DOUGLAS LEE FOLEY

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2LT Foley was killed when the UH-1B helicopter he was piloting was shot down by enemy machine gun fire west of Ben Cat. The entire four-man crew and eight ARVN soldiers perished in the crash. LT Foley and his crew were serving with the 118th Assault Helicopter Company "Thunderbirds".

**Eyewitness account of James W. "Bill" Griffin from his personal diary:** "The B-52 were to hit an area about 6 miles West of Ben Cat and we are to lift the 5th Recon in to check the damage inflicted by the heavy bombing. We picked up the troops at Phou Loi and started for the L.Z. when Charlie One dropped below the formation and said that he had a momentary loss of power and was going into Ben Cat. I tried to follow him but the formation was ahead of me and I lost sight of him. I arrived at Ben Cat and he was not there, so I gave him a call and he said that he was coming on in. About this time Mr. McCune, who was flying with me said that he saw a helicopter fall and I saw a large burst of flames on the ground about 2 miles south of my position. I headed to the site and circled the wreckage and drew heavy automatic weapons fire in the vicinity. I could see that no one could have escaped from the crash so I went back to Ben Cat and landed. The people on the ground stated that this was the same spot that accounted for another aircraft the day before. Capt. Altomonte (this flight surgeon was involved in almost all operations.) the flight surgeon said that there were about four machine guns opened fire every time that any aircraft flew over this position. Killed in the crash were Lt. Foley, WO Toulouse, plus 8 ARVN and the crew-chief and gunner who were new in the company and I didn't even know them. It appears that the helicopter broke into pieces before hitting the ground. Sure is a mess! 3 Sep 1965"
FOLEY DOUGLAS LEE

Name: 2LT Douglas Lee Foley
Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 09/02/1965 while performing the duty of Pilot.
Age at death: 30.1
Date of Birth: 07/15/1935
Home City: Ridgeway, VA
Service: AT branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.
Unit: 118 AML
Major organization: other
Flight class: 65-5
Service: AT branch of the U.S. Army.
The Wall location: 02E-072
Short Summary: Pulled out of formation because of a governor problem. Killed near Ben Cat with WO1 Dale Tooloose AC. Crew - Gill & Zelinko.
Aircraft: UH-1B tail number 62-02046
Call sign: Thunderbirds
Service number: O5406455
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: weapons
Vehicle involved: helicopter
Position in vehicle: pilot
Started Tour: 06/30/1965
"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot
Length of service: 12
Location: Unknown Province
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 07/29/1994
Helicopter UH-1B 62-02046

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1B tail number 62-02046
Date: 09/02/1965
Incident number: 0C810ACD Accident case number: 0C810 Total Loss Accident
Unit: 118 AML
This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was LOSS TO INVENTORY
for Close Air Support
While Enroute this helicopter was at Level Flight at 1700 feet and 075 knots.
South Vietnam
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. (12.7MM)
Systems damaged were: PERSONNEL
Casualties = 04 DOI. . Number killed in accident = 12. . Injured = 0. . Passengers = 8
The helicopter Crashed. Aircraft Destroyed.
Both mission and flight capability were terminated.
Burned
costing 193648
Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated:
Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Army Aviation Safety Center
database. Survivability/Vulnerability Information Analysis Center Helicopter database.
Also: OPERA, UH1P1, 01370, CRAFX, CASRP, JSIDR (Operations Report. Joint
Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:
P WO1 TOOLOOSE DALE LEROY KIA
P 2LT FOLEY DOUGLAS LEE KIA
CE PFC ZELINKO GEORGE ALLEN KIA
G CPL GILL DAVID EUGENE KIA

Passengers and/or other participants:
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