

is honored on Panel 43E, Row 55 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** CHARLES B JILCOTT JR  
**Wall Name:** CHARLES B JILCOTT JR  
**Date of Birth:** 7/8/1944  
**Date of Casualty:** 3/8/1968  
**Date of Death:** 3/8/1968  
**Home of Record:** LOGANSPORT  
**State:** IN  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** CAPT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** DINH TUONG



CPT Jilcott served with the 240th Assault Helicopter Company, 1st Aviation Brigade. He died when the UH-1C Helicopter Gunship that he was piloting was shot down.

### **From the James Warr Memorial Site**

On March 8, 1968, a UH-1C Mad Dog Gunship, tail number 66-00705, was shot down on a mission which immediately killed the pilots, WO1 Guy L. Eisenhart and Captain Charles B. Jilcott.

On board the other Mad Dog Gunship which made up the fire team was Paul 'Frenchy' LaChance, the crew chief, who jumped out when the AC landed and ran to the burning, crashed Mad Dog Gunship and pulled the crew chief, SP5 James M. Warr from the burning wreckage. Sadly, three days later, SP5 Warr died from his injuries and burns on March 11, 1968.

**From www.flyarmy.org**

**JILCOTT CHARLES B JR**

Name: CPT Charles B. Jilcott, Jr.

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 03/08/1968 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 23.7

Date of Birth: 07/08/1944

Home City: Logansport, IN

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

Unit: 240 AHC

Major organization: 1st Aviation Brigade

Flight class: 67-4

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

The Wall location: 43E-055

Short Summary: Crew chief survived.

Aircraft: UH-1C tail number 66-00705

Service number: O5419781

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 71981

Primary cause: Hostile Fire

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: fire or burns

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: aircraft commander

Started Tour: 10/10/1967

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew

Length of service: 03

Location: Dinh Tuong Province IV 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 07/30/1997

## Helicopter UH-1C 66-00705

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1C tail number 66-00705

The Army purchased this helicopter 1266

Total flight hours at this point: 00000924

Date: 03/08/1968

Incident number: 68030888.KIA

Unit: 240 AHC

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

This was a Recon mission for Armed Escort, Other Aircraft.

While in Target Area this helicopter was Attacking at 0200 feet and 080 knots.

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: XS569481

Helicopter took 1 hits from:

Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less than 20 mm in size. (12.7MM)

causing a Fire.

Systems damaged were: PERSONNEL

Casualties = 03 DOI, 01 INJ.

The helicopter Crashed. Aircraft Destroyed.

Both mission and flight capability were terminated.

Burned

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, UH1P3, 06804

(Operations Report.)

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

P WO1 EISENHART GUY LEE KIA

**P CPT JILCOTT CHARLES B JR KIA**

G SP5 WARR JAMES MILTON KIA

This record was last updated on 05/25/1998

## **A Note from The Virtual Wall**

The US Naval Forces Vietnam History for March 1968 describes Operation CORONADO XII, a sweep east of My Tho aimed at locating and destroying the 261st VC Main Force Battalion. Two infantry battalions were deployed on 07 March and contact was made the following day by 4th Bn, 47th Infantry about 5 miles northeast of My Tho. As stated by Mr. Labastida above, the fighting continued until about 3 AM on 09 March. At about that time, FSB HALLORAN just south of the engagement area was brought under attack by mortar fire. The sweep continued through 09 March with the infantrymen withdrawn in the late afternoon.

Forty-four VC dead were left on the battlefield and several small munitions and supply caches were found. Twelve US soldiers were killed in CORONADO XII, one was missing in action, and one sailor was killed in the mortar attack on FSB HALLORAN.

The American dead were:

T-111-5, RIVRON 11, TF 117  
SN Eugene E. Swift, Hyattsville, MD (FSB HALLORAN)

Aircrew, UH-1C 66-00705, 240th AHC  
**CPT Charles B. Jilcott, Logansport, IN**  
WO Guy L. Eisenhart, Lake Ariel, PA  
SGT James M. Warr, Pleasanton, TX

D Co, 15th Engineers  
SGT Gerald K. Brown, Maitland, FL  
SGT Boyd L. Herring, Hampton, VA

A Btry, 3rd Bn, 34th Artillery  
1LT Richard A. Koski, Pengilly, MN, F/O with 4/47 Inf (Dist Svc Cross)

B Btry, 3rd Bn, 34th Artillery  
SGT Leon M. Phillips, De Pere, WI (FSB HALLORAN)

4th Bn, 47th Infantry  
SSG Jimmy M. Logan, Cumberland Furnace, TN, B Company  
CPL Donald R. Titus, Highland, MD, B Company  
PFC Donald W. Van Fleet, Inglewood, CA, B Company  
CPL Timothy Fuller, Denver, CO, C Company

3rd Bn, 60th Infantry  
SSG Robert J. Comstock, Lovilia, IA, HQ Company  
CPL Robert L. Taylor, Cape Girardeau, MO, C Company