

**PETER EVAN DAY**

**CLASS 2-66**

is honored on Panel 20E, Row 128 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** PETER EVAN DAY  
**Wall Name:** PETER E DAY  
**Date of Birth:** 7/28/1941  
**Date of Casualty:** 5/27/1967  
**Home of Record:** MODESTO  
**State:** CA  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** 1LT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** HUA NGHIA



1LT Day was killed in action while serving as the pilot of a UH-1D Helicopter for the 116th Assault Helicopter Company. He was fatally wounded by small arms fire that hit the cockpit of the aircraft while in a landing zone. He had been in country for less than a month at the time of his death.

***From thewall-usa.com***

As a Field Artillery Officer Candidate, Pete had broken a bone in his foot. Recovery was difficult but was complete just prior to graduation. Pete had to accomplish a PT test successfully to be commissioned. A large Oklahoma snow storm occurred presenting unusual conditions. The final test was delayed for two days until the cadre stated that this was the final day. Several classmates ran the test with Pete in the snow. The low crawl was accomplished under the snow. The final event, the mile run, was a tribute to the spirit of OCS where Pete wore out on the first of four laps. Our team carried Pete around the track literally dragging him to the finish. He passed the test, was commissioned with our class and remains a very fond memory in all of our minds. God be with Pete.

August 12, 2005

RW (Bob) Brown  
Pete and I were OCS classmates.  
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**From www.flyarmy.org**

**DAY PETER EVAN**

Name: 1LT Peter Evan Day

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 05/27/1967 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 25.8

Date of Birth: 07/28/1941

Home City: Modesto, CA

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

Unit: 116 AHC

Major organization: other

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

The Wall location: 20E-128

Aircraft: UH-1D tail number 66-00983

Service number: O5419854

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 1981 = 19 Rotary Wing Aviator (Unit Commander)

Primary cause: Hostile Fire

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: small arms fire

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Started Tour: 04/30/1967

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Length of service: 04

Location: Hau Nghia Province III Corps.

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - killed

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Baptist - other groups

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 04/11/1998

## **Helicopter UH-1D 66-00983**

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1D tail number 66-00983

The Army purchased this helicopter 1266

Total flight hours at this point: 00000539

Date: 05/27/1967

Incident number: 67052727.KIA

Unit: 116 AHC

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED for Air/Land Assault , Hot Area.

While on Landing Zone this helicopter was Landing at 0010 feet and 015 knots.

South Vietnam

Helicopter took 12 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: FLT CONTROLS, ENGINE, PERSONNEL, ELECTRICAL SYS

The armor protecting the personnel was NOT effective.

Casualties = 01 KIA, 01 WIA. .

The helicopter Continued Flight.

The aircraft was diverted prior to accomplishing any mission objectives.

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

Survivability/Vulnerability Information Analysis Center Helicopter database. Also:

UH1P2, 72801 ( )

Crew Members:

**P 1LT DAY PETER EVAN KIA**

This record was last updated on 05/25/1998

***From thewall-usa.com***

He was shot there was no crash. His bunk was right next to mine and I packed his effects to send home. He was only with us a short time but in that time he impressed us all. Steve Muench, the aircraft commander was badly wounded and evacuated. In a bit of irony when this happened I was recovering from being wounded while flying with Steve Muench.

Paul Jenkins

Hootch Mate

Boise ID

Aug 2, 2010



Crew Chief Roy Quick points out bullet holes in the aircraft from the May 27, 1967 operation near Duc Hoa that Peter Day was killed and Steve Muench was severely wounded. Roy Quick passed away on May 27, 2004.

Peter Evan Day is buried at Lakewood Memorial Park Modesto, California