

THOMAS EDWARDS CAMPBELL

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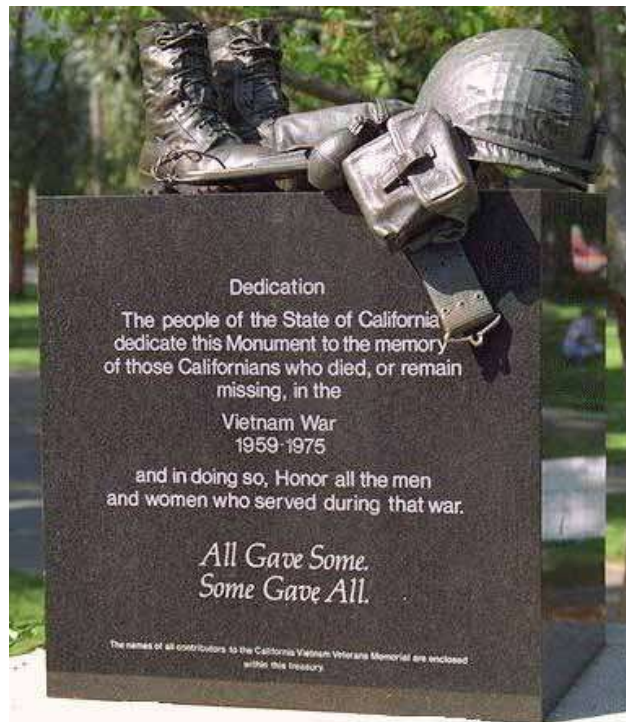
is honored on Panel 22E, Row 28 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: THOMAS EDWARDS CAMPBELL
Wall Name: THOMAS E CAMPBELL
Date of Birth: 1/17/1943
Date of Casualty: 6/21/1967
Home of Record: ARCADIA
State: CA
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: BINH DINH



1LT Campbell served with C Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division. He was the pilot of a UH-1C helicopter that was shot down during the extraction of an Army Ranger team. All four members of the crew perished in the incident.

Thomas is buried at Live Oak Cemetery in Monrovia, California



CAMPBELL THOMAS EDWARDS

Name: 1LT Thomas Edwards Campbell

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 06/21/1967 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 24.4

Date of Birth: 01/17/1943

Home City: Arcadia, CA

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

Unit: C/1/9 CAV 1 CAV

Major organization: 1st Cavalry Division

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

The Wall location: 22E-028

Short Summary: Ground fire during a Ranger Team extraction.

Aircraft: UH-1C tail number 66-00550

Service number: O5419687

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: 03/23/1967

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Length of service: 06

Location: Binh Dinh Province II Corps.

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Hostile - died while missing

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Protestant - no denominational preference

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 09/15/2000

From www.flyarmy.org

Helicopter UH-1C 66-00550

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1C tail number 66-00550

The Army purchased this helicopter 0866

Total flight hours at this point: 00000733

Date: 06/21/1967

Incident number: 67062121.KIA

Unit: C/1/9 CAV

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was LOSS TO INVENTORY for Close Air Support

While in Target Area this helicopter was Attacking at 0030 feet and 065 knots.

South Vietnam

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, 72947, HDSV, CASRP, STMNT, FM232, KIADB (Operations Report. Lindenmuth Old Format Data Base. Casualty Report.)

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

P 1LT CAMPBELL THOMAS EDWARDS KIA

AC WO1 BOYD GERALD DAVID KIA

G SSG SESSOMS HOWARD ARNOLD KIA

CE SP4 CRANE DEAN DENNIS KIA

War Story:

This incident is mentioned in John Hazelwood's chapter in Matt Brennan's book "Headhunters" (p. 168, paperback version). The crew burned in the crash. Were recovered the next day in Hazelwood's bird. I have confirmation by Paul Hart who was there as well. Have not yet located the CO yet. I cannot confirm the tail number. Walker Jones, May 2000

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