



Melvin Hollman Gardner, Jr.

**Born: 28 November 1944
Pinehurst
North Carolina**

Hair: Brown
Eyes: Brown
Parents: Melvin & Rosalind Gardner, Sr.
Sibling: Wallace
**Enlisted: 4 October 1965, Fayetteville,
North Carolina**
Boot Camp: NTC San Diego, California
Rating: Sonar Technician 3rd Class

Melvin "Mel" joined the Navy on 25 February 1966 and went to boot camp in San Diego. After boot camp he was assigned sonar school where he graduated in October 1966. He reported on board USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754) on 25 November 1966. He was onboard Evans for 22 months. At the time of the collision Melvin is to be believed to be asleep in the OI Division.