

**STANLEY DEAN WHITE****Class 36B-67**

is honored on Panel 35W, Row 29 of  
the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

**Full Name:** STANLEY DEAN WHITE  
**Wall Name:** STANLEY D WHITE  
**Date of Birth:** 12/16/1945  
**Date of Casualty:** 1/3/1969  
**Home of Record:** CHARLES CITY  
**County of Record:** FLOYD COUNTY  
**State:** IA  
**Branch of Service:** ARMY  
**Rank:** 1LT  
**Casualty Country:** SOUTH VIETNAM  
**Casualty Province:** HUA NGHIA



1Lt White was killed while serving as an observer on an OH-6A Cayuse helicopter from Headquarters, 1st Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division. The mission was to transport a prisoner from a Navy riverboat to Brigade Headquarters. After departing the boat, the helicopter followed the river toward its destination. During the trip a skid made contact with the water and the aircraft crashed, killing LT White.

**Classmate**

Thanks Dean. You were a good friend at Robinson Barracks and a damn good candidate and a good officer. I appreciate your sacrifice and will never forget you.

Posted by: Ray Snellings  
Class 36-67 Bravo  
October 4, 2007

**Stanley is buried at Sunnyside Memorial Gardens in Charles City, Iowa.**



**From the wall-usa.com**

Life is not fair. That day in Jan '69 when my guys captured an NVA next to the river in III Corps, moved him to the Navy boats and called for an Evac. You and Red were at the TOC and decided to take a LOACH out to pick up the POW. You landed on the TANGO Boat, we talked and joked for a few minutes, loaded the LOACH, you got in the back with the NVA (tied and blindfolded) and took off. We had sent the fast glass boats up river as an air guard. As you flew up river you kept getting lower to the water. At about 300-400 yards the bird started a right turn, it was like slow motion, the right skid caught the water and the bird rolled along the river and sank. The pilot, you and the POW surfaced. Red never came up. The Navy Tango at full power could not close the distance before you sank. You could not swim and the pilot could not keep you afloat. You and he tried hard, but with a flight helmet and chicken plate on he could only barely keep himself afloat. The NVA swam to shore with his hands and arms tied behind his back. We got guys in the water and recovered the pilot, recaptured the NVA, but could not find you or Red. After spending your time in the "Enchanted Forest" as the FO for B/1/8 CAV this was not fair. Later in Jan. my guys (C/1/8 CAV) and E/1/8 CAV build LZ ELROD in IV Corps. LZ WHITE was built in III Corps near War Zone C. The CAV did some good work out of WHITE and gave the uglies a little pay back. Stan enjoy your stop at "Fiddlers Green", Trooper you have paid your dues.

Eugene (Gene) Colgan  
Friend, Served together in the CAV  
HC 81 Box 326-A  
Big Spring, KY 40175  
July 25, 2000

## Helicopter OH-6A 67-16062

Information on U.S. Army helicopter OH-6A tail number 67-16062

The Army purchased this helicopter 0568

Total flight hours at this point: 00000524

Date: 01/03/1969

Incident number: 690103131ACD Accident case number: 690103131 Total loss or fatality Accident

Unit: 1 BDE 1 CAV

The station for this helicopter was Cu Chi in South Vietnam

Number killed in accident = 2 . . Injured = 0. Passengers = 3

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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 W1 RV WALLACE

**OB 1LT WHITE STANLEY DEAN KIA**

Passengers and/or other participants:

HOI, PAX, G

CPT ELROD WAYMON CLAY, AR, PX, And KIA

Accident Summary:

This aircraft departed LZ Tracy and flew two or three kilometers to a US Navy ship in the Song Vam Co Dong River. On board were the pilot and two officers from the supported infantry unit. Their mission was to pick up a Viet Cong Chieu Hoi and return him to LZ Tracy. The Chieu Hoi was blindfolded and his hands tied. He was strapped in the right rear seat. The pilot took off from the naval craft to the north and intentionally descended towards the water to gain flying speed. Approximately 200 to 300 meters from the ship, with about 60 knots forward speed, he allowed the right skid to contact the water. The helicopter immediately plunged into the water, breaking the windshield, and sank immediately. The passenger in the left rear seat freed himself from the aircraft, but apparently could not swim. He disappeared, and was subsequently found drowned. The Chieu Hoi in the right rear seat, his hands still bound, somehow managed to free himself from the aircraft and swim to shore, uninjured. The passenger in the left front seat was probably rendered unconscious in the crash. He was not seen after the crash until the following day when his body was found downstream. He had drowned. The pilot freed himself from the wreckage and swam to shore. He was unable to assist the other passengers due to his heavy clothing and his chest protector.

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