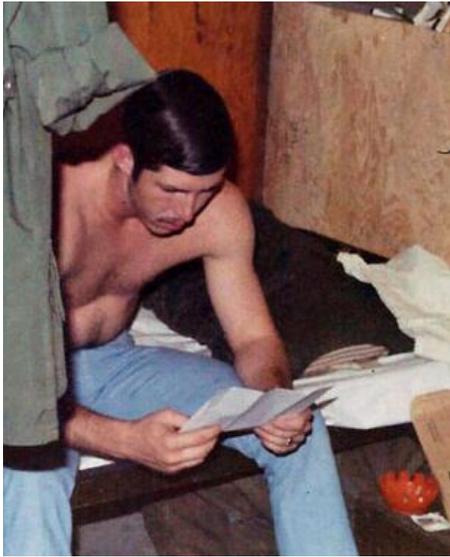


## Gerald D. "Jerry" Burkhamer



Jerry Burkhamer arrived at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon of the 101<sup>st</sup> RRC in 1970, having completed his training at Fort Devens. At the end of his tour in 1971, he was assigned to the 6<sup>th</sup> ASA at Monterrey.

The following year, on September 8, 1972, approaching a tunnel in the area, Jerry lost control of his car and was killed in the ensuing wreck, at the age of 21 years.

### Gerald Burkhamer Obituary

SP5 Gerald Dwight Burkhamer, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E Burkhamer, Edgerton (WI), was killed in a one-car accident Saturday near San Francisco, Calif.

According to UW-Whitewater ROTC Capt. Thomas Morrison, who notified the Burkhamers of the death of their son, the accident occurred when Gerald lost control of his auto and hit an abutment near the entrance to a highway tunnel while traveling between Ft. Barry and Ft. Baker in the San Francisco area. Death was due to chest injuries.

Burkhamer entered service in 1969 and served one year in Vietnam. He had been attached to the 6<sup>th</sup> Army Security Agency and was to have been discharged from the service next month.

He was born on Jan 31, 1951, at West Plains, MO, the son of William E. and Wanda Ford Burkhamer, and was a 1969 graduate of Edgerton High School where he was a football and track letterman. He was employed by Highway Trailer Industries, Inc, in Edgerton until entering service.

Surviving are his parents; three brothers, Gregory of Janesville, Douglas with the Army stationed in Germany, and Daniel at home; a sister, Simone, at home; and two grandmothers, Mrs. Lillie Ford, Rockford, and Mrs. Coral Burkhamer, Janesville; a great grandmother, Mrs. Maude Junior, Rockford.