

ROBERT JOHN CRABBE

CLASS 4-66

is honored on Panel 18E, Row 45 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: ROBERT JOHN CRABBE
Wall Name: ROBERT J CRABBE
Date of Birth: 6/12/1941
Date of Casualty: 4/18/1967
Home of Record: ANN ARBOR
State: MI
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: 1LT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: BINH DINH



1LT Crabbe served as an Aerial Observer with the 1st Cavalry Division. He was in a UH-1C Helicopter Gunship from A Troop, 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry that was shot down while making a rocket run on a Viet Cong position. All five men on board the aircraft died in the incident.

My OCS Classmate

Bob was my classmate in Field Artillery OCS Class 4-66 at Ft Sill, OK. He and I were very good friends. He was a man of honor, and will always be remembered.

Posted by: Floyd Bufkin
Relationship: We served together
October 31, 2003

Training Officer

Bob was my tactical officer for TOCS Class #24-66 at Ft. Eustis. He was full of life and inspiring to someone as myself who was just getting his bearings in military life. I will never forget his help and the brief time I saw him in Pleiku. Although our time was brief, he will always be in my thoughts.

Posted by: Alvin Taliaferro
October 18, 2000

From www.flyarmy.org

Helicopter UH-1C 66-15048

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1C tail number 66-15048

Date: 04/18/1967

Incident number: 67041812.KIA

Unit: A/1/9 CAV

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was LOSS TO INVENTORY for Command and Control

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

The station for this helicopter was Binh Dinh in 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)

The helicopter was hit in the Engine Compartment causing a Fire.

Systems damaged were: PERSONNEL, ENGINE

Casualties = 05 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, 72518, D2397, CASRP, added KIAs MGL (Operations Report. Lindenmuth Old Format Data Base. Casualty Report.)

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

P MAJ MENDENHALL THOMAS DEAL KIA

P CPT HALEY PATRICK LAWRENCE KIA

CE SP4 BRUCE RONALD DWIGHT KIA

G SP4 HOLLINGSWORTH VERNICE KIA

OB 1LT CRABBE ROBERT JOHN KIA

War Story:

Sources has indicated to the VHPA that these four men plus one more died in the same UH-1C in Binh Dinh Province while serving for A/1/9th Cav. The VHPA is very interested in learning more about this event.

This record was last updated on 05/25/1998



He is resting in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia
Section 4, Plot 2969-C.