

WILLIAM TERRY ALLEN

CLASS 17-66

is honored on Panel 31E, Row 32 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: WILLIAM TERRY ALLEN
Wall Name: WILLIAM T ALLEN
Date of Birth: 3/17/1945
Date of Casualty: 12/4/1967
Home of Record: ENTERPRISE
State: AL
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: KONTUM



1LT Allen served with Company A, 4th Aviation Battalion, 4th Infantry Division. He was the pilot of a UH-1H helicopter that was shot down while performing a Snoopy "People Sniffer" mission southwest of Dak To.

Stick Buddy in Flight School

I remember Terry well. He and I were in flight school together (Class 67-10) and often flew together during the 9 month program. I have not forgotten! God bless him!

Stan Gause
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April 18, 2002

William is buried at Meadowlawn Cemetery, Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama.

From www.flyarmy.org

ALLEN WILLIAM TERRY

Name: 1LT William Terry Allen

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 12/04/1967 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 22.7

Date of Birth: 03/17/1945

Home City: Enterprise, AL

Service: AT branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.

Unit: A/4 AVN 4 INF

Major organization: 4th Infantry Division

Flight class: 67-10

Service: AT branch of the U.S. Army.

The Wall location: 31E-032

Short Summary: Automatic weapons fire during "snoopy" people smeller mission S. of Dak To. One survivor.

Aircraft: UH-1H tail number 66-16587

Service number: O5424276

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 1193 = 11 Field Artillery Unit Commander

Primary cause: Shot Down

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: fire or burns

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Started Tour: 08/13/1967

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Length of service: 06

Location: Kontum Province II Corps.

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - died while missing

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Protestant - no denominational preference

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.

Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military class: officer

This record was last updated on 08/31/1999

Helicopter UH-1H 66-16587

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1H tail number 66-16587

Date: 12/04/1967

Incident number: 67120414.KIA

Unit: A/4 AVN 4 INF

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was LOSS TO INVENTORY

This was a Recon mission for Unarmed Recon

While Enroute this helicopter was Unknown at UNK feet and UNK knots.

The station for this helicopter was Kontum in South Vietnam

Helicopter took 1 hits from:

Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (7.62MM)

The helicopter was hit in the Cockpit

Systems damaged were: PERSONNEL

Casualties = YES . . Number killed in accident = 0 . . Injured = 0 . . Passengers = 0

The helicopter Crashed. Aircraft Destroyed.

Both mission and flight capability were terminated.

Burned

costing 0

Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated:

Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Survivability/Vulnerability

Information Analysis Center Helicopter database. Also: OPERA, UH1P2, 74319, Ray Livermont (Operations Report.)

Summary: Shot down during a "sniffer" mission.

Loss to Inventory and Helicopter was not recovered

Crew Members:

P 1LT ALLEN WILLIAM TERRY KIA

SP5 MOHL WOLFGANG TONY OTTO KIA

SP4 LEE CLYDE MARVIN KIA

AC WO1 LIVERMONT CHARLES R WIA

C SP4 CIECURA THOMAS PAUL KIA

War Stories:

My original map was a 1:250,000, JOG-(Ground), elevation in meters, printed 12-65 by the Army Map Service, Corps of Engineers. A new map of the area (complete) is a 1:250,000, JOG (Air), elevation in feet, printed 6-84 by the Defense Mapping Agency, Hydrographic/Topographic Center. UH-1H, Tail number 66-16587 went down at Grid Zone Designator 48P YB775105, Lat/Long was 14 deg, 33 min, 10 sec / 107 deg, 33 min, 40 sec. That put the site 28Km west, south west of Dak To airstrip. The heading worked out to 245 degrees and elevation was right at 3000'. Unfortunately I lost the aircraft I was flying during this op (577) two days later, NE of Dak To on a mountain top. We were more fortunate and all survived.

Tom Roy, August 1999.

I had been in-country about five months flying for A/4th Aviation Battalion. I liked flying these 'sniffer' missions and flew them whenever I could. 1LT Allen was an AC and prior to the mission had told me that today I was flying as the PIC. For this mission I had left the briefing a little earlier than he to make certain the aircraft was ready. When he joined us at the aircraft, he said that he had volunteered to fly the mission today under my command and the two enlisted men also said they volunteered for this mission. We had flown this type of mission in this area before and, if I remember the briefing correctly, we were told we were trying to pin-point about three NVA battalions. I do not recall being shot down or the rescue or the first few weeks in the hospitals. Later I talked with Al McGowan (his real name was James). He died in 1993 but he had served on the investigation team for my aircraft. He gave me some photos of the aircraft after I had been taken out. Normally, the 'sniffer' Huey was covered by two gunships. I would love to talk with anyone of those crews. As I understand it, I was unconscious for a long time (maybe two days) before an Engineer team was able to rescue me and recover the bodies of my crew members. I spent about nine months in military hospitals and was then retired.

Submitted to the VHPA by Ray Livermont in June, 2001.

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