



1ST FIELD FORCE
VIETNAM



41ST ARTILLERY
GROUP

"HHB"



7TH BATTALION,
13TH ARTILLERY

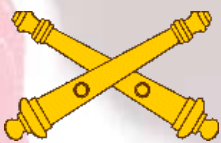
WORKING WITH



"A" COMPANY



STAFF SERGEANT



ARTILLERY

SHERMAN AMOS SORRELL

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

"A" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th 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.

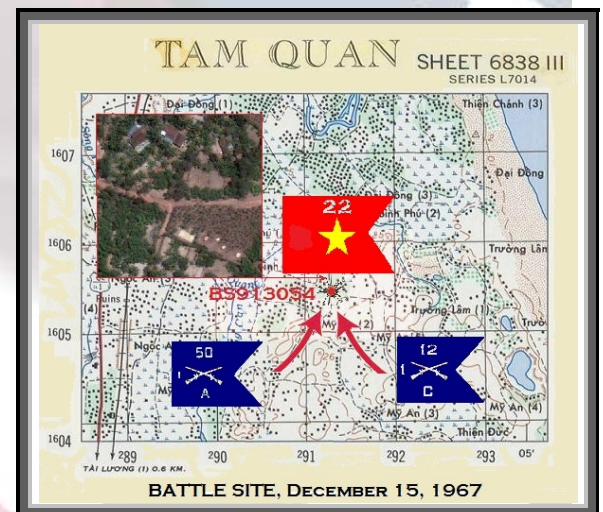


SSG Sorrell was attached to "A" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry as an Artillery Forward Observer. Fighting had centered around the villages of Truong Lam...with the heaviest fighting on December 10th. Search and Destroy operations were "ongoing" in the following days, with heavy fighting again at the Villages of My An and Truong Lam (1) on December 15th. At 1455 hours on December 15th, "A" Company, 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th Infantry was put under the operational control of "C" Company, 1st Battalion, 12th 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 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry and the 1st Battalion (Mechanized), 50th 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 as well as other personal awards 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](#).