

DARYL LEE LIGONS

Class 21-66

DARYL LEE LIGONS
is honored on Panel 32E, Row 64 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Full Name: DARYL LEE LIGONS
Wall Name: DARYL L LIGONS
Date of Birth: 11/11/1944
Date of Casualty: 12/26/1967
Home of Record: LOS ANGELES
County of Record: LOS ANGELES COUNTY
State: CA
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: BINH DINH



LT Ligons was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery. He was serving as a Forward Observer with 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division. The CH47A Chinook helicopter that he was in crashed at Phu Cat Air Force Base on approach to landing on the way to the 1967 Bob Hope Christmas Show at that location. The crash claimed eight lives.

Tac Officer

I recall Lt. Ligons and respected him as a tough OCS TAC officer during early 1967. He was an upstanding individual.

Posted by: C. Christopher Fecher
Relationship: I was an OCS candidate
April 6, 2008

Little Brother

I remember Daryl. As an Upper Classman, he chose me to be his big brother. "Rest In Peace Lil Bro".

Posted by: Major Marion L Sloane Jr
Relationship: We were close friends
April 4, 2006

Lest we forget

Daryl was my classmate in the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School. He was a dedicated professional and his sacrifice will always be remembered.

Posted by: Terry R. Creque
Relationship: We served together
Monday, November 14, 2005

Great sense of humor

Daryl started OCS in 17-66, and we were close friends. I last saw him in July 1966 when I came back to Robinson Barracks after graduation to visit with him and with Jack Burns.

Posted by: Rick Smith
Relationship: We served together
March 9, 2005

A Good Tactical Training Officer

Lt. Ligons served as a Tactical Training Officer at Ft. Sill, OK, prior to his deployment to RVN. He was my platoon's Tac Officer (class 1-68). He was a great officer who used a velvet fist, when necessary, to bring us unruly candidates into line. We were all very saddened to learn of his death prior to our graduation. He was missed.

Posted by: Douglas Mitchell
Relationship: Student
Monday, October 4, 1999

Hard Chargers of the 1st Bn, 30th FA

Posted for: DARYL LEE LIGONS:

1LT Ligons was an Artillery Forward Observer from HHB, 1st Bn, 30th FA, and was supporting an Infantry Company from the 1st Cavalry Divison (Airmobile) when the helicopter he was riding in crashed and burned. The 1st Bn, 30th FA was the first 155mm (Airmobile) Battalion deployed to Vietnam (Nov 1965).

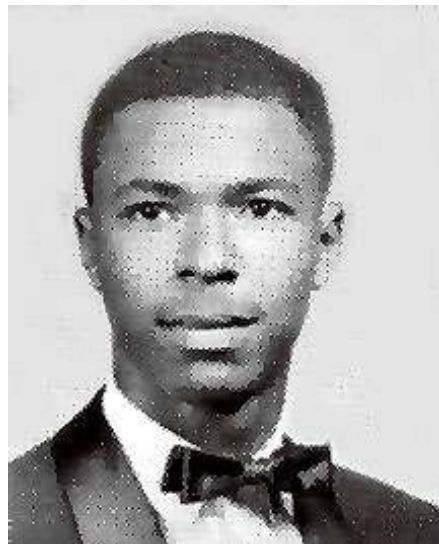
Posted by: MSG (R) Dan Gillotti
Relationship: Served in the same Battalion
Tuesday, August 17, 1999

From thewall-usa.com

Gone But Not Forgotten

I was several months behind Daryl at Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, OK. He was an upper class candidate when I arrived in July, 1966. He and his classmates struck fear in the hearts of the lower class, and generally harassed the crap out of us, but he did it with a great deal of style. His class was responsible for supervising our barracks, and for part of our training. He conducted himself like a gentleman, albeit a tough gentleman, even before the Army declared him an "officer and a gentleman". His leadership stood out. Several years ago, I saw his name on an engraved "KIA" plaque at the Fort Sill OCS Museum, and it gave me a sinking feeling. He was one of the good guys.

George Bannon
Army acquaintance
January 28, 2002



From www.flyarmy.org

Helicopter CH-47A 66-19006

Information on U.S. Army helicopter CH-47A tail number 66-19006

Date: 12/26/1967

Incident number: 671226091ACD Accident case number: 671226091 Total loss or fatality
Accident

Unit: C/228 AVN

This was an Accident incident.

The station for this helicopter was Bien Hoa in South Vietnam

Number killed in accident = 8. . Injured = 25. . Passengers = 28

costing 1412037

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 W2 PE OBRAY

P W1 JL CLIFTON

CE E5 RL HAWK

G E4 AS LYNN

FE SP4 CAMPBELL WILLIAM H III KIA

Passengers and/or other participants:

CPT BERDY MICHAEL EDWARD, AR, PX, KIA

SP4 KYLE BARRY STUART, AR, PX, KIA

E4 GOODWILL, PAX, D

E6 MCGUIRE, PAX, D

E4 COMERFORD, PAX, D

E4 GAYLOR, PAX, D

E6 DECKER, PAX, D

E4 JAMES, PAX, D

SGT VUGA STEPHEN MICHAEL, AR, PX, KIA

E4 CLARK, PAX, D

E6 TEACHEY, PAX, D

E6 DAVIS, PAX, D

E5 JOINER, PAX, D

E5 ATKINS, PAX, D

E6 COLEY, PAX, D

1LT VAN ZANDT THOMAS MILTON, AR, PX, KIA

E6 BAKER, PAX, D

E6 FOSTER, PAX, D

1LT LIGONS DARYL LEE, AR, PX, KIA

CPL RUSS JAMES LEE JR, AR, PX, KIA

E6 HOFFA, PAX, D

E4 TEAGUE, PAX, D

E4 KELLY, PAX, D

E4 WIGGINS, PAX, D

E6 FRUEND, PAX, D

SSG FORD ALLEN D, AR, PX, KIA

NO NAME, PAX, D

NO NAME, PAX, D

Accident Summary:

An eye witness stated that the aft rotor assemble left the aircraft while the aircraft was terminating an approach for landing then the forward rotor system also left the aircraft. The aircraft came to rest upright and two small fires were extinguished.

From www.chinook-helicopter.com

66-19006, Boeing build number B-264, was a CH-47A helicopter. The U.S. Army acceptance date was 9 November 1966. The administrative strike date was 26 December 1967. 66-19006 accumulated at least 233.0 aircraft hours.

At some point, 66-19006 was assigned to C Company - "Crimson Tide", 228th Assault Support Helicopter Battalion (ASHB), located at various time periods at either An Khe, Camp Evans, Phuc Vinh, or Bear Cat, in the Republic of Vietnam (RVN), and remained there until it was lost due to an accident.

On 26 December 1967, 66-19006 crashed at Phu Cat Air Force Base, RVN, on the way to the 1967 Bob Hope Christmas Show at Phu Cat Air Force Base.

SFC Athol K. Foster, passenger and Platoon Sergeant of the platoon in which 66-19006 was assigned, was on the aircraft and reported: A blade came off the aft head and the aft transmission and pylon was dislodged from the airframe. The aircraft fell to the ground from about 200 feet tail first. The aircraft landed on its tail then continued down onto its belly. At this point the forward transmission departed the airframe. There were 33 personnel on board, with eight fatalities. Every one was hurt in some way.



Wreckage of 66-19006