.com

ED AND I GRADUATED FROM ARTILLERY OCS FORTY YEARS AGO IN 1965. WE LIVED IN THE SAME CUBICLE TOGETHER FOR THE ENTIRE COURSE AND WE WERE VERY PROUD AND HAPPY TO HAVE MADE IT THROUGH. MY FIRST ASSIGNMENT WAS FRANCE AND I WENT TO VIETNAM TO THE 11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE IN 1968. I KNEW ED HAD BEEN KILLED AND IT REALLY HURT. I REMEMBER MEETING HIS WIFE AND LITTLE CHILDREN JUST AS WE GRADUATED. HE WAS A HELL OF A GOOD LEADER IN OCS AND I WAS VERY PROUD TO CALL HIM MY BEST FRIEND IN SCHOOL. I RETIRED AS A MAJOR IN 1983.

GEORGE HARRIS
I WAS HIS CUBE MATE IN OCS
1295 SOLANA RD
NAPLES, FL 34103
October 4, 2005

From www.flyarmy.org

BALES SHAREL EDWARD

Name: 1LT Sharel "Spike" Edward Bales

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 08/29/1967 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 30.3

Date of Birth: 04/24/1937

Home City: Berthoud, CO

Service: AT branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: 191 AHC

Major organization: other

Flight class: 66-20

Service: AT branch of the U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 25E-061

Short Summary: A/C Accident at noon in bad weather at Blackhorse enroute to recover a downed ship..

Aircraft: UH-1D tail number 65-10018

Call sign: Bounty Hunter 24

Service number: O5419250

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 1901

Primary cause: A/C Accident

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: weapons

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Started Tour: 05/22/1967

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Length of service: 10

Location: Long Khanh Province III Corps.

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Non-hostile - died while missing

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Presbyterian

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.

Category of casualty as defined by the Army: non-battle dead Category of personnel:

active duty Army Military class: officer

This record was last updated on 07/20/1996

Helicopter UH-1D 65-10018

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1D tail number 65-10018

The Army purchased this helicopter 0766

Total flight hours at this point: 00000455

Date: 08/29/1967

Incident number: 670829161ACD Accident case number: 670829161 Total loss or fatality Accident

Unit: 191 AHC

South Vietnam

Number killed in accident = 6 . . Injured = 0 . . Passengers = 2

costing 599354

Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated: Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Army Aviation Safety Center database. Also: OPERA (Operations Report.)

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

AC 1LT HALL DAVID COLIN KIA

P 1LT BALES SHAREL EDWARD KIA

CE SP4 MARTINEZ PETER STEVEN KIA

G SP4 WHITAKER JOSEPH LEON JR KIA

PX SGT MUSER LOUIS CHARLES II KIA

Passengers and/or other participants:

NO NAME, PAX, A

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Accident Summary:

While attempting to return to home station, the aircraft entered a cloud bank. No contact was made with the aircraft. A search has been conducted. The aircraft is missing.

This record was last updated on 09/20/1998