

**RICHARD GEORGE GARDNER****Class 3-69**

**RICHARD GEORGE GARDNER  
is honored on Panel 11W, Row 45 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial**

**Full Name: RICHARD GEORGE GARDNER  
Wall Name: RICHARD G GARDNER  
Date of Birth: 11/3/1946  
Date of Casualty: 4/24/1970  
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**



1LT Gardner was assigned to Battery C, 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery, Americal Division. He was killed in action while serving as a Forward Observer with Company D, 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry, 11th Light Infantry Brigade.

***From the wall-usa.com***

Lt., Gardner served with the Big Red One prior to their redeployment. One day during a conversation he indicated that he and his family lived in New York, before moving to D.C. He lived in the home once owned by Lou Gerhig. I was from the same community as he and knew the family that bought the house. Small world. Learned of his death during a conference in Washington. The how is just too weird to describe. Rest in peace, LT.

Donald Weigand  
July 17, 2005

**Richard is buried at Arlington National Cemetery**

## Lt Gardner



Lt Gardner was not just my LT but a good friend. He was new to the field and only with us in Delta a short time. But is well remembered by us to this day. We still mourn his untimely death on the battlefields of Vietnam. Rest in peace my friend. We will meet again. Your memory is alive with us.

Posted by: Cpl Dennis Lyons  
D Co 1/20 11th LIB  
Relationship: We served together  
July 21, 2005

### **From the Staff Duty Log:**

April 24, 1970 KIA with Charlie Battery 6-11 Artillery, HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY OTHER EXPLOSIVE DEVICE. At 1212hrs Delta Company request Urgent Dust Off. For two US WHA with multiple frag wounds of head, chest and shoulders, at this grid 760360. The Command Post Group with D-41 found (4) 6' X 9' camouflaged hootches located along the trail vicinity BS765355. Command Post Group consisting of CO, Arty FO, Arty FO and 4.2 FO entered the first three hootches. A scout dog handler observed the Command Post group inside the hootch searching through a basket. There was a hand grenade in basket with pin pulled out partially and exploded when material was lifted from grenade, appeared that materials in basket was clothing and papers. Results 3 US KHA CAPT JAMES ROBERT FOWLER, 1LT RICHARD GEORGE GARDNER (Charlie Battery 6-11 Artillery) died prior to Dust Off. PFC FRED DUANE LARSON (Charlie Battery 6-11 Artillery) was killed instantly, LISTED AS KHA and 4.2 FO SP4 Ronald Primavera (Echo Company) WHA time of incident 1210hrs and attached to the 91<sup>st</sup> Evac Hospital.