

TERRY DURAND GRAHAM

Class 33A-67

is honored on Panel 28W, Row 70 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: TERRY DURAND GRAHAM
Wall Name: TERRY D GRAHAM
Date of Birth: 12/25/1946
Date of Casualty: 3/28/1969
Home of Record: GAINESVILLE
County of Record: ALACHUA COUNTY
State: FL
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: BINH LONG



1LT Graham was killed in action at Duc Vinh while serving with Advisory Team #47, Military assistance Command Vietnam (MACV). His decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star with V-device, and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

Taps

Terry and family, I was one of the many who retrieved your body from Duc Vinh I the morning after you were killed. We shared many a hole, and c-rats on many a lonely, scary night along with Sgt Pefley and Sp5 Goodhart. I wish I could have been with you and Lt Brown that fateful night. Maybe things would have turned out differently. Love ya LT.

Bac Se Clep
Medic
MACV Team 47
2nd CA PLT

Posted by: Bill Clepper
Relationship: We served together
January 2, 2003

A Note from The Virtual Wall

Lieutenants Terry D. Graham and Earl F. Browne of Advisory Team 47 died in the fighting at Duc Vinh on 28 March 1969.

From the wall-usa.com

In Memory of Terry

I led a small team that was attached to a brigade of the 1st Air Cavalry Division that occupied the area at the time. When not deployed on specific missions with the Cav, we were seconded to MACV Team 47 and assisted where we best could. I met Terry and his teammate Lt. Earl Browne (Brownie) early in 1969. They were leading a Military Advisory Team (MAT team) and training a South Vietnamese Popular Forces (PF) unit in a small village just south of the Binh Long provincial capital of An Loc. We spent a number of nights with Terry's and Brownie's team over the course of several weeks. They were a close group and fun to be with. The village to which they were assigned was located in the middle of rubber plantation country and was a very idyllic setting. On one of those nights we received an enemy probe and some direct and indirect fire. Villagers instantly disappeared into the relative safety of their homes and underground shelters. However, it wasn't anything unusual. The PF soldiers under Terry's and Brownie's leadership responded, and it was over as quickly as it began. However, several weeks later, there was a full-scale attack on that little village. I had been redeployed to another operation during that period. When I returned, I found out that the team had been overrun, and there was apparently only one survivor, a non-commissioned officer who managed to crawl away and bury himself out of sight. I understand that he was also badly wounded, but I believe he survived. Terry, Brownie and the interpreter didn't. Their bodies were recovered the next morning, when a relief unit from An Loc could finally make its way down to the village and secure it. Vietnam is always remembered as a war of battles involving the big American military units. However, much of it involved acts of uncommon bravery like that of Terry and Lt. Browne, working as advisors in very small isolated places, training young Vietnamese soldiers to defend their own villages and trusting and depending upon them to fight together to protect each other in the event of an attack. They were two very dedicated advisors, and I will always remember them and have always had the greatest respect and admiration for their dedication and their courage.

John Lindblom
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Oct 3, 2009

To Terry Graham and Earl Browne:

I was with you in Duc Vinh the night before you were taken from us. We spoke of many things that evening: Home, Life, Family and love of each.

Rest in Peace, Brothers - You are remembered.

"And all people live,
not by reason of any care they have for themselves,
but by the love for them that is in other people"
- Leo Tolstoy -

From a friend,
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