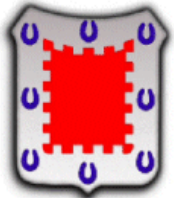




1ST
CAVALRY
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(AIRMOBILE)

"TROJAN HORSE"



8TH ENGINEER
BATTALION



"B" COMPANY

WORKING WITH



"D" COMPANY



SERGEANT



COMBAT
ENGINEER

HOWARD CLAYTON BELL

"B" Company, 8th Engineer "Trojan Horse" Battalion
Working with "D" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry
Specialist 4th Class, E4, Posthumous Promotion to SGT, RA549640118, MOS 12B20
Home of Record: Long Beach, CA

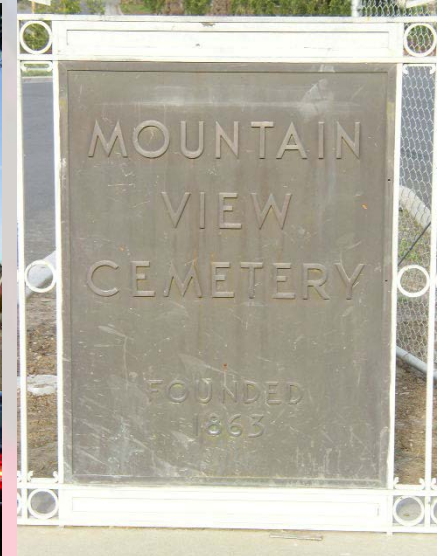
Date of Birth: December 31, 1946, Age at time of loss: 21, Married
1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam
Start of Tour: November 24, 1967, Date of Casualty: February 14, 1968, Days in Country: 82
Casualty Type A1, MFW, Panel 39E - Row 028

Sergeant Bell was working with "D" Company in search & Clear operations near the Nui Mieu Mountains along the South China Seacoast of Binh Dinh Province. Bell was an Engineer Specialist in EOD from the 1st Cavalry Division's 8th Engineers. At approximately 9 AM the Armored Personnel Carrier on which Howard Bell road hit a pressure detonated land mine, resulting in his death. 3 others were wounded, one from fragmentation as a result of the blast and two suffered concussions.

Former "D" Company Medic, Robert Melendez, witnessed the event that day and so informed the Association with the suggestion that Bell be included with our honored list of men killed in action in Vietnam.

Since SGT Bell gave his life while directly under the Operational Control of "D" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry, our Veteran's Association has voted (Unanimously) to have his name added to our Memorial at Fort Benning, Georgia. The official addition of Bell and 6 others will take place during the 2011 Reunion.

SGT Howard Bell is buried at Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, CA., just a few miles from the spot where the 50th Infantry departed the United States aboard the Troop Ship, USS General John Pope (AP-110), headed for Vietnam in 1967.



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A Map of the location of the incident which claimed Howard Bell's life is below. This area was the scene of several serious land mine incidents experience by the 50th Infantry in 1967 and 1968.



HOWARD BELL'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



Purple Heart



National Defense



Vietnam Service



Vietnam Campaign