

is honored on Panel 16E, Row 21 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** HAMPDEN CUTTS JUDSON JR  
**Wall Name:** HAMPDEN C JUDSON JR  
**Date of Birth:** 5/4/1946  
**Date of Casualty:** 3/5/1967  
**Date of Death:** 3/5/1967  
**Home of Record:** ST PAUL  
**State:** MN  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** 1LT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** PR & MR UNKNOWN



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#### **Mission Notes**

Four men of the 129th Assault Helicopter Company died when their UH-1D (tail number 66-00986) hit overhead power lines and crashed into the Saigon river while flying a night mission in bad weather. The incident is recorded in "*Wings for the Valiant*", page 163.

**1LT Hampden Cutts Judson, Jr., pilot**  
WO1 Reginald George Morse, pilot  
SP4 Timothy Joseph Lynah, gunner  
SP4 Kenneth Wayne Wells, crew chief

## JUDSON HAMPDEN CUTTS JR

Name: 1LT Hampden Cutts Judson, Jr.

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 03/05/1967 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 20.8

Date of Birth: 05/04/1946

Home City: St Paul, MN

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

Unit: 129 AHC

Major organization: other

Flight class: 66-18

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

The Wall location: 16E-021

Short Summary: Aircraft struck a power line during a night flight to Saigon and crashed into the Saigon River.

Aircraft: UH-1D tail number 66-00986

Service number: O5419786

Country: South Vietnam

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

Primary cause: A/C Accident

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: drowning

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Started Tour: 11/28/1966

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Length of service: 02

Location: Unknown Province

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Non-hostile - died while missing

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Episcopal (Anglican)

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.

Category of casualty as defined by the Army: non-battle dead Category of personnel:

active duty Army Military class: officer

This record was last updated on 08/20/1995

## Helicopter UH-1D 66-00986

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1D tail number 66-00986

The Army purchased this helicopter 1266

Total flight hours at this point: 00000033

Date: 03/05/1967

Incident number: 670305021ACD Accident case number: 670305021 Total loss or fatality Accident

Unit: 129 AHC

South Vietnam

Number killed in accident = 4 . . Injured = 0. . Passengers = 0

costing 228554

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. Also: OPERA (Operations Report.)

Loss to Inventory

### Crew Members:

P WO1 MORSE REGINALD GEORGE KIA

P 1LT JUDSON HAMPDEN CUTTS JR KIA

CE SP4 WELLS KENNETH WAYNE KIA

G SP4 LYNNAH TIMOTHY JOSEPH KIA

### Accident Summary:

Aircraft struck power lines over a river and crashed.

This record was last updated on 05/25/1998