



1<sup>ST</sup> FIELD FORCE  
VIETNAM



41<sup>ST</sup> ARTILLERY  
GROUP

"HHB"



7<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION,  
13<sup>TH</sup> ARTILLERY

WORKING WITH



"A" COMPANY



STAFF SERGEANT



ARTILLERY

## SHERMAN AMOS SORRELL

"HHB", 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 13<sup>th</sup> Artillery, 41<sup>st</sup> Artillery Group  
Attached Forward Observer working with:

"A" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry

Staff Sergeant, E6, RA12597609, MOS 13E40, Home of Record: Morrisonville, NY

Date of Birth: May 18, 1942, Age at time of loss: 25, Married

I Field Force Vietnam(FO), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam

Start of Tour: July 30, 1967, Date of Casualty: December 15, 1967, Days in Country: 212

Casualty Type A1, Gun or Small Arms Fire, Panel 32E - Row 0066

Staff Sergeant Sherman Sorrell was killed in action on December 15, 1967, during the Battle of Tam Quan which stretched from December 6 through the 20th in 1967. Elements of the 1st Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), annihilated a force of North Vietnamese Army regulars force, estimated to be more than a regiment in size, that had infiltrated Binh Dinh Province with the intended purpose of attacking various South Vietnamese government and US military targets during the Tet holiday truce attacks due to strike in late February of 1968.

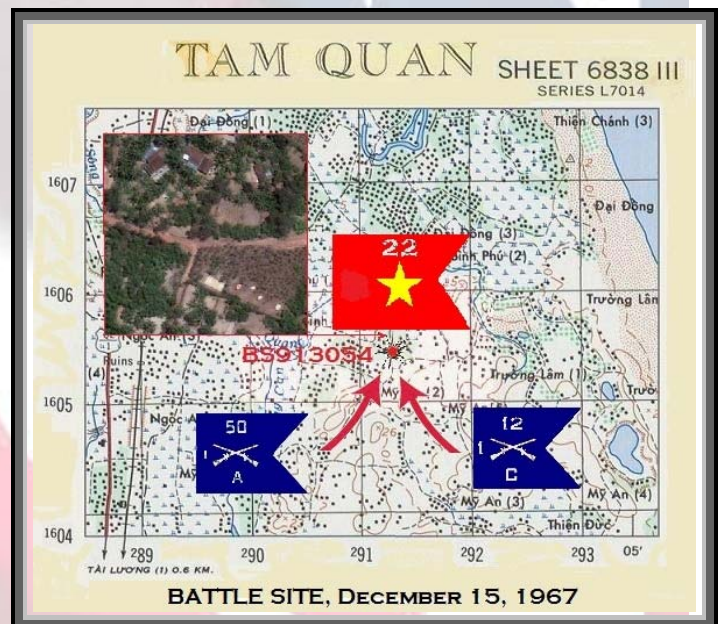


SSG Sorrell was attached to "A" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry as an Artillery Forward Observer. Fighting had centered around the villages of Truong Lam...with the heaviest fighting on December 10th. Search and Destroy operations were "ongoing" in the following days, with heavy fighting again at the Villages of My An and Truong Lam (1) on December 15th. At 1455 hours on December 15th, "A" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry was put under the operational control of "C" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. The Cavalry unit had been in heavy enemy contact and had requested a Mechanized Infantry Company to join them in a second advance on enemy positions near Grid Coordinates 918053. Before the attack, intensive tactical air strikes and an artillery preparation were used in an attempt to weaken enemy resistance.

Visit this photo page to hear actual sound of the air strike...just minutes before SSG Sorrell was killed in action:

<http://www.ichiban1.org/images/photos/black/pages/black14.htm>

Also killed in the fighting on the 15th were 25 other men from both the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 12<sup>th</sup> Cavalry and the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry. A map of the location with a modern day satellite insert is shown to the right.



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Sherman Sorrell is buried at Magdala Solitude Cemetery, Saint Alexander's Church, Rand Hill Road, Morrisonville, Clinton County, New York.



### AWARDS AND DECORATIONS OF SHERMAN SORRELL\*



\* It is most likely that Staff Sergeant Sorrell received a posthumous award, but we have no documentation to show this. If you are a family member and/or can verify more awards for this memorial, please contact [Jim Sheppard, 50th Infantry Association Historian](#).