

DENNIS RAY KINNARD

Class 16-67

is honored on Panel 55W, Row 21 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: DENNIS RAY KINNARD
Wall Name: DENNIS R KINNARD
Date of Birth: 5/8/1946
Date of Casualty: 6/23/1968
Home of Record: MT VERNON
County of Record: KNOX COUNTY
State: OH
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: BINH THUAN



1LT Kinnard was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 320th Artillery, 101st Airborne Division. He served as a Forward Observer and was part of a Task Force supporting the 3rd Battalion, 506th Infantry, when he was killed by a land mine at Fire Support Base Bartlett.

He replaced me

Dennis replaced me as the company FO when I briefly took over as the battery fire direction officer. His time was short but the joy he was experiencing in anticipation of the birth of his first child was boundless. It's truly sad that neither one ever knew the other. Rest in peace Dennis.

Posted by: Bob Richardson
Relationship: We served together
September 7, 2005

I served with Dennis before Vietnam

I was also a new 2LT with Dennis at Ft Bragg before both of us shipping out to Vietnam. My wife, and Dennis' used to go to the laundromat together. The story of his death is so sad, so many years later.

Posted by: Tom Coats
Relationship: We served together
September 4, 2005

Number 1 FO and friend

Thanks LT for being my friend, I will never forget the night before you gave your life how you talked of your family and the unborn child you never got to see. You are my HERO. I will never forget you. SSG. Everhart

Posted by: W. Randy Everhart
Relationship: We served together
May 29, 2000

Your Last Step

My dear LT. Your story is in my heart forever. I saw your picture today. I got your name from a Nam Vet who is doing research on D Battery 2/320th Artillery.

I have lived 37 years with the memory of what happened that day, never knowing your name till now. I saw you take your last step on this earth Sir. You got off the chopper (CH47) and started walking across the fire base into an area that had not yet been cleared. As I looked up from filling sand bags, I saw that you were in a restricted area; you took one more step, then, BOOM. I am near tears now as I tell your story Sir. I saw you as you went into pieces, part of you landed on me and my gun mates.

I am sorry that you lost your life so very young and I can never forget you Sir and what happened that day in June of 1968 on FSB Bartlett... Now I can find you on the wall...

REST IN PEACE MY DEAR LT. KINNARD. YOU SERVED YOUR COUNTRY WELL... ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL...

PFC. Michael Thompson-Brooks
D Battery 2nd 320th Artillery 101st Airborne Division. Viet Nam Sept. 67'/Sept.68'

Posted by: PFC. Michael Thompson-Brooks
Relationship: A fellow Solider.
August 12, 2005

From thewall-usa.com

We made the trip from Hue to Phan Thiet together in May 68. We got to know each other and LT Kinnard said that maybe I would be assigned as his RTO. We agreed to stay in touch if possible. I was assigned to 'D' Battery, FDC section. The next time I saw him was on that terrible day in June on FSB Bartlett. I think of him often and remember him and his family in my prayers.

Gregory DeTullio
A fellow soldier
47 Church St. Apt. 2D Malverne NY 11565
Jun 16, 2011

Dennis and I were both 2LT's in A/1/319 at Fort Bragg, prior to our going to Vietnam. At the time we left, we were two of 13 second lieutenants, and once even manned a gun on a field problem due to the shortage of enlisted men at the time. I was in the 173rd ABN BDE, when I learned of his death, reading it in the Army Times. He was blonde, wore glasses, and drove a dark green Pontiac Firebird, as I remember.

Tom Coats

Comrade in Arms

June 30, 2003



Dennis is buried in Memorial Garden Cemetery, Christus Section, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
Section 22 - D Space # 3