

**THAL ANTHONY BROWN****Class 6-67**

**THAL ANTHONY BROWN**  
is honored on Panel 47W, Row 38 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** THAL ANTHONY BROWN  
**Wall Name:** THAL A BROWN  
**Date of Birth:** 5/3/1939  
**Date of Casualty:** 8/23/1968  
**Home of Record:** OKLAHOMA CITY  
**County of Record:** OKLAHOMA COUNTY  
**State:** OK  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** 1LT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** TAY NINH



1LT Brown served with Company A, 1st Aviation Battalion, 1st Infantry Division. He was a passenger in an OH-6A Cayuse helicopter flying to investigate the accident of another helicopter. The OH-6A was shot down between Quan Loi and Loc Ninh. All four men on-board the OH-6A perished.



OH-6A File Photo

**From www.flyarmy.org**

**1LT Thal Anthony Brown**

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 08/23/1968 while performing the duty of Pilot Passenger.

Age at death: 29.3

Date of Birth: 05/03/1939

Home City: Oklahoma City, OK

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

Unit: A/1 AVN 1 INF

Major organization: 1st Infantry Division

Flight class: 68-2

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

The Wall location: 47W-038

Short Summary: Passenger in an OH-6A to investigate an accident of an OH-13S when shot down between Quan Loi and Loc Ninh. Three other pilots on board

Aircraft: OH-6A tail number 67-16097

Service number: O5425477

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: fire or burns

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Started Tour: 05/04/1968

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Length of service: 08

Location: Tay Ninh Province III Corps.

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - killed

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Negro

Religion: Methodist (Evangelical United Brethren)

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 08/20/1995

## Helicopter OH-6A 67-16097

Information on U.S. Army helicopter OH-6A tail number 67-16097

The Army purchased this helicopter 0668

Total flight hours at this point: 00000063

Date: 08/23/1968

Incident number: 68082333.KIA

Unit: A/1 AVN 1 INF

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

This was a Rescue and Recovery mission for Rescue of Persons

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

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: XT744901

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. (7.62MM)

Systems damaged were: PERSONNEL

Casualties = 04 DOI . .

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, LNOF, 80340,

HUGHS, CASRP (Operations Report. Lindenmuth Old Format Data Base. Casualty Report).

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

P WO1 SOPER RICHARD ORRIN KIA

PP MAJ SCHMALE WILLIAM OTTO KIA

PP 1LT BROWN THAL ANTHONY KIA

PP WO1 BECANNEN BARRY J KIA