

**BRUCE GREGORY BOWLES****CLASS 11-65**

is honored on Panel 34W, Row 4 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** BRUCE GREGORY BOWLES  
**Wall Name:** BRUCE G BOWLES  
**Date of Birth:** 7/2/1941  
**Date of Casualty:** 1/15/1969  
**Home of Record:** BOISE  
**State:** ID  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** CAPT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** QUANG NGAI



CPT Bowles served with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 14th Artillery, 198<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade, Americal Division. He was one of two aerial observers on an OH-6A Cayuse helicopter that was shot down.

The pilot of the aircraft was able to make a successful forced landing, but the enemy on the ground killed all three occupants. The other observer killed was 1LT Jan Paul Christensen from Battery D, 3rd Battalion, 18th Artillery, a graduate of Field Artillery OCS Class 46A-67.

*From www.flyarmy.org*

## **Helicopter OH-6A 67-16189**

Information on U.S. Army helicopter OH-6A tail number 67-16189

The Army purchased this helicopter 0768

Total flight hours at this point: 00000334

Date: 01/15/1969

Incident number: 69011515.KIA

Unit: 198 BDE

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

This was a Recon mission for Unarmed Recon

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

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: BS457762

Count of hits was not possible because the helicopter burned or exploded.

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

Systems damaged were: PERSONNEL

Casualties = YES . .

The helicopter made a Forced Landing. Aircraft Destroyed.

Both mission and flight capability were terminated.

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, LNOF, 90031, CASRP,

CRAFX (Operations Report. Lindenmuth Old Format Data Base. Crash Facts Message.

Casualty Report. )

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

P 1LT TAYLOR DEANE ARTHUR JR KIA

**OB CPT BOWLES BRUCE GREGORY KIA**

OB 1LT CHRISTENSEN JAN PAUL KIA

This record was last updated on 07/21/2001