

is honored on Panel 18E, Row 35 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: WILLIAM RAY HILL
Wall Name: WILLIAM R HILL
Date of Birth: 3/2/1943
Date of Casualty: 4/16/1967
Home of Record: KENOSHA
State: WI
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: CAPT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: QUANG NGAI



CPT Hill was on his second tour of duty in Vietnam and was serving with Troop B, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division. He was shot down while piloting a UH-1B Helicopter on an armed reconnaissance mission. All four members of the crew perished in the incident.

From thewall-usa.com

I met Bill at flight school in Mineral Wells, Texas. Bill was a special forces qualified officer and was personal escort for Martha Raye during her Special Services tour during Bill's first tour in Viet Nam. There were three of us, Ray Barrett, CWO Ret, was the third man of the "musketeers". Rest in peace, Bill.

Bob Brown
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October 01, 2000

From www.flyarmy.org

HILL WILLIAM RAY

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 04/16/1967 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 24.1

Date of Birth: 03/02/1943

Home City: Kenosha, WI

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

Unit: B/1/9 CAV 1 CAV

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division

Flight class: 66-22

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

The Wall location: 18E-035

Short Summary: Crash.

Aircraft: UH-1B tail number 63-08736

Service number: O5406403

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: 02/13/1967

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Length of service: 04

Location: Quang Ngai Province I Corps.

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - killed

single male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Lutheran (Missouri Synod)

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-1B 63-08736

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1B tail number 63-08736

The Army purchased this helicopter 0964

Total flight hours at this point: 00001482

Date: 04/16/1967

Incident number: 67041616.KIA

Unit: B/1/9 CAV

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

This was a Recon mission for Armed Recon

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

The station for this helicopter was Quang Ngai in Not Reported

UTM grid coordinates: BS785495

Helicopter took 4 hits from:

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

The helicopter was hit in the Engine Compartment

Systems damaged were: ENGINE, HYDRAULIC SYS, PERSONNEL

Casualties = 04 DOI . .

The helicopter Crashed. 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, 72517,

ARADM, CASRP, FM232, MPC (Operations Report. Lindenmuth Old Format Data

Base. Casualty Report.)

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

P CPT HILL WILLIAM RAY KIA

AC WO1 GODFREY JAMES WALTER KIA

CE SP4 SMITH JOHNNY WILLIAM KIA

OB CPT CHILDS VANDIVER L KIA

Passengers and/or other participants:

CPT SHENEP KARL EDMOND, AR, PX, KIA

War Story:

16 Apr 67: 1-9 Cav made contact vic 8048. 1A/2-35 committed with 1-9 Cav. Company C made combat assault north of contact point vic 785495 and pushed south trapping about 50 VC, They got 21 VC KIA, captured 11, and only had one friendly WIA.

However, we did lose one gunship to ground fire, five dead. Two trapped in wreckage; bodies could not be removed until after wreckage was airlifted by Chinook back to LZ Montezuma. From: Dave Butters' Journal

This record was last updated on 10/02/2008