

is honored on Panel 45W, Row 42 of
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Full Name: ALEXANDER JOHNSON JR
Wall Name: ALEXANDER JOHNSON JR
Date of Birth: 2/22/1939
Date of Casualty: 9/5/1968
Date of Death: 9/5/1968
Home of Record: VAN BUREN
State: AR
Branch of Service: ARMY
Rank: CAPT
Casualty Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Casualty Province: LONG AN



CPT Johnson served with the 117th Assault Helicopter Company, 1st Aviation Brigade. He was killed in action when the UH-1C Helicopter he was piloting was brought down by hostile fire and crashed between Saigon and Can Giouc during a night mission in the rain. CPT Johnson and his crew chief were killed by flames after the rocket pods exploded.

He had served his country for 10 years at the time of his death,

Alexander is buried at Fort Smith National Cemetery



UH-1C File Photo

From www.flyarmy.org

JOHNSON ALEXANDER JR

Name: CPT Alexander Johnson, Jr.

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 09/05/1968 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 29.5

Date of Birth: 02/22/1939

Home City: Van Buren, AR

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

Unit: 117 AHC

Major organization: 1st Aviation Brigade

Flight class: 67-16

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

The Wall location: 45W-042

Short Summary: Crashed in the rain at night between Saigon and Can Giouc. Both the pilot and CE were killed by flames after the rocket pods exploded.

Aircraft: UH-1C tail number 65-09511

Service number: O5420470

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: aircraft commander

Started Tour: 11/03/1967

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew

Length of service: 10

Location: Long An Province III 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 07/20/1996

Helicopter UH-1C 65-09511

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1C tail number 65-09511

The Army purchased this helicopter 0466

Total flight hours at this point: 00000923

Date: 09/05/1968

Incident number: 68090505.KIA

Unit: 117 AHC

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

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

South Vietnam

UTM grid coordinates: XS805685

Helicopter took 1 hits from:

causing a Fire.

Systems damaged were: PERSONNEL

Casualties = 02 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, UH1P3, 24907

(Operations Report.)

Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

CE SP4 WELTY TERRY CHIP KIA

P CPT JOHNSON ALEXANDER JR KIA

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