#### IN REMEMBRANCE

### THE SERVICE ETERNAL

### SERVICEMEN KILLED IN WORLD WAR II, THE KOREAN WAR, AND THE VIETNAM WAR FROM THE SOLANA BEACH AREA

PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF SOLANA BEACH
BY THE SOLANA BEACH CIVIC & HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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# INDIVIDUAL SKETCHES OF SERVICE RECORDS FOR READING AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

#### THE VIETNAM WAR

#### HARVEY AIAU, 1930-1970

Born in Baltimore, Harvey was a 1953 graduate of the Naval Academy. He and his wife Ruth took up residence in Solana Beach in 1963. Soon after, he was detailed to a naval reconnaissance aircraft squadron based in Danang, Vietnam. LCDR Aiau commanded an EC-121M (four-engined Lockheed Constellation) when the plane had engine difficulty and crashed during landing. The crew in the tail section survived, but those in the cockpit did not. A fellow pilot who served with him in Danang recalled him as a kind and humorous man and as one of the more likeable of the group. He is buried in Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery.

#### RAPHAEL CRUZ, 1935-1963

Raphael Cruz was born in Stockton to Florentino and Asencion Cruz and moved to Solana Beach soon thereafter, spending his first ten years in Solana Beach where he was known as "Ralphie." He enlisted in the US Air Force, joining a unit which became the 1st Air Commando Squadron. In September 1963, early in the Vietnam War, he volunteered to be part of a three-man crew of a B-26 that was shot down during a covert operation called *Farm Gate*. The plane and crew remains were not located until 1992 and identified in 1996. His remains were identified, in part, by a plastic Sears credit card he carried. His ashes are interred at the Golden Gate National Cemetery and at Arlington National Cemetery. A street at Hurlburt Air Force Base is named for him.

#### CHARLES DRAYTON HENRICKS, 1942-1969

Charles Henricks was born in Oklahoma during World War II. After moving to Solana Beach, he attended San Dieguito High School, Palomar College and Cal Polytech University in San Luis Obispo. In 1968 he enlisted in the Marine Corps and became First Lieutenant, flying medical evacuation helicopters. During combat operations in Quang Tri, South Vietnam, he insisted on evacuating a fellow Marine, rather than having the assigned crew do so. His helicopter was hovering at five feet over dense bamboo when the cockpit was struck by enemy fire, fatally wounding Lt. Henricks. A single man, he was buried in Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery at the age of 25. The Silver Star was awarded to him posthumously.

#### VICTOR LOPEZ, 1947-1969

Victor Lopez served in the US Army as Specialist 4 in the First Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment (the "Black Lions"). The sixth of eight brothers, he grew up in Solana Beach and attended San Dieguito High School. Nicknamed "Chief", he was the drummer for the local Apostolic Church group. He was part of the Army's "Big Red One" First Infantry Division when his unit came under heavy fire from a North Vietnamese force in September 1968. Mortally wounded, he died in a field hospital in Vietnam, still in his early twenties. He rests in Oceanside's Eternal Hills cemetery.

#### THOMAS L. MERICANTANTE, 1949-1968

Son of Michael and Maxine Mericantante of Solana Beach, Tom attended San Dieguito High School after having attended St. Brigid Academy and San Diego Military Academy. He enlisted in the US Army Corps of Engineers and served as a private first class in an engineering battalion in Vietnam's Quang Tri area. Eight months after enlistment, a fragmentation weapon took his life. He is interred in Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery; he had not yet turned nineteen.

#### JOSEPH MICHAEL TWOREK, 1946-1971

"Mike" Tworek was an Army helicopter pilot - and a very good one. During his tour of duty in Vietnam with the 1st Air Cavalry, he was awarded 33 Air Medals, received the Bronze Star and the Silver Star; was cited for bravery and awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for rescuing the crew of another helicopter shot down in enemy territory. Returning from Vietnam in late 1969, he was assigned to Fort Rucker, Alabama as an advanced instrument instructor. Two years later he was killed in a tragic mid-air night collision with another helicopter during "under the hood" training. He would have received his BA degree the next March from Troy University. He now rests in El Camino Memorial Park in San Diego.

#### WORLD WAR II

#### **JOSEPH CHILES, 1915-1942**

Joseph Chiles, born in Alabama, was a Lt(JG) in the US Naval Reserve. He was stationed on the destroyer *Jarvis* in Pearl Harbor during the Japanese attack. Although the ship was undergoing extensive repairs, he and others manned the guns and were able to return fire effectively, and steam out of the harbor. Later, during a naval battle on August 1942 in the South Pacific near Guadalcanal, his destroyer took direct hits from Japanese aircraft. The *Jarvis* managed to down several enemy aircraft but sank rapidly with loss of all hands. Joe is remembered on a Tablet of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines, and was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

#### JESUS COVARRUBIAS, 1923-1945

Jesus Covarrubias, born in Texas and known to his friends as "Chuy," graduated from San Dieguito High School in 1940. He enlisted in the US Army at Los Angeles in January 1943. One year later, assigned to a tank destroyer battalion reconnaissance company, he was one of the men who stormed ashore at the Anzio beachhead near Cassino, Italy. Wounded and hospitalized, he recovered to proceed into Southern France. He was killed in Germany on April 29th, 1945, only eight days before Germany's unconditional surrender. He is buried in the Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial at St Avold, France.

#### FRANK EUGENE DAWSON, 1921-1944

Gene Dawson was a Class of 1943 graduate of San Dieguito High School. Enlisting at Los Angeles in March 1944, he was assigned to the 60<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. He had just celebrated his birthday at a battlefield outpost when the German push at the Battle of the Bulge began in December 1944. A single man who had attended San Dieguito High School, he had been employed in civilian life as an aircraft fabric worker. He now rests in the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial in Belgium.

#### RICHARD DOSÉ, 1919-1943

In the late thirties with the war approaching, Dick's brother Robert joined the Navy and became a pilot, later commanding the aircraft carrier Midway. Dick was too young to join the U.S. armed forces, so he went to Canada, joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941 and became a Spitfire pilot officer. He was sent to Britain and was shot down over Holland in a dogfight with German Messerschmitt fighters in April 1943. Just 23, he was interred in the Netherlands at The Hague General Cemetery.

Alexander Walter Hunt, born in Canada, came to Solana Beach where he went to San Dieguito Union High School, graduating as senior class president in 1941. He enlisted in the US Army in December 1942, and was later commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. in the Army Air Forces as a bombardier. On May 8, 1945, Victory in Europe Day, he volunteered to substitute for a hospitalized crew member of another crew. His B-24 was damaged by Japanese fire in a bombing run over the Marianas and could not return to Saipan, ditching in a choppy sea. All but two of the crew perished. Lt. Hunt is memorialized by a Tablet at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Honolulu.

#### DICK LYNDE, 1919-1943

Dick Lynde grew up in Solana Beach on his father's ranch and truck farm. At age 22, he enlisted in the Army, going to flight school. He was assigned to the Army Air Corps Proving Ground at Eglin Field in Florida, which had just been designated as a site for gunnery training for fighter pilots, as well as a major testing center for aircraft, equipment, and tactics. Commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, he never made it overseas. His superiors considered him more valuable as an instructor than as a combat pilot. In March 1943, Dick was testing a plane on a gunnery flight when a wing failed and he was killed in the crash. He is buried in Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery.

#### JOSEPH BRADWELL METTAM, 1919-1944

Born in Wyoming, Joe Mettam was a San Dieguito High School attendee who enlisted at Fort MacArthur in San Pedro, CA. His parents had operated a store in Solana Beach. He was assigned to the 500th Bombardment Squadron, 345th Bombardment Group of the US Army Air Forces, operating in Papua, New Guinea. On March 22, 1944, he was aboard B-24D #42-41081 on a courier mission from Port Moresby airport to Nadzab airport when the low-flying aircraft crashed into a mountain, killing all twenty-two men aboard (a common saying among the flyers was "there's a rock in every cloud"). The crash site was not discovered until the early 1980s; recovery and identification of the crew's remains is documented in the book "A Missing Plane." There is a Tablet Memorial for Cpl. Mettam in the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial in the Philippines.

#### PEDRO OSORIO, 1915-1945

Pete Osorio, born in Mexico in November 1915, came to the US where he grew up and married in the Solana Beach area. He enlisted in the US Army at Los Angeles in September 1944, and was assigned to Company I, 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. On January 11, 1945 the 25<sup>th</sup> Division (known as the Lightning Division) landed on Luzon. In some of the fiercest fighting of the Pacific, the 25<sup>th</sup> fought its way through Japanese defenses. Pete was fatally wounded by Japanese rifle fire on May 8, 1945, Victory in Europe Day. He left a wife and two young daughters, and is buried in Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery.

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# Memorial honors fallen soldiers

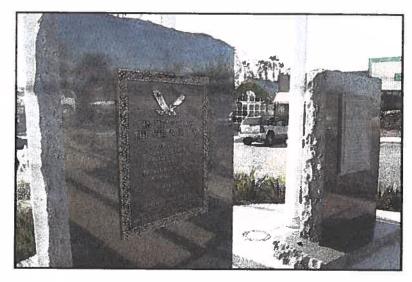
BY LAURA PETERSEN Staff Writer

ietnam veterans Harvey
Aiau, Raphael Cruz,
Charles Drayton Henricks, Victor Lopez, Thomas
Mericantante and Joseph
Michael Tworek represent all
branches of the armed services.
Each exhibited bravery and sacrifice. Several received medals
of honor.

All left for the war from Solana Beach, where they had either grown up or moved to later in life.

The Solana Beach Vietnam Veteran's Memorial honoring these six fallen soldiers was recently installed alongside the World War II memorial at the northeast corner of Plaza and Highway 101. More than 100 people, including family and friends of the deceased, attend-

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Above, the Solana Beach Vietnam and World War II memorials honor 14 fallen residents. Left, Vietnam veteran Jack Frazier speaks to the crowd.

PHOTOS BY LAURA PETERSEN

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ed the dedication of the memorial on March 25.

"I am very appreciative to the city of Solana Beach for doing this," said Art Lopez, who grew up in Solana Beach with Victor "Chief" Lopez and their six brothers. "It was negative for so many years. It's very satisfying to see he now he gets respect."

Short biographies of the six Vietnam and eight World War II veterans were read. Solana Beach historian Richard Moore meticulously complied during years of research.

Vietnam veteran Jack Frazier shared his experience coming home from the war and the how important memorials are in the healing process.

"Even though there was a draft, most were volunteer patriots when, in America, it was a dirty word," Fraziet said. "It's well past time we recognize those who served in Vietnam."



Solana Beach historian Richard Moore and veteran Roy Warden at the dedication of the new Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. PHOTOS BY LAURA PETERSEN

Robin Tworek Hungerford's first husband, Michael Tworek, received 33 Air Medals, the Bronze and Silver Star medals, and the Distinguished Flying Cross as a talented helicopter pilot. He died in a training accident, leaving her to

raise their two small children. Hungerford attended the ceremony with her daughter, Heather.

"They've done a phenomenal job," Hungerford said. "It's a beautiful place to reflect."

The ceremony was hosted by the city, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5431 and the Solana Beach Civic and Historical Society. The World War II memorial, which was relocated from the Plaza center divider to the more accessible and visible corner during the redesign of the street last year, was also re-dedicated.

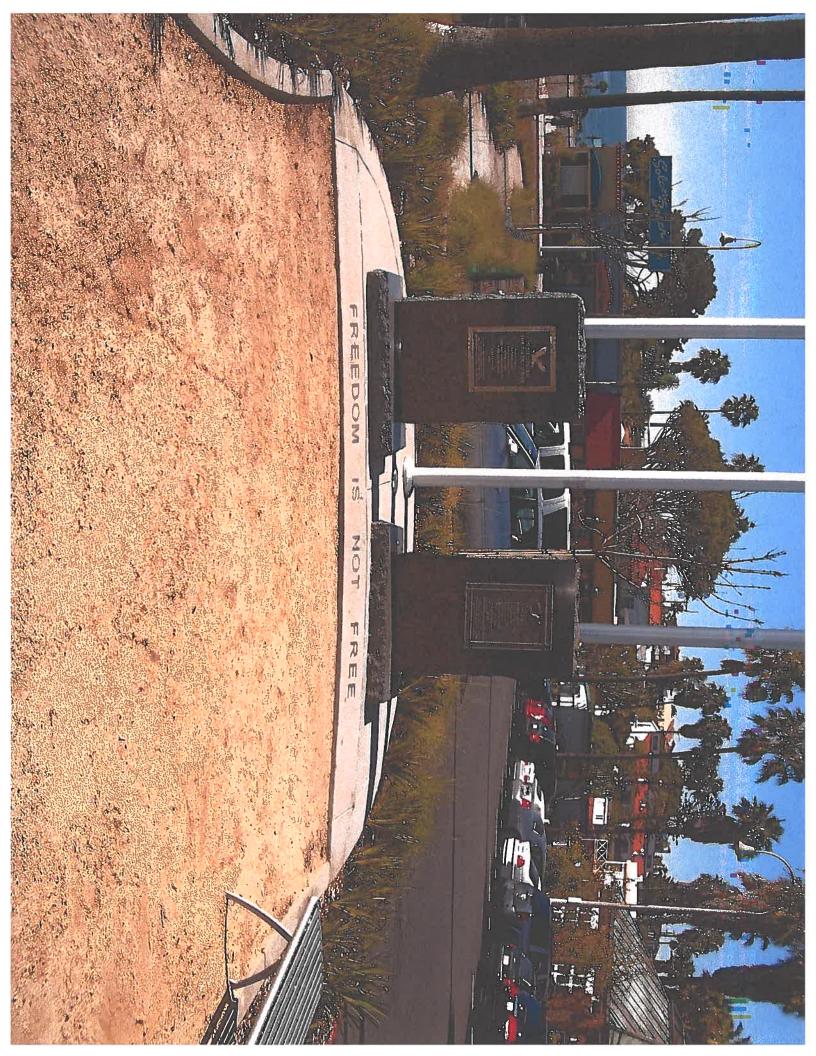
Now, everyday as people pass on foot, bike or in their cars, they will be re-



More than 100 people attended the ceremony.

minded freedom is not free, and honor the men and sacrifices they made on our behalf, Mayor Mike Nichols said.

"This location here could not have been better," said Roy Warden, a veteran and longtime Solana Beach resident. "I like to call this the Solana Beach Veteran's Corner."







# World War II Honor Roll

## San Dieguito District, California

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ANDERSON, HENRY A.
ANDERSON, HUGH
ANGERS, CHARLES
ARBALLO, ROBERT T.
ARBALLO, WILLIAM F.

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ARDEN, ARISTON M.
AREY, JACK
ARMSTRONG, EUGENE D.
ARMSTRONG, WILLIAM L.

ARNOUT, HOWARD H.
ASPEYTIA, RAMON
ASPEYTIA, LOUIS C.
ATHERTON, ROBERT F.
ATHERTON, T. R.

ATHERTON, TEDDY P. AUSTIN, AUBREY E. AUSTIN, UHLAN AVERY, HOWARD AVERY, PAUL

BAHLMAN, GAYLORD P.
BALLINGER, CHARLES E.
BALTZLY, FREDERICK
BARNETT, WILLIAM L.
BARRETT, WALTER O.

BARTLETT, PATRICIA M.
BAXLEY, BEN
BECK, ADOLFH B.
BECK, BENJAMIN E.
BECK, T. W.

BECKWITH, CHARLES M.
BENNETT, BOB
BENNETT, MARVIN M.
BENNETT, RAY
BENSON, JOHN S.

BERGEN, JOHN
BERNARD, MARYLIN
BERRIOS, JOSE R. Jr.
BERRY, ALEXANDER R.
BERTONCINI, ERNEST A.

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BRASS, FREDDIE
BRASS, JAMES E
BRAZIL, THEODORE R.
BREZINA, EDWARD

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BROWN, CARL S.
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BROWN, HARRY H.
BROWNLEE, BOYCE O.
BRUGGER, ARNOLD F.

BUCKLEW, LESLIE L.
BULLOCK, ALLAN B.
BULLOCK, WARD D.
BUMANN, HERMAN C.
BUNYARD, BUD

BURGER, WALTER
BUZAN, DEAN L.
CALDERWOOD, ALBERT
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CLAY, HORACE F.
CLAYDON, HAROLD E.
CLEARY, JOHN W.
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COLE, DONALD E.
COLES, JAMES W.
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COMBS, ROY

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CULLISON, GERALD D.
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DURAN, RUDOLPH
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SIRENE, GEANE M. SIRENE, JOANNE M. SKINNER, THOMAS A. SLOAN, LUCY E. SMART, ROBERT W.

SMEATON PETE SMEATON, STEPHENSON J. TRUAX, JAMES SMITH, ELDRED P. SMITH, HARRISON F SMITH, MELVIN J.

SMITH, WILLIAM LESLIE SOLAS, CRISS SOUCIE, LENOR SOUCIE, MELOR W. SOUCIE, VIRGIL W.

SOULE, ORLANDO K. SOUTHWORTH, WALTER SPECK, BILLY G. SPURR, EDWARD SPRAGUE, PAUL

SPRAGUE, PAUL A. STAFFORD, VERNON T. STAMPS, DOYLE H. STAPLY, J. A. STEPHENS, ELTON L.

STONEBRAKER, ROBERT STONEHOUSE, GEORGE M. STARK, CHARLES P. STARK, WALTER K. STEPHENS, ELTON L.

STILLMAN, RALPH H. STOUT, DONALD R. STURDIVANT, JOHN M. STURGIS, WILLIAM G. SUGIMOTO, KAZUE

SUMMERS, HAROLD W. SWAIM, EFTON G. SWAIM, LEO R. SWAIM, LESLIE

TAIT, OWEN F. TAYLOR, EDWARD B.

TAYLOR, ELMO D. TAYLOR, WENDALL S. TEABY, HOWARD TEAL, HARRY M. THOMAS, JAMES H.

THOMAS, VICTOR THOMPSON, VERNON H. TORIMARU, GEORGE TORIMARU, TAKEJA THOMPSON, VERNON H. TRIMBLE, LEWIS

> TRIMBLE, LOUIS TUBBS, HOBART, JR. TYLER, JIM VALLEZ, ROY

VALLIENT, JOHN O. VARGAS, SALVADOR VAUGHN, DUANE VEGA, ROBERT VERNON, JOE

VILLA, EDDIE VITALICH, JOHN Jr. WAGY, RALPH C. WALKER, GEORGE WALKER, WINSTON

WALLEZ, DAVID WALLEZ, GENARO WANNER, JOHN J. WARD, JERRY L. WARD, RICHARD A.

WARNER, C. F. WATSON, WAYNE WEAVER, DONALD W. WEHRLE, Ed. WEHRLE, JAMES L.

WELDIN, GEORGE WELLER, LARL WELLER, JOHN WELLS, ROBERT W. WELLS, WILLIAM A.

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WHIGHAM, EUGENE E. WHIGHAM, FRANK WHIGHAM, WILLIAM A. WHITE CHARLIE WHITE, RICHARD E.

\*WHITE, THOMAS W. WHITTEN, DONALD A. WHITTEN, RICHARD E. WHITTEN, STANLEY G. WILCOX, ROBERT

WILKENS, GEORGE C. WILKENS, ROBERT N. WILLA, EDDY WILLIAMS, EARL D. WILLIAMS, JAY H.

WILLAMS, ROBERT P. \*WILLIAMS, TOM WILLIAMSON, CHARLES R. WILLIAMSON, GEORGE WILLIAMSON, OLIVER E. H.

WILSON, EVELIN WILSON, HARRY S. WILSON, IRVING G. WILSON, LOYNAL L. WILSON, RONALD R.

WILSON, RUSSEL B. WILSON, SIEF WIRO ROBER' WIRO, ROBERT C. WINTER, ROBERT H. WITHROW, BILL L..

> WITHROW, JACK WITT, ROBERT E. WOOD, JAMES B. WOODS, CHARLES S. WOLFE, CLARENCE L.

WRIGHT, BOB WRIGHT, RICHARD A. WRIGHT, THEODORE A. WYVELL, CHESTER F. YORK, HELEN D.

YOUNG, CARL H. YOUNG, DAVID J. YOUNG, WAYNE YOUNG, Z. ZAMORA, JOHN

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ZIMMERMAN, HENRY E.
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#### Name

#### Joseph Ayers CHILES (b, d)

#### Rank, Branch of Service, Service Number

Lt. (JG) US Naval Reserve, O-101154 (b, d)

#### <u>Unit (if known)</u>

#### Date of Birth

ca 1915 (aged 15 on April 4, 1930) (c) **1915** (aged 4 yr 6 mo on Jan 1, 1920) (c)

#### Place of Birth

Alabama (c)

#### Date of Death

12 Jul **1945** (d)

#### Place of Burial

Missing in Action or Buried at Sea (d)
Memorial Tablet at Manila American Cemetery, Manila, Philippines (d)

#### Other Notes

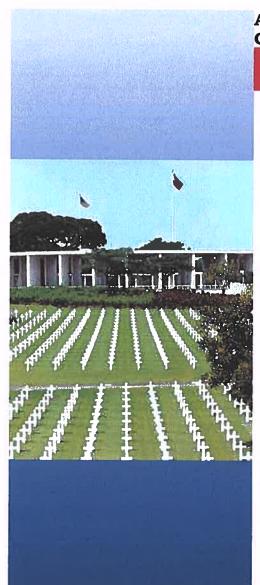
Entered service from California (d)

Parents: Mr. & Mrs. David A. Chiles, Sr., Los Angeles (b)

residing in Atlanta, DeKalb county, Georgia in 1930 census (c)

Awards: Purple Heart (d)

- (a) San Dieguito High School monument listing
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# Joseph A. Chiles

Lieutenant Junior Grade, U.S. Navy

Service # 0-101154

**United States Naval Reserve** 

Entered the Service from: California
Died: 12-Jul-45
Missing in Action or Buried at Sea
Tablets of the Missing at Manila American
Cemetery
Manila, Philippines

**Awards: Purple Heart** 

#### **Name**

#### Jesus V. COVARRUBIAS (a, b, f); Jesus COVARRUBIAS (c)

#### Rank, Branch of Service, Service Number

Pvt., US Army, #39277912 (b,d,f) Enlisted at Los Angeles, CA on Jan 20, 1943 (f)

#### Unit (if known)

601st Destroyer Battalion (d)

#### Date of Birth

1922 (a); **1923** (f)

Place of Birth

Texas (f)

#### Date of Death

1945 (a); 29 April **1945** (d)

#### Place of Burial

Lorraine American Cemetery, St. Avold, France (d)

#### Other Notes

Killed in Action (b)

Entered service from California (d)

Parent: Mrs. Martha Covarrubias, Encinitas

Awards: Purple Heart with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters (d)

San Diego Union, May 26, 1945: "Army Dead, Europe: Pvt. Jesus V.

Covarrubias; mother, Mrs. Martha Covarrubias, of Encinitas."

The Covarrubias surname was prominent in early CA; Jose H. was at the California Constitutional Convention in 1849. Santa Catalina Island was the last Mexican land grant,

made to Jose M. Covarrubias prior to American seizure of Monterey. (e)

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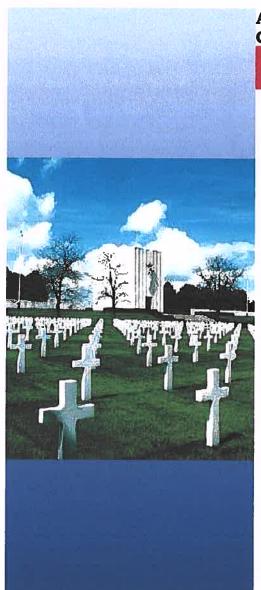
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| ARMY SERIAL NUMBER           | 39277912                 | 39277912   |
| NAME                         | COVARRUBIAS#JESUS#V##### | COVARRUBIAS#JESUS#V#####   |
| RESIDENCE: STATE             | 91                       | CALIFORNIA   |
| RESIDENCE: COUNTY            | 073                      | SAN DIEGO  |
| PLACE OF ENLISTMENT          | 9141                     | LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA   |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY       | 20                       | 20   |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT<br>MONTH  | 01                       | 01   |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR      | 43                       | 43   |
| GRADE: ALPHA<br>DESIGNATION  | PVT#                     | Private  |
| GRADE: CODE                  | 8                        | Private  |
| BRANCH: ALPHA<br>DESIGNATION | BI#                      | Branch Immaterial - Warrant<br>Officers, USA   |
| BRANCH: CODE                 | 00                       | Branch Immaterial - Warrant<br>Officers, USA   |
| FIELD USE AS DESIRED         | #                        | #  |
| TERM OF ENLISTMENT           | 5                        | Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law |
| LONGEVITY                    | ###                      | ###  |
| SOURCE OF ARMY               |                          |  |

| PERSONNEL             | 0     | Civil Life                                 |
|-----------------------|-------|--|
| NATIVITY              | 85    | TEXAS                                      |
| YEAR OF BIRTH         | 23    | 23   |
| RACE AND CITIZENSHIP  | 1     | White, citizen                             |
| EDUCATION             | 0     | Grammar school                             |
| CIVILIAN OCCUPATION   | 932   | Unskilled construction occupations, n.e.c. |
| MARITAL STATUS        | 1     | Single, with dependents                    |
| COMPONENT OF THE ARMY | 7     | Selectees (Enlisted Men)                   |
| CARD NUMBER           | #     | #  |
| BOX NUMBER            | 1415  | 1415                                       |
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# Jesus V. Covarrubias

Private, U.S. Army

Service # 39277912

**601st Destroyer Battalion** 

Entered the Service from: California

Died: 29-Apr-45

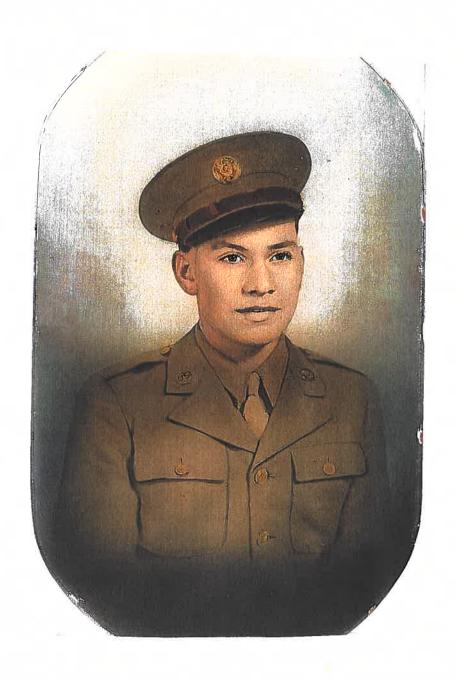
Buried at: Plot B Row 16 Grave 33

**Lorraine American Cemetery** 

St. Avold, France

Awards: Purple Heart with 2 Oak Leaf

Clusters



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#### ACTRESS

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# Two San Diego Soldiers Die In Europe

.Two San Diego soldiers were listed as dead in yesterday's casualty report and a naval officer and eight oldiers as wounded. They are:

#### ARMY DEAD, EUROPE ...

Sgt. Michael Glennan, son of Mrs. Mary Barker, of 6548 La Jolla blvd., La Jolla, was killed in action in Germany April 28 after 214 years overseas service, the war department reported. Crew chief of a P-47. Thunderbolt ground crew. Glennan held the Bronze Star Medal and Presidential Unit citation. sister, Mrs. John B. MacSall, resides at 608 Colima st., La Jolla. Pvt. Jesus V. Covarrubias; mother.

Mrs. Martha Covarrubias, of Encinitas.

#### NAVY WOUNDED

Lt. (ig) Ross Lynn Battles, U.S.N. wife, Mrs. Ross Julia Battles, 3853 Superior st.

#### ARMY WOUNDED, PACIFIC

Staff Sgt. Frank Alonzo; sister Mrs. Nancy Alonzo, 3231 Island ave. Pvt. Frederick H. Axe; mother, Mrs. Eva L. Axe, 4626 Kansas st.

Sgt. Kenneth D. Clopton; mother, dony st., Pacific Beach.

Pic. Arven B. Handley; wife, Mrs.

Bonnie Z. Handley, 2512 Erie st.
Pfc. Robert Siller: mother, Mrs.
Mary Robles, 1765 Kearny ave.

Mrs. Anne S. Sillyman, 4826 Brigh-

Pfc. Walter F. Thewatt, wife, Mrs.

#### ARMY WOUNDED, EUROPE

Pic. Phillip I. Lawrence; father. Isaac J. Lawrence, 409 S. Myers, Occanside.

# 'May Mirthquake' Now at College In

The final week of Creon Thomas' av Mirthquake' entertainment

# 'Patrick the Great'



Frances Dee, Donald O'Co in "The Great Patrick," comed

# Ryan, O'Connor

Peggy Ryan and Donald O'Connor are back again at the New Spreckels today in their newest musical comedy, "Patrick The Great." ac-Mrs. Mary M. Clopton, 2124 Chalce companied by Chester Morris in the eighth of his popular series, "Boston Blackie Booked On Suspicion."

"Patrick The Great" is the tentl picture starring Donald and Peggy. and it is the first in which the story Pvt. Samuel E. Sillyman; wife, allows Peggy to snag Donald romantically for her own. In the previous hits she always lost him to other girls, or else was cast as his sister. Gertrude E. Thewatt, of Escondido. Their supporting east this time includes Frances Dee, Donald Cook. Eve Arden and Thomas Gemez.

Advance reports herald the story as more than usually appealing. heart-interest tale generously sprinkled with the infectious galety, singing and dancing which has made

the pair famous. Chester Morris, as Boston Blackie. trups a killer in skirts in the fastmoving co-feature, a story of counterfeiting, -mayhem and murder. Lynn Merrick heads the supporting and cast, with Richard Lane as Inspector Creon Thomas' Farraday, and George E. Stone as entertainment the Runt — D.S.

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#### <u>Name</u>

Eugene DAWSON (a,c); Frank E. DAWSON (b, d, f)

#### Rank, Branch of Service, Service Number

Pfc, US Army, #39727556 (a, b, d, f) Enlisted at Los Angeles, CA on March 28, 1944 (f)

#### Unit (if known)

60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division (d)

#### Date of Birth

ca 1921 (aged 9 on April 10, 1930) (c); 1921 (f), **29 Mar 1921** (h)

#### Place of Birth

California (d, f)

#### Date of Death

1944 (a); **13 Dec 1944** (d)

#### Place of Burial

Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium (d)

#### Other Notes

Killed in Action (b)

Entered service from California (d)

Parents: Frank and Lucy Dawson, Del Mar, San Diego Twp (c)

Awards: Purple Heart (d)

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| Field Title                  | Value                   | Meaning  |
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| ARMY SERIAL NUMBER           | 39727556                | 39727556   |
| NAME                         | DAWSON#FRANK#E######### | DAWSON#FRANK#E#########  |
| RESIDENCE: STATE             | 91                      | CALIFORNIA   |
| RESIDENCE: COUNTY            | 073                     | SAN DIEGO  |
| PLACE OF ENLISTMENT          | 9141                    | LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA   |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY       | 28                      | 28   |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH     | 03                      | 03   |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR      | 44                      | 44   |
| GRADE: ALPHA<br>DESIGNATION  | PVT#                    | Private  |
| GRADE: CODE                  | 8                       | Private  |
| BRANCH: ALPHA<br>DESIGNATION | NO#                     | No branch assignment   |
| BRANCH: CODE                 | 02                      | No branch assignment   |
| FIELD USE AS DESIRED         | #                       | #  |
| TERM OF ENLISTMENT           | 5                       | Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law |
| LONGEVITY                    | ###                     | ###  |
| SOURCE OF ARMY<br>PERSONNEL  | 0                       | Civil Life   |
| NATIVITY                     | 90                      | Undefined Code   |

| YEAR OF BIRTH  | 21  | 21  |
|--|---|---|
| RACE AND CITIZENSHIP   | 1   | White, citizen                                      |
| EDUCATION  | 3   | 3 years of high school                              |
| CIVILIAN OCCUPATION  | 503                                       | Skilled occupations in building of aircraft, n.e.c. |
| MARITAL STATUS   | 6   | Single, without dependents                          |
| COMPONENT OF THE ARMY  | 7   | Selectees (Enlisted Men)                            |
| CARD NUMBER  | #   | #   |
| BOX NUMBER   | 1467                                      | 1467  |
| FILM REEL NUMBER   | 7.38#                                     | 7.38#   |
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## Frank E. Dawson



Service # 39727556

60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division

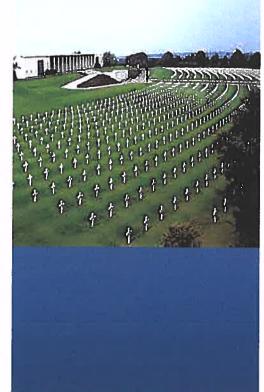
Entered the Service from: California

**Died: 13-Dec-44** 

Buried at: Plot G Row 14 Grave 37 Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

Henri-Chapelle, Belgium

Awards: Purple Heart



#### <u>Name</u>

Richard DOSÈ (c); Richard H. DOSE (g)

#### Rank, Branch of Service, Service Number

Pilot Officer, Royal Canadian Air Force, # J/14403

#### Unit (if known)

402nd Squadron

#### Date of Birth

ca 1919 (aged 10 mo on Apr 1, 1920) (c); March 1, 1919 (h)

#### Place of Birth

Missouri (c, e)

#### Date of Death

June 8, 1943 (g); **April 1, 1943** (h)

#### Place of Burial

The Hague General Cemetery, Netherlands (g)

#### Other Notes

Parents: George & Ottilie Dosé, St. Louis, Missouri (c, e)
San Diego Union, July 17, 1943: Richard Herman Dose: Pilot of the RCAF,
son of Mr & Mrs George Dose, Solana Beach; his brother, Lt. Cmdr
Robert G. Dose, USN, is on duty in the Pacific

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- (g) Commonwealth War Graves Commission
- (h) Dosé Family Records

#### Richard A. Moore

From:

"Curt Dose" < CurtDose@san.rr.com>

To:

<ramoore@cox.net>

Cc:

"Michele Dose" <moopiedose@earthlink.net>

Sent:

Saturday, April 09, 2005 8:37 PM

Subject:

Richard Herman Dose

#### Dear Richard,

Richard Herman Dose was born 3/1/1919. He died 4/1/1943. As WWII approached, my father Robert George Dose (1/9/1915) joined the US Navy and became a pilot. My uncle Dick was too young to join the US armed forces, so he went to Canada and joined the RCAF as a pilot. After being trained in the Spitfire fighter, his Canadian squadron was deployed to England. He flew fighter missions in the Spitfire against the Germans. This was after the Battle of Britain (1940). On 4/1/1943, Dick got into a dogfight with German Messerschmitt fighters over the Netherlands and was shot down. His Spitfire fell on Dutch soil and he was buried in a cemetery in Amsterdam. I have visited his marked grave there.

Sincerely,

**Curt Dose'** 

few capers, one against the other partment around the dish. If it is placed dilowed and filled with a mixture of said of onion. Top with mayonnaise.

"Here's a smart and novel idea cember, 1942 for a party-respecially with all the interest in pot herbs this season Mix 3, pounds of cottage cheese with a full tablespoon of mayonnaise, 2 tenspoons of lemon juice and a few chopped stuffed olives. Reported Missing teaspoon of a savory steak sauce. with the following: 122 teaspoons of chopped parsley, 3 of chives, 1 majoram."

Our gourmet friend suggests: "Do. not add any sage, and serve on crisp crackers or rye bread."

#### MONDAY'S MENU

(Eat the Basic 7 Every Day) förtified margarine, coffee, milk.

milk.

Dinner - Cold sliced left-over duck, Peter Grieg's hot vegetable plate, parsley potatoes, bread, butter or fortified margarine, sliced As Victim in Plane Crash peaches, top milk, sponge cake, tea, milk.

LOS ANGELES, July 16 (AP) -The Rev. Cornelius Snyder, O.F.M. P.38 church here for the past three control, crushed years has been appointed procurator of the Franciscan province on the Pacific coast at the close of the d trienmal chapter of the Order of Friars Minor

The a to Martin The water well bear.

large party luncheon," Greig adds tacking the 19-year-old wife of a Pile up a whole lot of fresh well- sailor, was sentenced yesterday by deaned watercress in the middle of Superior Judge Gordon Thompson a big china dish, Lay aliced oranges to San Quentin prison, 'Crea's pleaand lemons, raw and cooked carrots for probation was denied on recin thin strips, red currants and a ommendation of the probation de-

Crea saw the woman on the night rectly on ice, so that everything is of May 19 as she was returning ice rold, so much the better. Let from work, followed her to a hotel people help themselves and have in which she lived and forced his simple. French dressing near at way into her room, she testified at hand, Another good ice cold sum- the trial. He struck her, overcome mer salad is peeled tomatoes hol- her resistance and attacked her, she

chopped watercress and thin slices Crea, former Pennsylvania steel Worker, entered the army in De-

# Solana Beach Man

Richard Herman Dose, 24, pilot of sage, 14 of thyme and 13 of officer of the Royal Canadian air force, son of Mr, and Mrs. George Dose of Solana Beach, was named as missing by a Canadian casualty list. The Associated Press reported from Ottawa yesterday. He was in active overseas air operations.

. Duse culisted in the Canadian air Breakfast .... Canned grapefruit force 18 months ago to pilot a Spitand tomato juice, fried left-over fire, his father said. He is unmaroatmeal, honey, toast, butter or ried, His brother, Lt. Camdr. Robert G. Dose, U.S.N. is on duty Lunch Duck soup in cups, herb in the Pacific area. Mr. and Mrs. cheese salad spread on rye toast, Dose came to Solana Beach from fruit bowl, catmeal cookies, tea, St. Louis, where Richard had altended Wishington imprecuty.

# Cincinnati Flier Named

The flier who was killed when his plane crashed on Otav Mesa Thursday was 2nd Lt. Delbert J. L.A. Pastor Appointed Cassell, army officials at March field, Riverside, announced yesterday. The Associated Press reported. He is the spin of Mrs. Edith Morgan Cassell, of Cincinnati, O.

Officials said one-engine of his fighter plane apparently pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic caught fire and the craft, out of





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http://www.cwgc.org/cwgcinternet/casualty details.aspx?casualty=2635368

# **Casualty Details**

Name: DOSE, RICHARD HERMAN

Initials: RH

Nationality: Canadian

Rank: Pilot Officer (Pilot)

Regiment: Royal Canadian Air Force

Unit Text: 402 Sqdn.

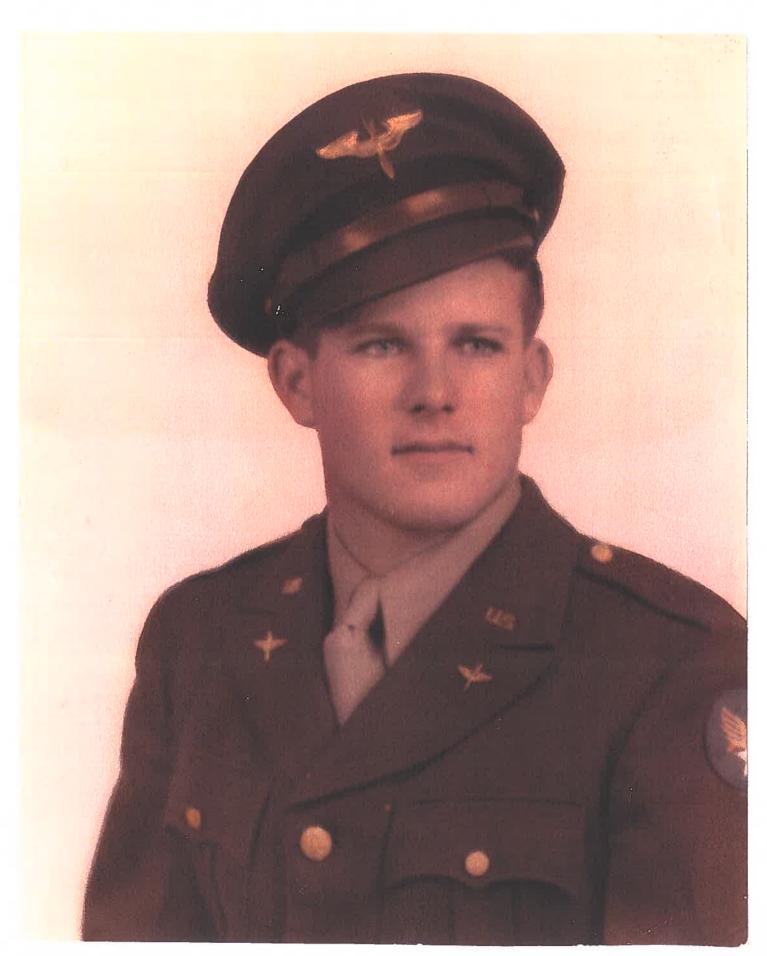
**Date of Death:** 08/06/1943

Service No: J/14403

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

**Grave/Memorial Reference:** Allied Plot. Row 2. Grave 44.

Cemetery: THE HAGUE (WESTDUIN) GENERAL CEMETERY



**ALEXANDER WALTER HUNT 1923-1945** 

#### Name

Walter HUNT (a, f); Alexander W. HUNT (b, c, d)

#### Rank, Branch of Service, Service Number

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., US Army Air Forces, # O-783072 (a, b, d) Enlisted as Pvt, ASN 19151626 at San Diego, CA on Dec 2, 1942 (f)

#### Unit (if known)

98th Bomber Squadron, 11th Bomber Group, Heavy (d)

#### Date of Birth

1924 (a); ca 1924 (aged 6 on April 5, 1930) (c); **1923** (f)

#### Place of Birth

Canada (c)

#### Date of Death

1945 (a); 8 May 1945 (d)

#### Place of Burial

Missing in Action (d); Killed in Action (b)
Tablet Memorial at Honolulu Memorial, Hawaii (d)

#### Other Notes

Entered service from California (d)

Parents: Albert H. & Muriel Hunt, Solana Beach, San Dieguito Twp (c) Parents' location in 1937: Solana Beach, San Dieguito Twp, San Diego (e)

Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart 9 (d)

San Diego Union, June 20, 1945: "Army Dead, Pacific: Lt. Alexander Walter Hunt, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hunt, of 3283 (?) Copley ave., was killed in the Pacific area May 8. He was substituting for a hospitalized bombardier of another crew when he was killed. He was graduated in 1941 from San Dieguito Union High school, where he was senior class president. Surviving besides has parents are two brothers, Chief Petty Officer William Hunt and Sgt. Jack V. Hunt, and two sisters, Mrs. F. J. Thurman and Miss Betty C. Hunt. His father is a Canadian veteran of World War I."

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| ARMY SERIAL NUMBER           | 19151626                 | 19151626  |
| NAME                         | HUNT#ALEXANDER#W######## | HUNT#ALEXANDER#W#######                                     |
| RESIDENCE: STATE             | 91                       | CALIFORNIA  |
| RESIDENCE; COUNTY            | 073                      | SAN DIEGO   |
| PLACE OF ENLISTMENT          | 9174                     | SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA  |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY       | 02                       | 02  |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH     | 12                       | 12  |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR      | 42                       | 42  |
| GRADE: ALPHA DESIGNATION     | PVT#                     | Private   |
| GRADE: CODE                  | 8                        | Private   |
| BRANCH: ALPHA<br>DESIGNATION | AC#                      | Air Corps   |
| BRANCH: CODE                 | 20                       | Air Corps   |
| EDUC. SPEC.                  | ##                       | ##  |
| DEFER. DATE MONTH            | 00                       | 00  |
| DEFER. DATE YEAR             | 03                       | 03  |
| SOURCE OF ARMY<br>PERSONNEL  | 0                        | Civil Life  |
| NATIVITY                     | К9                       | BRITISH NORTH AMERICA or CANADA or LABRADOR or NEWFOUNDLAND |
| YEAR OF BIRTH                | 23                       | 23  |
| RACE AND CITIZENSHIP         | 1                        | White, citizen  |
| EDUCATION                    | 4                        | 4 years of high school                                      |
| CIVILIAN OCCUPATION          | 795                      | Electricians apprentices                                    |

| MARITAL STATUS        | 6     | Single, without dependents   |
|-----------------------|-------|--|
| COMPONENT OF THE ARMY | 3     | Reserves - exclusive of Regular Army Reserve and Officers of the Officers Reserve Corps on active duty under the Thomason Act (Officers and Enlisted Men O.R.C. and E.R.C., and Nurses-Reserve Status) |
| BOX NUMBER            | 0315  | 0315   |
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### Alexander W. Hunt

## Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Forces

Service # 0-783072

98th Bomber Squadron, 11th Bomber Group, Heavy

Entered the Service from: California Died: 8-May-45 Missing in Action or Buried at Sea Tablets of the Missing at Honolulu Memorial Honolulu, Hawaii

Awards: Air Medal, Purple Heart

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# Casualty Lis Names 3 Dead From San Diego

Two Son Diego army men and a sailor were listed as dead, an army officer as missing and three marines and a navy officer as wounded in the armed forces', eastielty report They were! restorday.

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son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hunt, of and Mrs. B. A. Dunnenberg, o



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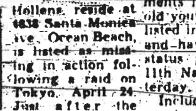
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Pvi Crus D. Martinez; mother, Wynne, 29 U.S.N.R., of 3055 I Mrs. Remito Martinez, of Holtville, st., has been promoted to lieuto

chief machinists mate - U.S.N.R.; Wright field, O., where he is wife, Mrs. Stephanie, Lullen, Man, et al project officen of the ma Alabama st mother, Mrs Maude phre division Pvt. Rehart L. ! Eleanor Culten 4821 Thirty minth son of Mrs. Lealie R. Smith, o st and brother, Robert Joseph Cul- Clove at has been promoted t ien, 1015 Thirty-lifth at . -

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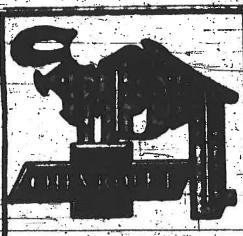
Second Lit George Hollens It. In Uniterm whose wife, Mrs. Rita C. Hollens, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. George



In one of the largest mass a ments in many months 21 17 1838 Santa Monica old youths from San Diego ha listed in the navy and naval re and\_have\_been placed on in ing in action fol status pending calls to duty lowing a raid on 11th Naval district announced

Included in the group are

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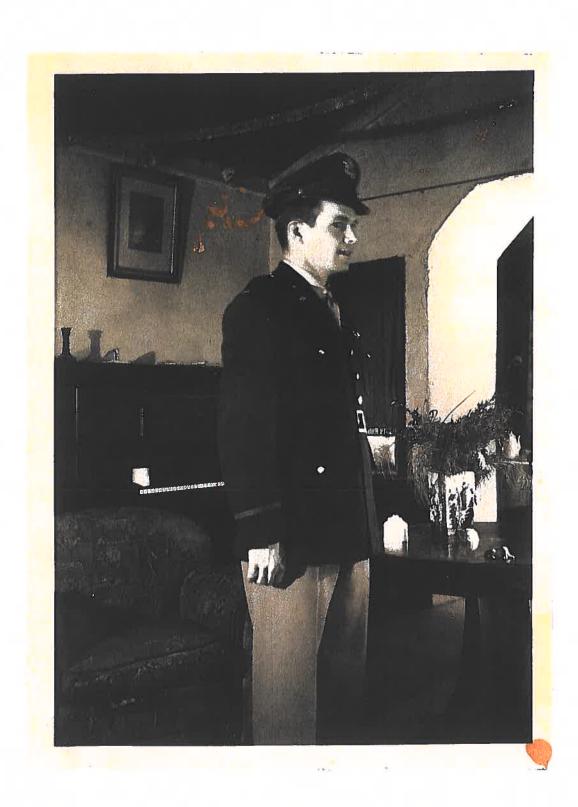


daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Schory, of 4648 Hawley blvd. recently was premoted to her ent rank, is assigned to duty clerk-typist in a Camp Leji N. C. office. She is a gradua Hoëver High school.

Heme on Leave

Pvt. Stephen A. Fleed is vi-his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A S. Fleed, of 4567 Fifty-eighti before reporting to Ft. Made, for overseas duty. Bert Danner jr. radioman 1c, U.S.N., is spei 228 Copley ave. was killed in the condido, after alx months' serv Bar Pacific area May the Pacific Marine lot figt. R He was sub- Lee Wood, whose parents, Mr stituting for a has- Mrs. W. N. Wood, reside at nitalized bombar- Campus ave, has been reti dier of another here after his second tour of crew when he cific duty. Mr. and Mrs. O. P. was killed. He son, of Lemon Grove, are en; graduated in a visit with their non. Bie from San radarman, USN; home on Dieguito Union efter 13 months' duty in the Pi High school, Lee P. Orr, aviation ordnanc where he was 3c. U.S.N.R., of 3616 Forty-f Surviving months' duty in the south Atl BA Messi besides his par- where he was how gunner into are two brothers Chief Potty land-based navy search plan

Now assigned to the Navi station, Seattle, Wash, Willa Capt. Loon Hall Pisher, of William Frances Cutten, aviation Front st., received his major vate le at Pairfield-Suisun air base,



### Name

Dick LYNDE (h); Simon D. LYNDE (b, c, f); Simon LYNDE (NMN) (k)

### Rank, Branch of Service, Service Number

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., US Army, O-736271 (b), (l) Enlisted as Pvt, ASN 19088433, San Diego, CA on 11 March 1942 (f)

### Unit (if known)

U. S. Army Air Corps, Eglin Field, Florida (1)

### Date of Birth

1919 (aged 4 mo on Jan I, 1920) (c), **September 10, 1919** (j), (k), (l)

### Place of Birth

California (c), San Diego County, CA (k)

### Date of Death

1943, Florida (h); 1943, Okaloosa County, Florida (i); March 11, 1943 (l)

### Place of Burial

Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, CA, Sect OFF Site 103 (m)

### Other Notes

Died Non-Battle (b)

Parents: Frank Warren Lynde, 41, & Edna Laura Brown, 33, Cardiff/Del Mar, San Dieguito Twp (c), (k)

Parents' location in 1937: Rancher, truck farm industry, Del Mar, CA (e), (k)

- (a) San Dieguito High School monument listing
- (b) NARA Casualty Lists
- (c) Federal Censuses for 1920 and 1930
- (d) American Battle Monuments Commission
- (e) San Diego Historical Society archives
- (f) US Army enlistment records
- (g) Commonwealth War Graves Commission
- (h) Family records of Phyllis Lynde, sister-in-law
- (I) Florida Death Index, 1936-1998
- (i) California Birth Index, 1905-1995
- (k) Standard Certificate of Birth No. 19-040373, SD County Recorder's Office
- (I) Report of Death, Adjutant General's Office, War Department, 1943
- (m) Ft Rosecrans National Cemetery Index



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| Field Title                  | Value                   | Meaning  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| ARMY SERIAL NUMBER           | 19088433                | 19088433   |
| NAME                         | LYNDE#SIMON#D########## | LYNDE#SIMON#D##########  |
| RESIDENCE: STATE             | 91                      | CALIFORNIA   |
| RESIDENCE: COUNTY            | 073                     | SAN DIEGO  |
| PLACE OF ENLISTMENT          | 9127                    | FT ROSECRANS CALIFORNIA  |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY       | 11                      | 11   |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH     | 03                      | 03   |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT YEAR      | 42                      | 42   |
| GRADE: ALPHA DESIGNATION     | PVT#                    | Private  |
| GRADE: CODE                  | 8                       | Private  |
| BRANCH: ALPHA<br>DESIGNATION | AC#                     | Air Corps  |
| BRANCH: CODE                 | 20                      | Air Corps  |
| FIELD USE AS DESIRED         | #                       | #  |
| TERM OF ENLISTMENT           | 5                       | Enlistment for the duration of the War or other emergency, plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law |
| LONGEVITY                    | ###                     | ###  |
| SOURCE OF ARMY<br>PERSONNEL  | 0                       | Civil Life   |
| NATIVITY                     | 91                      | CALIFORNIA   |
| YEAR OF BIRTH                | 19                      | 19   |
| RACE AND CITIZENSHIP         | 1                       | White, citizen   |
| EDUCATION                    | 3                       | 3 years of high school   |
| CIVILIAN OCCUPATION          | 783                     | Semiskilled mechanics and repairmen, n.e.c.  |

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| MARITAL STATUS        | 6     | Single, without dependents   |
|-----------------------|-------|--|
| COMPONENT OF THE ARMY | 6     | Army of the United States - includes the following: Voluntary enlistments effective December 8, 1941 and thereafter; One year enlistments of National Guardsman whose State enlistment expires while in the Federal Service; Officers appointed in the Army of the United States under Army Regulations 605-10 |
| CARD NUMBER           | #     | #  |
| BOX NUMBER            | 0308  | 0308   |
| FILM REEL NUMBER      | 3.30# | 3.30#  |

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### Name

Joseph B. METTAM (a, d, f); Joe S. METTAM (b); Joe B. METTAM (c)

### Rank, Branch of Service, Service Number

Cpl, US Army Air Forces, #39019096 (a, b, d, f) Enlisted as Pvt at Ft. MacArthur, San Pedro, CA on Feb 11, 1942

### Unit (if known)

500th Bomber Squadron, 345th Bomber Group, Medium (d)

### Date of Birth

**1919** (a, f); ca 1920 (aged 10 on April 21, 1930) (c)

### Place of Birth

Wyoming (c, f)

### Date of Death

1944 (a); 22 March **1944** (d)

### Place of Burial

Missing in Action (b,d)
Tablet Memorial at Manila American Cemetery, Manila, Philippines

### Other Notes

Entered service from California (d)
Parents: Nie B. & Nettie Mettam, Carlsbad Pct, Oceanside Twp (c)
Parents' location in 1937 & 1938: Solana Beach, CA (e)

- (a) San Dieguito High School monument listing
- (b) NARA Casualty Lists
- (c) Federal Census for 1930
- (d) American Battle Monuments Commission
- (e) San Diego Historical Society archives
- (f) US Army enlistment records
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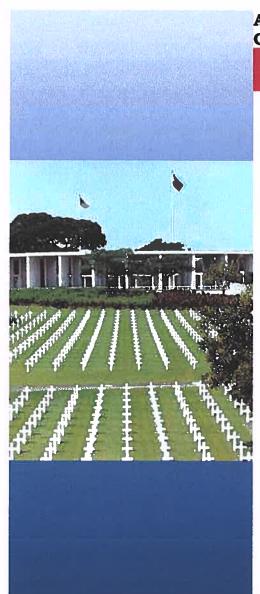
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|------------------------------|--|--|-------|
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| NAME                         | METTAM#JOSEPH#B################################### | <b>!</b>   | View  |
| RESIDENCE: STATE             | 91   | CALIFORNIA   | View  |
| RESIDENCE: COUNTY            | 073  | SAN DIEGO  | View  |
| PLACE OF ENLISTMENT          | 9122   | FT MACARTHUR SAN<br>PEDRO CALIFORNIA   | View  |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT DAY       | 11   |  | View  |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH     | 02   |  | View  |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT<br>YEAR   | 42   |  | View  |
| GRADE: ALPHA DESIGNATION     | PVT#   | Private  | View  |
| GRADE: CODE                  | 8  | Private  | View  |
| BRANCH: ALPHA<br>DESIGNATION | BI#  | Branch Immaterial - Warrant<br>Officers, USA   | View  |
| BRANCH: CODE                 | 00   | Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA  | View  |
| FIELD USE AS DESIRED         | #  |  | View  |
| TERM OF ENLISTMENT           | 5  | Enlistment for the duration of<br>the War or other emergency,<br>plus six months, subject to<br>the discretion of the President<br>or otherwise according to law | View  |
| LONGEVITY                    | ###  |  | View  |
| SOURCE OF ARMY PERSONNEL     | 0  | Civil Life   | View  |
| NATIVITY                     | 79   | WYOMING  | View  |
| YEAR OF BIRTH                | 19   |  | View  |
| RACE AND<br>CITIZENSHIP      | 1  | White, citizen   | View  |
| EDUCATION                    | 3  | 3 years of high school   | View  |

| CIVILIAN OCCUPATION   | 170   | ENGINEERING AIDE<br>(DESIGNATED FIELD) or<br>SALES CLERK | View |
|-----------------------|-------|--|------|
| MARITAL STATUS        | 6     | Single, without dependents                               | View |
| COMPONENT OF THE ARMY | 7     | Selectees (Enlisted Men)                                 | View |
| CARD NUMBER           | #     |  | View |
| BOX NUMBER            | 1382  |  | View |
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# Joseph B. Mettam

# Corporal, U.S. Army Air Forces

Service # 39019096

500th Bomber Squadron, 345th Bomber Group, Medium

Entered the Service from: California Died: 22-Mar-44 Missing in Action or Buried at Sea Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery Manila, Philippines

Awards: - Remains recovered

### WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH 1944

BURMA-INDIA (Tenth Air Force): Japanese troops move into India from Burma and penetrate to 30 miles (48 km) E of Imphal. In Burma, 100+ fighters and fighter-bombers over the Mogaung Valley attack troops, storage, and other targets and cause several fires throughout the area; 20+ P-51s and B-25s carry out ground support missions in the Mawlu area near Katha; near Rangoon 4 B-24s set fire to P-38 damages railroad bridges and several trucks at Pyinmana. 92d Fighter Squadron, 81st Fighter Group, arrives at Karachi, India from Italy; they will be equipped with P-47s and enter combat on 1 Jun.

CHINA (Fourteenth Air Force): In French Indochina, 4 B-25s from Yangkai, China hit several targets in and around Phu Dien Chau, Ha Trung, Dong Giao and Nam Dinh; results include 3 locomotives destroyed and another damaged, 3 125-ft (38 m) steamers damaged, and a bridge roadbed weakened; 1 B-25 is lost.

PACIFIC OCEAN AREA (POA, Seventh Air Force): B-25s from Abemama and <u>Tarawa Atoll</u> bomb Mille and Jaluit Atolls. 38th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 30th Bombardment Group (Heavy), ceases operating from <u>Makin</u> and returns to base on <u>Kwajalein Atoll</u> with B-24s.

SOUTH PACIFIC AREA (SOPAC, Thirteenth Air Force): On Bougainville, 30+ fighter-bombers hit a supply area along the Laruma River; a total of 13 B-24s carry out small strikes against Buka, Monoitu, Kahili, and <u>Kara</u>. 23 B-25s pound <u>Lakunai Airfield</u>, 10 B-24s bomb <u>Tobera</u>, and a single B-24 hits <u>Rabaul</u>.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA (SWPA, Fifth Air Force): 130+ B-24s, B-25s, A-20s, and P-40s attack the Wewak area, hitting enemy positions, AA guns, storage areas at Wewak, Boram, and Yeschan and hitting shipping offshore at Kairiru Island. Japanese HQ and troops are hit by 25 other aircraft in the Aitape-Tadji area; P-47s hit barges at Alexishafen while P-39s hit a HQ and supply dump along the Bogadjim Road: and A-20s hit barges near Pondo Plantation and hit Ewasse village. 49th FG P-40 bomb the Tadji area. Lost is P-40N piloted by Cash and B-24D "Weezie" 42-41081 on a courier flight. Also P-38J "Marge" 42-103993.

### B-24D-130-CO "Weezie" Serial Number 42-41081

**USAAF** Crew 2nd Lt Robert E. Allred, O-679012 5th AF Crew S/Sgt Robert C. Thompson, 34394642 22nd BG Crew 2nd Lt Raymond J. Geis, O-815308

Crew Sgt Clint P. Butler, 6939262 19th BS

Crew 2nd Lt Keith I. Holm, O-752491

Former Units: Crew Sgt Stanley C. Lawrence, 20656522 Crew Captain Charles Ramacd, 734785 90th BS

Crew Sgt Charles Samples Jr., 15069733 Crew 2nd Lt Stanley G. Gross, O-744980 Crew T/4 Joseph E. Kachorek, 33170120 Crew 2nd Lt Charles R. Steiner, O-749103 Crew Cpl Joseph B. Mettam, 39109096

Justin Taylan 2000 Crew 2nd Lt Melvin F. Walker, O-737508

Crew Pfc Carlin E. Loop, 37495005 Crew 2nd Lt Emory C. Young, O-811487

Crew Sgt Harold T, Atkins, 19018763 (22nd BG)

Crew Sgt Weldon W, Frazier, 6282510 (345th BG) Daniel Leahy 2005 Crew S/Sgt Thomas Carpenter Jr., 7080836 (5th BC)

Crew S/Sgt Frank Ginter, 20283103 (43rd BG) Crew S/Sgt William M, Shrake, 35092402

Crew S/Sgt John J. Staseowski, 31007362 (38th BG)

Crashed March 22, 1944

**MACR** 4090

### **Aircraft History**

Constructors Number 2158.

### **Mission History**

Took off from 7-Mile Drome on a courier flight to Nadzab Airfield. Crashed into Mount Thumb, killing all aboard: the crew of 3 and 19 passengers.

### Wreckage

The crash site was discovered in the early 1980's, and reported to Bruce Hoy, then curator of the PNG Museum Modern History Department.

### **Remains Recovery**

The site was visited in 1982 by US Army CILHI to recover the remains for identification.

### Display

The **PNG Museum** has a display about this aircraft, including the tail stabalizer and artifacts recovered from the crash site displayed in the indoor gallery.

### References

A Missing Plane deals with the history, discovery and recovery and identification of crew members from this aircraft.





# The Dramatic Tragedy and Triumph of A Lost and Forgotten WWII Bomber

Flying in clouds was perilous on an island whose national slogan, according to most American pilots who had flown there was for any length of time, should have been "There's a rock in every cloud."

"A Missing Plane" is an essential work of nonfiction that tells the story of B-24 Liberator Serial Number 42-41081, and how its crew and passengers went missing in Papua New Guinea during WWII and the circumstances that lead to its discovery, identification and recovery from Mount Thumb in Papua New Guinea in 1982. The book is divided into three parts: recovery, identification and pilot.

The story begins with Papua-New Guinea Museum (PNG) curator <u>Bruce Hoy</u> in the discovery of the aircraft, the US Army's <u>CILHI</u> (Central Identification Laboratory Hawaii) recovery team, including Richard Hudson to recover and identify the remains. The forensic anthropologist, Tadao Furue who painstakingly worked with the remains for over a year in the most difficult case in his career to positively identify all twenty-two crew members.

The last part of the book, Pilot tells the moving stories of the 22 crew and passengers aboard 42-41081. A cross section of Americans that together encompass nearly every part of the nation in their background, civilian career, military training or painfully short lives prior to the crash of their B-24.

### Part I: Recovery

The first pages of the book recount the story of two Manumu villagers in the early 1980's discovered the wreckage of a "large old plane" while bird hunting deep in the mountains. At that same time in Port Moresby, Bruce Hoy, an Australian and the first curator of the PNG Museum's "Aviation, Maritime and War Branch" was establishing the museum, and following a personal obsession to locate the approximately 350 MIA aircraft in PNG. Through an extraordinary set of events and coincidences, the story of the villager's discovery makes its way to Bruce Hoy who in turn informs the US Army's CILHI of this new discovery, of a crash site unknown to the outside world, and aside from the Manumu villagers, never visited by another human being since the war.

Next, the book deals with the deployment of the US Army CILHI team, and their mission to Papua New Guinea. Traveling to the crash site is no easy task, and relies on the cooperation of the villagers who discovered the plane to precede the Army recovery team to mark the site and clear a helicopter pad for landing. The book follows the work of the small Army team in particular Richard Hudson, and their meticulous work at the site. Despite the challenge of steep terrain and the confused mass of wreckage, the team begins their task - the recovery of human remains for identification. The team rigorously combs the area for any personal effects and bone fragments from passengers of the stricken bomber. Part archeological site, part hallowed ground, one gains an appreciating for the challenges of the CILHI team.

Readers learns about the process of recovery work from an undisturbed wreck site - where wreckage, bones, and personal artifacts are strewn where the crash left them. Remains are collected and marked as to location, date time collected, each being placed in separate location

bags, marked X-1 through X-19. Meticulous recovery work and documentation is essential so that the forensic identification has the greatest possibility for success. As they collect the remains of the men who could have been their fathers or grandfathers and share were also men of the United States Army.

### Part II: Identification

The entire second part of the book takes place in the laboratory at CILHI located at Hickam Field, Hawaii. There, the bags of remains are laid out on stretchers, and the reader meets Japanese forensic anthropologist Tado Furue who has the seemingly impossible task of identifying twenty-two men from very incomplete skeletal remains. Before any identification can happen, the remains must be segregated to deferent individuals. The process includes everything from comparison to military records, to precise measurements of each bone fragment to extrapolate the height and weight of each individual. All the work is done in the blind, and the reader witnesses Tado Furue's exhaustive and expert work that goes beyond professionalism to a personal obsession. After more than a year of work, all members of the crew are positively identified and the US Army accepts the findings of the recovery and identification teams. Although the MIA case of 42-41081 is now closed, the process of locating and notifying the next of kin now begins.

### Part III: Pilot

The struggles of the relatives of MIAs is rarely touched in other books on the subject of Pacific aircraft. A Missing Plane is unique in this aspect of its research and story telling.

This final section of the book deals with the individual stories of the crew and passengers of the B-24, and accounts of their relatives, widows and friends touched by the crash, and their classification as missing. Some write letter writing to the US Army in hopes of further details, Others entertain hope that they will one day be found, alive. For others, the past is too painful, and they never speak of the past while their internal struggle continues as the years pass.

The stories of women touch by this crash are particularly poignant. For those who read the book, the struggles that women like Juanita Beck widow of Robert E. Allred give us an appreciation for what it is like to be the relative of an MIA, the endless search for closure, and grief that never ends, despite the passage of time. These emotions climax when each relative learns that their loved one was found then recovered and positively identified, 38 years after their plane disappeared.

A Missing Plane is a book that readers will never forget. Far more than just a war story, it touches on the greater tragedies of war, and their lasting effects on the survivors. It is a story about amazing personalities in the present, who dedicate themselves and their work to solve the mysteries of the past. In this case, the homecoming of twenty-two of America's nearly 80,000 MIAs from WWII.



### Name

Pedro OSORIO; **Pedro C. OSORIO** (b)

### Rank, Branch of Service, Service Number

Pvt, US Army, #39599568 (b) Enlisted Sept 1, 1944 at Los Angeles, CA (f)

### Unit (if known)

Date of Birth

1915 (f)

Place of Birth

Mexico (f)

Date of Death

1945 (see below)

Place of Burial

not known

### Other Notes

Died of Wounds (b)

San Diego Union, June 11, 1945: "A San Diego area soldier, Pvt. Osorio, son of Mrs. Maria J. Osorio and husband of Mrs. Carmen Osorio, both of Del Mar, has been killed in the Pacific." (picture accompanying)

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| NAME                        | OSORIO#PEDRO#C################################### | •  | View  |
| RESIDENCE: STATE            | 91  | CALIFORNIA   | View  |
| RESIDENCE: COUNTY           | 073   | SAN DIEGO  | View  |
| PLACE OF ENLISTMENT         | 9141  | LOS ANGELES<br>CALIFORNIA  | View  |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT          | 01  |  | View  |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT MONTH    | 09  |  | View  |
| DATE OF ENLISTMENT<br>YEAR  | 44  |  | View  |
| GRADE: ALPHA<br>DESIGNATION | PVT#  | Private  | View  |
| GRADE: CODE                 | 8   | Private  | View  |
| BRANCH: ALPHA DESIGNATION   | NO#   | No branch assignment   | View  |
| BRANCH: CODE                | 02  | No branch assignment   | View  |
| FIELD USE AS DESIRED        | #   |  | View  |
| TERM OF ENLISTMENT          | 5   | Enlistment for the duration of<br>the War or other emergency,<br>plus six months, subject to<br>the discretion of the President<br>or otherwise according to law | View  |
| LONGEVITY                   | ###   |  | View  |
| SOURCE OF ARMY PERSONNEL    | 0   | Civil Life   | View  |
| NATIVITY                    | !1  | MEXICO   | View  |
| YEAR OF BIRTH               | 15  |  | View  |
| RACE AND<br>CITIZENSHIP     | J   | White, not yet a citizen   | View  |
| EDUCATION                   | 0   | Grammar school   | View  |

| CIVILIAN OCCUPATION   | 316   | AUTOMOBILE<br>SERVICEMAN | View |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------------------|------|
| MARITAL STATUS        | 2     | Married                  | View |
| COMPONENT OF THE ARMY | 7     | Selectees (Enlisted Men) | View |
| CARD NUMBER           | #     |                          | View |
| BOX NUMBER            | 1456  |                          | View |
| FILM REEL NUMBER      | 7.27# |                          | View |

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# Germany Lost Sub Every Three Days, Say Allies

WASHINGTON, June 10 (A.P.)—Germany lost an average of one submarine by sinking every three days between Sept 3, 1939 and May 8, 1945, official records disclosed today.

A total of 713 U-boats was sunk during the war by United States, British and Allied forces during that period of roughly 68 months.

A joint announcement by the U.S. navy and the British admiralty credited 151 sinkings to U.S. forces and other Allied forces, except those of the British empire, under U.S. control: and 462 to British empire and other forces, except those of the United states under British control.

### GET JOINT CREDIT

In addition, at least 100 are known to have Been destroyed by mines and other causes.

The appouncement explained that in the destruction of some of the German U-boots, combined U.S., British or Allied forces received joint credit, and shore based and corrier borne air forces cooperated, which resulted in fractional designation.

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The final tabulation covered all.
German U-boats sunk in all waters.

### SUB SINKS FOR

The U-505 captured intact by U.S. forces last year, was not included in the total.

The announcement also identified as the Herring the submarine credited with the only sinking by a U.S.
submarine of an enemy U-boat.
British and British controlled forces t sank 25 U-boats in sub Versus sub

Sinkings of Italian or other Axis submarines were not included in the total

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### NAZI CHALLENGES

Comdr. John Corbus of Holly-wood. Calif. her skipper, immediately ordered all tubes made ready and began a search for the challenger.

"Comdr. Corbus thought he might

Die for Country



CHIEF E. J. JONES, U.S.N.



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Two Local Men Listed as Killed

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# In Pacific Action

Richard John Jones, chief boatswain's mate, 28, U.S.N.R., was killed with
in action off Okinawa, April 12, his
widow, Mrs. Dorothy Jones, of 2010
K. st., has been advised by the war
department.

A. San. Diego area soldier, Pvt. Osorio, son of Mrs. Maria J. Osorio and husband of Mrs. Carmen Osorio, both of Del Mar, has been killed in the Pacific.

The lives of many men were saved through Richard's efforts and his knowledge of his job." Comdr. T. E. Chambers, U.S.N. wrote Mrs. Jones in a letter commending Chief Jones for outstanding courage and devotion to duty. "He was on his station in the forward repair party and was actively engaged in damage control at the time be was killed."

A veteran of nine years' service with the navy, the chief also is survived by his daughter, Shirley Ann. 6; and his mother, Mrs. Mary Jones, of Denver

Other casualties for this area are:

Robert Dudley Woods, machinist's mate 1c, U.S.N.; wife Mrs. Susan Mae Woods, of San Diego.

### NAVY WOUNDED

George Henry Pfahler, seaman Ic. U.S.N.; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myrl-Pfahler, 3821 Cherokee st.

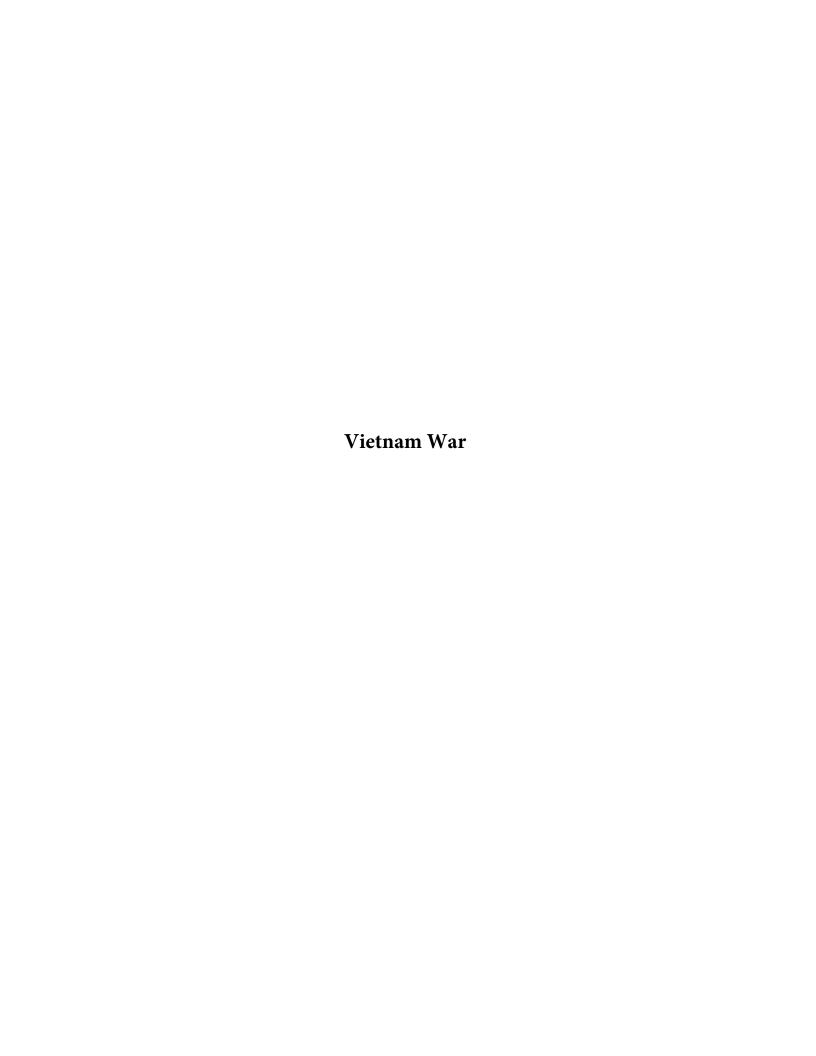
Eugene Roscoe Wright, chief watertender, U.S.N.; parents Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Henry Wright, 3550.
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### OIL AIDS IN PACIFIC ..

NEW YORK, June 10 A P The British are "throwing the whole weight of their oil program into the Pacific effort." Howard W Page director of the program division of the petroleum administration for war, said yesterday.

# Korean War

To our knowledge, no Solana Beach area service members perished in the the Korean War





### <u>Name</u>

### Harvey Chadwick K. AIAU

### Rank, Branch of Service, Service Number

LCDR, US Navy (a)

Unit

Navy Squadron VQ-1 (Reconnaissance) (a)

Date of Birth

**May 2, 1930** (a)

Place of Birth

Baltimore, Maryland (c)

Date of Death

**March 16, 1970** (a)

Place of Burial

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, CA (b)

### Other Notes

Killed at Danang, Vietnam, in landing crash of reconnaissance aircraft (a) Length of service 16 years (a) Graduate of US Naval Academy, 1953 (c) Moved to Solana Beach, CA in 1963 (c) Widow (living): Mrs. Harvey (Ruth) Aiau, Solana Beach, CA

- (a) Vietnam Wall Roster
- (b) Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery Index
- (c) Communication from Mrs. Harvey Aiau

### HARVEY CHADWICK K AIAU

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LCDR - O4 - Navy - Regular
39 year old Married, Caucasian, Male
Born on May 02, 1930
From BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Length of service 16 years.
Casualty was on Mar 16, 1970
in QUANG NAM, SOUTH VIETNAM
NON-HOSTILE, FIXED WING - CREW
AIR LOSS, CRASH ON LAND
Body was recovered
Religion
PROTESTANT

Vietnam War Memorial Panel 12W - - Line 2

Submitted by

Brian Nickerson
<a href="mailto:brian@comfacs.com">brian@comfacs.com</a>
Served with him in VQ-1

210 Lakeview Ave Falmouth,MA 02540 USA

Mr. Aiau was the plane commander for this EC-121M from Navy Squadron Faireconron-One (VQ-1) which crashed in Danang on March 16, 1970. He and his crew were just starting their rotation for duty in Danang. Permanently stationed at NAS Atsugi, Japan, VQ-1 had a detachment in Danang. The detachment's mission was to provide Mig, SAM and AAA warnings to US aircraft flying over the Gulf of Tonkin and on missions into North Vietnam. Although Mr. Ajau was the plane commander, there were typically three pilots on the 32 member crew and the pilots would share the duties since missions could be 10-12 hours long. In this case, one of the other pilots was at the controls. One of the four engines was having some problem and was feathered during the landing. This is not considered a serious emergency, but the tower at Danang was probably aware of it. Apparently, the "line up" for the landing wasn't correct and the pilot at the controls decided to waive off and come around again for a landing. The plane was on final and, when the pilot pulled out of the approach, the right wing dropped too far and caught the top of a revetment for an Air Force F-4 on the Air Force side of the field. The plane took a nose down attitude and crashed. The tail section separated from the aircraft and flew for a few hundred feet before landing. Eight crew members in this aft section of the plane survived. Mr. Aiau, being one of the pilots, was in the front and did not survive. My recollection of Mr. Aiau was that he was a kind and humorous man. I was one of the squadron's air intelligence officers and got to know most of the pilots. He had arrived at the squadron after I did (June 1968) but I believe he had been there a year or so. Some of the pilots were more likeable than others, as it is with all groups. I remember Mr. Aiau being one of the more likeable of the group. Tuesday, January 18, 2000

### Name

"Ralphie" Cruz (a); Raphael Cruz (b), Raphael CRUZ (NMN) (d)

### Rank, Branch of Service, Service Number

Staff Sergeant, U. S. Air Force; SN 19465383 (b), (c)

### Unit

1st Air Commando Squadron (Composite) (b)

### Date of Birth

**May 23, 1935** (b), (d)

### Place of Birth

Stockton, CA (b), (d)

### Date of Death

September 3, 1964 (b), **September 2, 1963** (e)

### Place of Burial

Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, CA (partial remains) (a), (c) Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, DC (partial remains) (a)

### Other Notes

Moved to Solana Beach very early in life (a)

Moved back to Stockton, CA when about 9 or 10 years old (a)

Length of service 10 years (b)

Vietnam tour began September 2, 1963 (b)

Killed in air crash early in Vietnam War (a), (b), (e)

Victims' remains found in 1992 & identified by DNA in 1996 (a), (e)

- (a) recollection of first cousin David Gonzales
- (b) Vietnam Wall listing
- (c) Golden Gate Cemetery listings
- (d) Standard Certificate of Birth 3901/226, San Joaquin County Recorder
- (e) Dept of Defense POW/MIA Personnel Office database

### RAPHAEL CRUZ

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SSGT - E5 - Air Force - Regular
29 year old Married, Caucasian, Male
Born on May 23, 1935
From STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA
Length of service 10 years.
His tour of duty began on Sep 02, 1963
Casualty was on Sep 03, 1964
in KONTUM, SOUTH VIETNAM
Hostile, died while missing
FIXED WING - CREW
AIR LOSS, CRASH ON LAND
Body was recovered

Vietnam War Memorial Panel 01E - - Line 28

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Jake Foreman
<u>irfj@bwn.net</u>
Friend and co-worker
921 Maple Drive
Salida, Colo 81201 USA
Comrade and friend

After all these years I am finally finding out what happened that morning in Sep 1963. We heard all kinds of rumors but never found out. You would have known how this drove us crazy, being a close bunch of men that worked together. I remember all the good times at the NCO Beach Club at Hurlburt, also the closeness of us at Danang. We didn't have to fly, but it helped our planes from being shot at and we were all glad to volunteer. I am a better person from having known , associated, and worked with you. Gone but never forgotten Wednesday, December 08, 1999

### **RONALD AZARCON**

azarcon@jps.net

Member of 1st Air Commando (Composite) to which SSgt. Cruz was assigned. 165 Blackstone Dr. Danville, CA 94506

See Personal Page of Cleveland Gordon for related information. Friday, February 26, 1999

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### **CLEVELAND WILLIAM GORDON MAJ**

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Submitted by

### **RONALD AZARCON**

azarcon@jps.net

I was the navigator on a two man crew, with Cleve, flying B26's in the 1st Air Commando Sq. (Composite) out of Bien Hoa AB ('63-'64). 165 Blackstone Drive Danville, CA 94506

In 1997 I was contacted by a reporter from Cleve's hometown, Pittsburg, who had obtained my name from the now defunct "In Touch" program run by Friends Of The Vietnam Veterans Memorial. As a result of a 1997 Veterans Day article the reporter wrote for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, I was able to make contact with Cleve's family through a phone call from one of Cleve's sons in May 1998. Other members of the 1st Air Commando Squadron (Composite), who names appear on the VVM and are inscribed on panel 01E are, RAPHAEL CRUZ, Niel McKinney, Howard Purcell, Dean Wadsworth, Atis Lielmanis, Howard Cody, Gary Bitton, Norman Davison, Thomas Gorton, Hughie Adams (perished on the flight with Cleveland Gordon), Carl Mitchell, Vincent Hickman, Bernard Lukasik, Edwin Shank, **Uwe-Thorsten Scobel and Robert Brumet.** 

Friday, February 26, 1999



# AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

### Honolulu Memorial

# Raphael Cruz

### **Staff Sergeant**

Unit: 1st Air Commando Squadron,

Pleiku

Serial Number: 19465383

Date of Birth: 23-May-35 Date of Death: 2-Sep-63

City: Stockton

State: CA

Notes: Staff Sergeant Cruz was a member of the 1st Air Commando Squadron, Pleiku, South Vietnam. On September 2, 1963, he was a crew member of a Douglas Invader Bomber (B-26B) on a mission over South Vietnam when radio contact was lost. His remains were recovered on March 27, 1992. His name is inscribed on the Courts of the Missing at the Honolulu Memorial.

# **COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN**

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| 390)   | VITAL STATISTICS  LOCAL REGISTERED NO. 226   |
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| <sup>2</sup> FULL NAME OF CHILD Gru  | Z. Raphael (If child is not yet named, note supplemental report as directed.)                                    |
| 3. Sex M If planel 4. Twin, triplet, or other birth 5. Number, in order of birth   | 6. Promature 7. Data of birth (month, day, year) May 23, 1935  |
| 8. Full Florentino, Cruz   | 17. Full Asencion Gutteres   |
| 9. Residence (usual place of abode; if nonresident, give place and State) 612 W. Mark  | et 18. Residence (until place of abode; B1.2 W. Market   |
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| "When there was no attending physicise or<br>midwife, then the father, householder, etc.,<br>should make this return. A stillborn child<br>is one that neither hreathes nor shows other<br>evidence of lite after birth. | [Signed] Leo D. Smith W.D.  Physician, midwife, father, stc.   |
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### DEFENSE PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING PERSONNEL OFFICE

### CRUZ, RAPHAEL

SERVICE:

US AIR FORCE (Complete Service Report)

RANK:

E5

STATUS:

NR - REMAINS RETURNED/RECOVERED

**DATE OF INCIDENT:** 1963/09/02 **DATE RETURNED:** 1992/03/27 **REMAINS ID DATE:** 1996/10/10

ABMAING ID DAILS. 1990/10/10

**HOME OF RECORD:** STOCKTON, CA ( <u>Complete State Report</u> ) **COUNTRY OF LOSS:** SOUTH VIETNAM

VEHICLE TYPE:

B26B

(http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/pmsea/files.htm)

# Hurlburt AFB, Florida Streets Of Warriors

The streets of Hurlburt have been named for our fallen comrades who were killed in action (KIA), or killed in other Special Operations either in a foreign country or in the USA. The time period for their deaths ranged from 1961 to the present. The streets, the time period and the persons who they are named after are as follows:

Street Name Name of Person Dedicated Date of Death Commandos killed in SEA and dedication made 21 Nov., 1964 Bartley Captain John P. Bartley 3 Feb., 1963 Bedal 1st Lt Arthur E. Bedal 16 Aug., 1963 Bennett Avenue Capt Robert D. Bennett 5 Nov., 1962 Booth Circle Capt Herbert W. Booth, Jr 15 Oct., 1962 Campaigne Capt Jerry Campaigne 8 Apr., 1963 Cody Avenue Capt Howard R. Cody 24 Nov., 1963 Cruz Avenue SSgt Raphael Cruz Foxx TSgt Richard L. Foxx 15 Oct., 1962 Frazier TSgt Floyd M. Frazier 11 Feb., 1962 Hartson 1st Lt Stanley G. Hartson 11 Feb., 1962 Kissam Capt Edward K. Kissam, Jr 11 Feb., 1962 Letourneau Circle 1st Lt Jack D. Letourneau 11 Feb., 1962 Lielmalis Avenue 1st Lt Atis K. Lielmanis 24 Nov., 1963 Lukasik Avenue Capt Bernard F. Lukasik McClean Avenue Capt John H. McClean 16 Aug., 1963 Mitchell Road Capt Andrew C. Mitchell 8 Apr., 1963

# Douglas A-26 Invader - Chapter 29

### Farm Gate Invaders in Vietnam

Last revised: 1 July 1999



Douglas A-26 Invader

Douglas A-26 Invader - Chapter 28: Mill Pond Invaders in Laos

Douglas A-26 Invader - Chapter 30: B-26Ks in the Congo

Under the Geneva Accord of 1954, Vietnam had been temporarily divided into northern and southern parts, pending the results of elections which were to be held in 1956 to reunify the country. The victorious *Viet Minh* controlled the north, whereas President Diem controlled the south.

Unfortunately, the Vietnamese elections were never held, and a train of events was initiated which ultimately led to the American involvement in Southeast Asia. The Diem regime in the South became increasingly dictatorial, corrupt and inept, and a series of revolts against it broke out. Initially, these were strictly indigenous actions, with very little support from the North. However, in May of 1959, the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam) decided to provide assistance, training and troops to the growing rebellion in the South. In late 1960, the National Liberation Front was created, which became known as the *Viet Cong*.

By the time that President Kennedy entered office in 1961, the Diem regime was in deep trouble. At that time, the only American presence in the country was a small Military Assistance Advisory Group which provided training and assistance to the South Vietnamese military. In the spring of 1961, anxious to prevent yet another nation in Southeast Asia from coming under Communist control, President Kennedy ordered that more US military advisors be sent to provide additional assistance and support to the regime in South Vietnam.

At that time, the South Vietnamese Air Force was equipped with Grumman F8F Bearcats that had been inherited from the French, plus some AD Skyraiders and T-28 Trojans provided by the US. The US government decided to provide some additional strike aircraft to South Vietnam, and 27 B-26 Invaders were taken out of storage at Davis-Monthan AFB and reconditioned at Hill AFB. The 4400th Combat Crew Training Squadron was to accompany the B-26s to South Vietnam to help train local crews.

The crews of the 4400th began deploying to Vietnam in early November of 1961, even before the B-26s were ready for delivery. The deployment was given the code name of Project Farm Gate. Their aircraft were initially four SC-47s and eight T-28s. In order to maintain a low profile, the aircraft were painted in Vietnamese national insignia. The initial mission of the Farm Gate detachment was to provide training for the VNAF, and whether or not the US crews were to participate in actual combat was left uncertain. A few T-26 missions were flown in support of VNAF Skyraider strikes, plus a few SC-47 and T-28 reconnaissance missions were flown to monitor the junk traffic along the Vietnamese coast,

The B-26s did not arrive until a few weeks later, the first examples being former *Mill Pond* aircraft that had been withdrawn from Laos. The B-26s were listed as "RB-26s" in official press releases, implying that they were reconnaissance aircraft and not true military aircraft that would be in violation of the Geneva Accords. In reality, the B-26s were true strike aircraft with only a secondary reconnaissance capability.

During the first quarter of 1962, the number of combat missions steadily increased. Most of the missions involved air strikes against *Viet Cong* positions throughout South Vietnam. In April of 1962, the 4400th CCTS became the 1st Air Commando Group. By this time, there had been a number of press reports that US pilots were flying combat missions in Vietnam. The official cover story was that these missions were strictly training missions, with joint US/Vietnamese crews aboard the aircraft. In fact, very little training was actually carried out, and to satisfy the demand for a joint US/Vietnamese crew, a member of the VNAF would often ride along on missions in the jump seat behind the pilots.

Four more B-26s arrived in the summer of 1962, and ten more B-26s arrived in early 1963. Unlike the earlier B-26s (which had all come from other classified projects), these new ones had been through a complete IRAN at Hill AFB. Two of them were RB-26Ls which were equipped with nighttime reconnaissance capability. By April of 1963, *Farm Gate* strength stood at 12 B-26Bs and 13 T-28Bs. Four more B-26s were received in mid-1963. These were survivors of the 1958 CIA operation in Indonesia. They were equipped with wing guns.

By February of 1963, it was well known to almost everyone that *Farm Gate* was a purely American operation, and the classified nature of the program was officially dropped in the spring. On July 8 the unit was reformed as the 1st Air Commando Squadron (Composite) of the 34th Tactical Group. The national insignia were repainted to resemble official USAF markings. Operations continued as before.

The heavy underwing loads used by Farm Gate B-26s had imposed high forces on the wings, and the aircraft were beginning to show signs of fatigue by the end of 1963. After a B-26 had lost a wing during a mission on August 16, 1963, strict limitations had to be imposed on the maneuvers allowed during combat missions. When a second B-26 was lost stateside while pulling out of a strafing run during a firepower demonstration at Eglin AFB in February of 1964, it was concluded that the B-26 was too old for any more active duty, and the decision was made to withdraw the B-26 from combat altogether. From that day on, the Farm Gate B-26s were effectively grounded.

By that time, the conversion of B-26Bs into B-26Ks had begun, but the Farm Gate B-26s could not be kept in service for that much longer, and they were flown to Clark Field in April of 1964. Most of them were scrapped there in late 1964 or early 1965, but four were to later to become involved in the Congo operation.

The last B-26Bs in USAF squadron hands had been flying with the 605th Air Commando Squadron at Howard AFB in the Canal Zone. They were retired to Davis-Monthan AFB on October 12, 1964, ending the front-line service of the B-26B/C with the USAF. All Invaders serving with the USAF after that date were converted B-26Ks.

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### **Numbered Units**

### 1st Air Commando Group/Squadron

**Project Farm Gate** 

Time-frame for this patch is April 1962 to April 1964 when the last B-26s were flown out-of-country Early Vietnam high-quality workmanship; probably from an upscale Indian Tallor shop (the boys that preferred Greenbacks



1st Air Commando Group/Squadron, "B-26" "Viet Nam", large 4 5/8" Vietnam made, UnUsed..(sold)

Unit originally established as the 4400th CCTS at Hurlburt AFB, Florida first B-26s ("RB-26" used as a cover designator) arrived in Vietnam in 1961 Redesignated 4400th Combat Crew Training Group March 1962 Redesignated 1st Air Commando Group (DET 2A) April 1962
Redesignated 1st Air Commando Squadron (Composite) 8 July 1963 under the 34th Tactical Group at Bien Hoa The last B-26 flew out of Vietnam in April 1964
The 1st ACS later became the 1st SOS and ended the War at NKP RTAFB, Thailand

(There are some mistakes in the above history; the gist is close to the events. There are many conflicting dates and etc., that it would take a Russian novel to explain all of them)

### 1st ACS\*\* in Action - A Shau Valley - 1966

Rescue of fellow 1st ACS\*\*\*\* Pilot ("Jump" Myers) by Major Fisher in his A-1E while in support of a Special Forces Camp

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Note: History of the unit in SEA only is given.

| 1st          |  |
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| Air Commando |  |
| Squadron     |  |

### Lineage

1st Special Operations Squadron (constituted 1st Air Commando Squadron, Composite, and activated, on 17 Jun 1963; organized on 8 Jul 1963; redesignated: 1st Air Commando Squadron, Fighter, on 15 Aug 1967; 1st Special Operations Squadron on 1 Aug 1968).

### Assignments

Pacific Air Forces, 17 Jun 1963; 34th Tactical Group, 8 Jul 1963; 6251st Tactical Fighter Wing, 8 Jul 1965 (attached to 3d Tactical Fighter Wing, 21 Nov 1965–8 Mar 1966); 2d Air Division, 18 Feb 1966; 14th Air Commando Wing, 8 Mar 1966; 56<sup>th</sup> Air Commando (later, 56th Special Operations) Wing, 20 Dec 1967; 18<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 15 Dec 1972; 18th Tactical Fighter Group, 1 May 1978.

### **Stations**

Bien Hoa AB, South Vietnam, 8 Jul 1963; Pleiku AB, South Vietnam, 5 Jan 1966; Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand, 20 Dec 1967; Kadena AB, Japan, 15 Dec 1972 (segment of squadron operated from Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, 15 Dec 1972–28 Jan 1973).

### **Aircraft**

B-26, 1963-1964; T-28, 1963-1964; U-10, 1963-1966; C-47, 1963-1966; RB-26, 1963-1964; A-1, 1964-1972; FC-47, 1964-1965; AC-47, 1965; C(later, MC)-130, 1972-.

### MEMORANDUM FOR CORRESPONDENTS

The remains of nine American servicemen previously unaccounted-for from Southeast Asia are being returned to their families for burial in the U.S.

They have been identified as Capt Howard P. Purcell, USAF, of Landsdowne, Pa.; 1st Lt Neil B. McKinney, USAF, of Muncie, Ind.; SSgt Raphael Cruz, USAF, of Stockton, Calif.; CDR George H. Wilkins, USN, of Goldsboro, N. C.; LCDR Gerald R. Roberts, USN, of San Marcos, Texas; CDR Harry E. Thomas, USN, of Taft, Calif.; Lt Col James W. Widdis, USAF, of Newark, N.J.; Maj Robert C. Davis, USAF, of Burlington, N.J.; and Maj Robert J. Zukowski, USAF, of Chicago, Ill.

On September 2, 1963, Purcell, McKinney and Cruz were flying aboard a B-26B aircraft on an air cover mission over Kontum Province, Vietnam their relief aircraft, but never returned to Da Nang Air Base. An extensive search and rescue effort failed to locate the missing aircraft. In 1992, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (SRV) repatriated to the U. S. human remains and identification media for all three crew members. The remains of these three servicemen were identified individually, and are also part of a group remains identification. Mitochondrial DNA testing was used to confirm the three identifications.

On July 11, 1966, Wilkins was launched off the U.S.S. Constellation on an armed reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam in his A-4C aircraft. He was to drop illumination flares, then take his aircraft in for a low target identification pass. His wingman heard a radio report "flares away," then observed a trail of fire near the target area. There was no further radio contact, and search and rescue efforts were unsuccessful in locating the downed pilot. In 1989, the SRV repatriated remains believed to be those of a number of U.S. servicemen lost in Vietnam. Three US-SRV joint investigations gathered additional information and crash debris which aided in the identification. Mitochondrial DNA testing was used to confirm the identification.

After completing a bombing run over North Vietnam on December 2, 1965, Roberts' A-1H aircraft failed to rejoin his formation. Other aircraft returned to the target area and observed smoking wreckage of an aircraft which appeared to have crashed in a vertical dive. Hostile ground threat prevented a ground inspection in the area of the presumed loss. Joint US-SRV investigations in 1993 and 1994 obtained information from local witnesses, aircrew equipment as well as human remains.

Preparing to enter a target area in North Vietnam, Thomas' A-4C aircraft encountered intense enemy fire on August 13, 1965. The pilot of another aircraft on the same attack mission observed Thomas' aircraft roll to the right, then crash with the canopy still attached. Hostile threats in the area prevented follow-on inspections of the site. Four joint US-SRV investigations in 1994, 1995 and 1996 recovered aircraft debris, crew-related materials and human remains.

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On March 23, 1969, Widdis and Davis encountered heavy fire over Laos during a night armed reconnaissance mission in their A-26 aircraft. Shortly after they made a pass over an anti-aircraft gun position, an airborne Forward Air Controller on that mission heard a garbled radio transmission which sounded like, "We're going in." He then observed a bright fireball on the ground followed by a column of smoke. A few minutes later, he saw a large secondary explosion from the fire. Visual and electronic search efforts throughout the next day met with negative results. Joint US-Lao teams in 1994 and 1995 surveyed and excavated the crash site where they recovered aircraft wreckage and human remains. The remains of Davis were individually identified, and remains of both men were included in a group remains identification. Mitochondrial DNA testing aided in confirming the identification of Davis.

On a strike mission over Laos on February 11, 1969, Zukowski's F-105D made a successful strike on the primary target. He was directed to his next target by an airborne Forward Air Controller. But as he began his attack run, his aircraft entered an inverted roll and crashed. Enemy anti-aircraft units were known to be in the area, but no ground fire was observed. The FAC saw no parachute nor heard any beeper signals. Three joint US-Lao teams in 1993 and 1996 recovered aircraft and crew-related debris, as well as human remains.

The remains of Purcell, McKinney, Cruz, Zukowski, Wilkins and Thomas are being shipped from the U. S. Army's Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii to the Air Force Mortuary, Travis AFB, Calif. on Wednesday. The remains of Davis and Widdis were shipped earlier this month and those of Roberts will be shipped at a later date, all at the request of the families.

The US government welcomes and appreciates the cooperation of the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the government of the Lao Peoples Democratic Republic which resulted in the accounting of these servicement. We hope that such cooperation will bring increased results in the future. Achieving the fullest possible accounting for these Americans is of the highest national priority.

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**Brief Scope:** This series contains information on U.S. military officers and soldiers who died as a result of either a hostile occurrence, including while missing in action or while prisoner of war, or nonhostile occurrence in the Southeast Asian combat area during the Vietnam War.

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| Field Title                          | Value    | Meaning                     |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| _ast Name                            | CRUZ     | CRUZ                        |
| Given Names                          | RAPHAEL  | RAPHAEL                     |
| Social Security or Service<br>Number | 19465383 | 19465383                    |
| Date of Birth                        | 19350523 | 05/23/1935                  |
| Service                              | F        | Air Force                   |
| Component                            | R        | Regular                     |
| Rank                                 | SSGT     | Staff Sergeant              |
| irade and posthumous<br>romotion     | E5       | <b>E</b> 5                  |
| Service Occupation                   |          | Undefined Code              |
| ctual Date of Casualty               | 19630902 | 09/02/1963                  |
| actual Date of Death                 | 19640903 | 09/03/1964                  |
| our Date                             |          | Invalid Date                |
| Posthumous decoration                |          |                             |
| Casualty Type                        | А3       | Hostile, Died While Missing |
| Reason                               | В        | Air Loss, Crash - Land      |
| sir no Air                           | 2        | Fixed Wing - Crew           |
| Body Recovered                       | sr       | Body Subsequently Recovered |
| Date Body Recovered                  | ?????    | Invalid Date                |

| Country                                     | VS             | South Vietnam  |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Province                                    | 06             | Kontum         |
| Casualty Location                           |                |                |
| Major command, eg division or brigade       | 13th AF        | 13th AF        |
| Company/battery/troop or similar level unit |                |                |
| Battalion or similar level unit             |                |                |
| Regiment, ROAD                              |                |                |
| Air Wing                                    |                |                |
| Air Group                                   | 34th Tac Grp   | 34th Tac Grp   |
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Name

Charles Drayton Henricks

Branch of Service and Serial/Service Number(s)

United States Marine Corps/ 214 02 22

**Dates of Service** 

March 23, 1964 - March 23, 1969

**Duty Status** 

KIA

Rank/Grade

First Lieutenant

Salary

N/A

Source of Commission

N/A

**Promotion Sequence Number** 

N/A

Assignments and Geographical Locations

See Enclosed

Military Education

See Enclosed

#### **Decorations and Awards**

National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/ 1 bronze star, Air Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/ 60 device, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/ Palm

Transcript of Court-Martial Trial

N/A

Photograph

See Enclosed

Place of Entry

San Luis Obispo, CA

Place of Separation

Quang Tri Province

#### FOR DECEASED VETERAN ONLY

Place of Birth

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**Date of Death** 

March 23, 1969

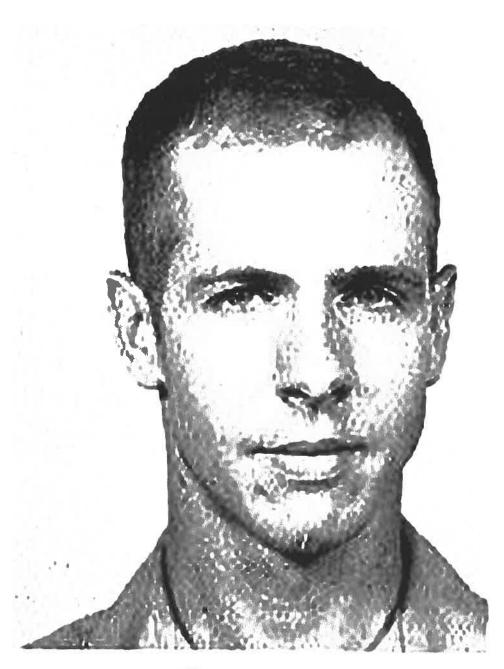
Location of Death

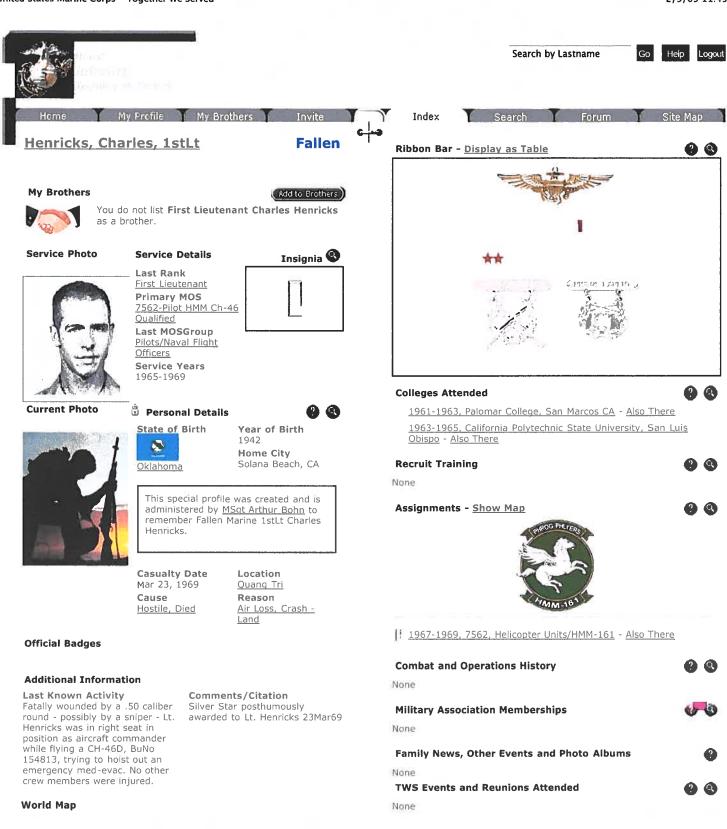
Quang Tri Province

Place of Burial

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, CA

NOTE: N/A denotes information is not available in the veteran's records





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# <u>Name</u>

# Charles Drayton HENRICKS (a)

Rank, Branch of Service, Service Number

1st Lt., U. S. Marine Corps (a)

Unit

Date of Birth

**July 28, 1942** (a)

Place of Birth

Solana Beach, CA (a)

Date of Death

March 23, 1969 (a)

Place of Burial

Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, CA Sect O, Site 2914-H (b)

Other Notes

Tour of duty began May 1, 1968 (a)

- (a) Vietnam Wall Roster
- (b) Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery

# **CHARLES DRAYTON HENRICKS**

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1LT - O2 - Marine Corps - Regular
26 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Jul 28, 1942
From SOLANA BEACH, CALIFORNIA
Length of service 4 years.
His tour of duty began on May 01, 1968
Casualty was on Mar 23, 1969
in QUANG TRI, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, HELICOPTER - PILOT
AIR LOSS, CRASH ON LAND
Body was recovered
Religion
PROTESTANT

Vietnam War Memorial Panel 28W - - Line 19

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Submitted by

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Just Another Veteran
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Charles Henricks was one of three former students, or alumni of Palomar College to give his life in the service of his country in Vietnam in '69. His name is engraved in the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial plaque on the San Marcos, CA campus.

Monday, March 27, 2

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# HENRICKS CHARLES DRAYTON

Click here for more information about this incident

Name: 1LT Charles Drayton Henricks

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 03/23/1969 while performing the duty of

Pilot.

Age at death: 26.7

Date of Birth: 07/28/1942 Home City: Solana Beach, CA

Service: regular component of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Unit: HMM-161

Service: U.S. Marine Corps. The Wall location: 28W-019

Short Summary: Fatally wounded by a .50 caliber round while trying to hoist out an

emergency medevac. No other crew members were injured.

Aircraft: CH-46D tail number 154015

Service number: 0102443 Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 7562 = Pilot CH-46 Qualified

Primary cause: Hostile Fire Started Tour: 05/01/1968

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Length of service: 04

Location: Quang Tri Province I Corps.

Military grid coordinates of event: XD828628

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed Casualty type: Hostile - killed

single male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Protestant - no denominational preference

This record was last updated on 06/29/2000

Additional information is available on CD-ROM.

Please send additions or corrections to: The VHPA Webmaster Gary Roush.

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# Helicopter CH-46D 154015

Information on U.S. Marine Corps helicopter CH-46D tail number 154015

Date: 03/23/1969

Incident number: 69032303.KIA

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was REPAIRED IN THEATER

This was a Rescue and Recovery mission for Medical Evacuation

While in PickUp Zone this helicopter was at Hover at 0030 feet and 000 knots.

South Vietnam

Helicopter took 3 hits from:

Small Arms/Automatic Weapons; Gun launched non-explosive ballistic projectiles less

than 20 mm in size. (12.7MM)

The helicopter was hit in the Cockpit

Systems damaged were: PERSONNEL, ENGINE

Casualties = 01 KIA . .

The helicopter Continued Flight.

The aircraft continued and accomplished all mission objectives.

Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated: Survivability/Vulnerability Information Analysis Center Helicopter database. Also: NSC, CASRP, JSIDR (Naval Safety Center. Joint Services Incident Damage Report.

Casualty Report.)

Crew Members:

P 1LT HENRICKS CHARLES DRAYTON KIA

This record was last updated on 05/25/1998

Additional information is available on CD-ROM.

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# Warner DeFord deford39@gmail.com

His radio operator in Mike 3/9
316 W.Oak St. #207 Palestine TX. 75801 U.S.A.
'Chucky Baby'

I was privileged to spend part of my tour of duty in Vietnam as 1st.Lt. Henricks radio operator while he was a forward air control officer with 3rd.Battalion 9th. Marine Regiment. We spent a great deal of time together and talked a lot about our lives prior to enlisting. He was one of only 2 officers that I encountered that was open that way. He was chuckling while reading a letter from his girlfriend and told me her little girl called him 'Chucky Baby'. It was an unusual site, seeing a Marine Corps officer giggling and turning red. I never missed a chance to call him 'Chuck Baby' when ever we encountered one another after we both moved on to other assignments in the battalion. It was months later that I heard of his tragic death and I was pretty hardened by that time, but not so much that I didn't go off by myself and cry. He was back flying and trying to save the lives of others at the time of his death, which was no surprise to me.

Oct 17, 2008

.A."Jerry" Arendt

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Monday, March 27, 2

Manuel Pino 2/8 Bco 1st Cav-68-69

MPJR54@MSN.COM Fellow Vietnam Vet

OH!. I HAVE SLIPPED THE SURLEY BONDS OF EARTH, AND DANCED THE SKIES ON LAUGHTER-SILVERED WINGS. WHERE NEVER LARK OR EAGLE EVER FLEW-AND WHILE WITH SILENT, LIFTING MIND I'VE TROD THE HIGH UNTRESSPASSED SANCTITY OF SPACE, PUT OUT MY HAND AND TOUCHED THE FACE OF GOD. Saturday, March 04, 2006

Arthur Bohn
<a href="mailto:arthur.bohn@vion.com">arthur.bohn@vion.com</a>
He was my OIC
9037 Westchester Drive
Manassas, VA 20112 USA







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#### Name

Victor E. Lopez (a), Victor LOPEZ (c), Victor LOPEZ (NMN)(b)

# Rank, Branch of Service, Service Number

Sp.4, U. S. Army (c)

<u>Unit</u>

First Infantry Division (c)

Date of Birth

**December 17, 1947** (c)

Place of Birth

Solana Beach, CA (c)

Date of Death

**January 17, 1969** (c)

Place of Burial

Eternal Hills Cemetery, Oceanside, CA

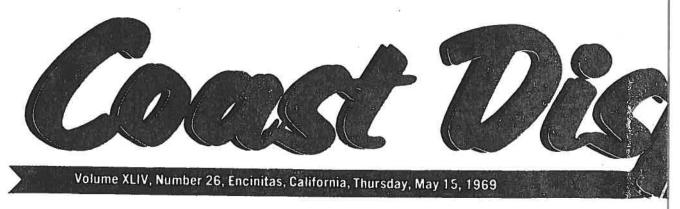
#### Other Notes

Parents Adolfo Lopez, 43, and Frances Elizalde, 36. (b) Died in Binh Duong, South Vietnam

- (a) Newspaper obituary, Memorial Wall, La Colonia Park, Solana Beach, CA
- (b) Birth certificate 47-246868, San Diego County Recorder's Office
- (c) Vietnam Wall Roster



**HERO'S MEDALS** — Major Jackie Wright (left) presents medals, commendations, and awards to the family of Sp.4 Victor Lopez of Solana Beach who was killed in action in Vietnam in January. From the right are Victor's brothers Mark and Arthur, his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Adolfo Lopez, and brothers Isaac and Jaime. Not shown are brothers Adolfo Jr., Elias, and Albert, and sister Virginia Macias. The award ceremony was conducted in the Apostolic Church of Solana Beach on Monday night.



# Medals for a local hero

Monday evening in a small, packed church in Eden Gardens a grateful government presented the Adolpho Lopez family with the medals, commendations and awards that its hero son and brother, Specialist 4 Victor E. Lopez, won at the cost of his life in Vietnam.

Against the background of unfurled lags and a four-man military honor guard, Major Jackie Wright, of the Navy Academy and Army posthumously awarded the Army infantryman the Bronze star Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Army Commendation Medal, the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Government Medal. Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Expert Machine Gun Badge, and Rifle and Automatic Rifle Expert Badge.

The commendation for the Bronze Star Medal, which was read aloud before the overflow crowd of friends and relatives was signed by Kenneth G. Wickham, Major General USA, and said in part: "By direction of the President, Specialist 4 Victor Lopez, Company 4, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, who

distinguished himself by outstandingly meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam.

1969 he consistently manifested exemplary professionalism and initiative...his rapid assessment and solution of numerous problems inherent in a counterinsurgency environment greatly enhanced the allied effectiveness against a determined and aggressive contributed enemy...he has materially to the successful accomplishment of the United States mission in the Republic of Vietnam.

"His loyalty, diligence and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army."

In presenting the Oak Leaf Cluster to Specialist Lopez' Army Commendation Medal, Major Wright read: "For action 14 Sept. 1968. For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam on this date, Specialist Lopez was serving as an ammunition bearer during a company size reconnaissance-in-force

operation approximately five kilometers north of Loc Ninh.

"As the unit was sweeping through a dense stand of rubber threes, the point element was suddenly engaged by a well entrenched North Vietnamese Army force and several casualties were sustained.

"Specialist Lopez unhesitatingly advanced to the front line to assist in providing covering fire for the evacuation of the injured personnel. Disregarding his own safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to the hail of hostile rounds in order to keep his machine gun supplied with ammuntion.

"The courageous initative and determination which Specialist Lopez demonstrated throughout the battle were instrumental in the evacuation of the casualties and significanthey contributed to the successful accomplishment of his unit's mission.

Victor E. Lopez was born in Solana Beach, attended the elementary school there, Warren Junior High, and San Dieguito High Schools. He served in the Army for one year, seven months of which was in Vietnam. He died in a field hospital in Vietnam in January.



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      - LEUCADIA
        - OLIVENHAIN
          - RANCHO SANTA FE
            - SOLANA BEACH

# **VICTOR LOPEZ**

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SP4 - E4 - Army - Selective Service
1st Infantry Division
21 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Dec 17, 1947
From SOLANA BEACH, CALIFORNIA
His tour of duty began on Jul 13, 1968
Casualty was on Jan 17, 1969
in BINH DUONG, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
OTHER EXPLOSIVE DEVICE
Body was recovered
Religion
PROTESTANT

Vietnam War Memorial Panel 34W - - Line 26

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Cubmitted by

Submitted by

#### David Gonzales

gonzales@csusm.edu

Friend

801 Munevar Road

Cardiff by the Sea, CA 92007 USA

We're building a memorial for you bro at San Dieguito

I knew Victor all of his very short life. We grew up in the same neighborhood, went to the same church, and played in the same fields. We affectionately knew him as "Chief" because he was the only dark complected one in the Lopez family. Chief was the drummer for the church group, Apostolic Church. God be with you brother. We are building a memorial for you, Jimmy, Charlie, Michael, and Tommy. "All Gave Some, Some Gave All" A true hero.

Sunday, December 16, 2001





#### <u>Name</u>

# Thomas Lee MERICANTANTE (a)

Rank, Branch of Service, Service Number

Pfc., U. S. Army (a)

<u>Unit</u>

630th Engineer Company (LE), 18th Engineer Brigade (b)

Date of Birth

**September 17, 1949** (a)

Place of Birth

Solana Beach, CA (a)

Date of Death

**August 16, 1968** (a)

Place of Burial

Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, CA Sect Q, Site 1055 (c)

Other Notes

- (a) Vietnam Wall Roster
- (b) Official Notification of Death, U.S. Army
- (c) Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery

# THOMAS LEE MERICANTANTE

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PFC - E3 - Army - Regular

18 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Sep 17, 1949

From SOLANA BEACH, CALIFORNIA
Length of service 1 year.

His tour of duty began on Jan 07, 1968
Casualty was on Aug 16, 1968
in QUANG TRI, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY

MULTIPLE FRAGMENTATION WOUNDS
Body was recovered
Religion
ROMAN CATHOLIC

Vietnam War Memorial Panel 48W - - Line 28

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Submitted by

Jan Tyler
<u>imt425@hotmail.com</u>
Brother
186 CBM Rd
Watauga,TN 37694 USA

Thomas Lee Mericantante an American Hero
Tom died at the young age of 18 never to have the joy of children of his own. He
has 3 nieces and 3 grand nieces and 3 grand nephews. Members of his immediate
family carry on the tradition of Military service as did his father and brother. May
God watch over you each day. We love and miss you
Thursday, March 25, 1999

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9:16 P.M. 100 WASHINGTON, D.C. FAX PUB SYWA370XUGOVT

Mrs. Maxine E. Mericantante 2058 Edinburg Cardiff Secretary of the Army has asked me to express his deep regret that your son PFC Thomas L. Mericantante died in Viet Nam on 16 August, 1968, as a result of wounds received while in base camp when engaged hostile force in fire fight.

sonal motification made by a representative of the Secretary Please except my deepest sympathy. This confirms per-Kenneth G. Wickham, Major General

of the Army.

U.S.A.F. -- 27 Adjutant General

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM 115 PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Army Pfc. Thomas L. Meri- Ft. Ord. cantante, 18, a San Dieguito High School graduate, was killed Surviving, besides his mother in action Friday in Con Thien, and father, are two brothers, South Vietnam, 12 miles south Jan and Michael.

of the Demili-tarized Zone.

He was the son of Michael Mericantante of 409 2 A v a t i Drive and Maxine Mericantante of Solana Beach.

Before going to San Dieguito

Mericantante High School. where he was a member of the football team and the band, Mericantante attended the San Diego Military Academy and St. Brigid's Academy.

Méricantante joined the Army eight months ago. He was with

the 630th Battalion of Enginears. His basic training was at

Surviving, besides his mother



EVENING TRIBUNE Disputch

CARDIFF - Recitation of the rosary for Army Pfc. Thomas L. Mericantante, 18, who was killed in action Aug. 16 in Vietnam, will be at 8 tonight in Clairemont Mortuary.

Mass will be said at 10 a.m. tomorrow in St. Brigid's Church in Pacific Beach. Burial will be in Ft. Rosecrans

National Cemetery.

Mr. Mericantante resided at 20581/2 Edinburgh St. in Cardiff with his mother three years before he entered the Army in 1967. He attended San Diego Military Academy where he was a member of and was graduated from San Dieguito High School.

Surviving are his mother, Mrs. Maxine Mericantante; his father, Michael Merican-

tante of San Diego; a brother and a stepbrother, Jan Tyler of San Diego.

# District Youth Dies in Viet Nam Combat

The fourth San Dieguito High School graduate to die in Vietnam was this week revealed with the death of Tom Mericantante. cantante, 19, a 1967 graduate of San Dieguito. He was reported killed in action last week.

Mericantante attended San Diego Military Academy in 1967 where he participated in athletics and played the saxophione in the school band. In April of that same year he transferred to San Dieguito High School where he also participated in the high school band.

The high school listed the Mericantante address as 609 South Cedros, Solana Beach, but later the family, was believed to have moved to Car-

His mother, Maxine, was listed as the next of kin.

Pfc. USA. Son of Moxine Merican Pfc. USA. Son of Moxine Merican tante and Michael Mericantante Brother of Michael Mericantante and Jan Tyler. Recitation of Ro sary Thurs. 8 p.m. Clairemont Mortuary. Redulem Mass Fri. 10 a.m. 5t. Brigid's Catholic Church. Interment Ft. Rosecrans.

# Mericantante Death In Vietnam Reported To Mother In Cardiff

Death of a Class of '67 San Dieguito High School graduate in Viet Nam was reported to his mother, Mrs. Maxine Mericantante of Cardiff, Sunday.

The casualty was Thomas Lee Mericantante, 18, a private first class serving with the Army's 630th Battalion of Engineers in Viet Nam's Quang Tri area, 12 miles south of the DMZ Zone. He was re-

ported killed in action on ing to the final details.

Following graduation in '67, Mericantante had enlisted in the United States Army. He had been due for rotation back to the USA in January, friends of the family said.

Repatriation of the late Mericantante is expected in about two weeks with the Clairmont Mortuary attend-

Mericantante had attended St. Brigid Academy and San Diego Military Academy before attending San Dieguito high school.

Hé is survived by his mother, his brother Jan, a San Diego Police Department officer and his brother Michael in the state of Washington,



# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 630TH ENGINEER COMPANY (IE) APO San Francisco 96495

Mrs. Maxine E. Mericantante 2058 Edinburg Street Cardiff, California 92007

11 NOV 1986

Dear Mrs. Mericantante:

Undoubtedly you received word sometime ago that your son, PFC Thomas L. Mericantante, was killed on the 16th of August. I did not personally know your son, as I assumed command of the company one month after his death. Talking with the men who worked with him, I have found that he worked very hard and did his best to accomplish all tasks he was assigned. Thomas was a very likeable man and he served for quite some time as a jeep driver for one of my platoon leaders.

Thomas was killed during an attack on this unit while he was still in his tent. A satchel charge was thrown into his tent killing or wounding all personnel who were in it.

All of the men deeply miss Thomas and your loss was also our loss. I hope the knowledge that your grief is shared by all the officers and men of this command will be of some consolation to you.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD E WAS

Commanding



# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY HEADQUARTERS, 18TH ENGINEER BRIGADE APO 96377

AVBC-BC

1 1 NOV 1968

Mrs. Maxine E. Mericantante 20582 Edinburg Street Cardiff, California 92007

Dear Mrs. Mericantante:

Please accept my deepest and most sincere condolences on the death of your son, Thomas, who was a member of this command.

Your son lost his life as a result of injuries sustained by the detonation of a satchel charge. The loss of a loved one is indeed a great sorrow, a tragic fate of war that is most difficult to understand. I can, however, offer you one consolation—your son died a brave man in the continuing fight for freedom. He was part of the United States' effort to assist Vietnam in its struggle against Communism and for this most honorable of causes he paid the highest price.

If there is any way in which I may be of assistance, I would consider it a privilege.

Sincerely,

JOHN H. ELDER JR.

Colonel, CE Commanding

# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

August 22, 1968

Dear Mrs. Mericantante:

Please accept my personal sympathy in the death of your son, Private First Class Thomas L. Mericantante.

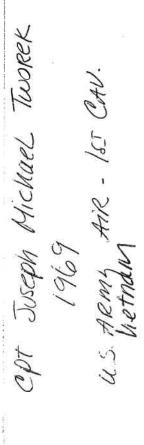
He faced the danger of conflict with courage in order to preserve the right of people to remain free. This Nation will be forever indebted to his bravery and selfless devotion.

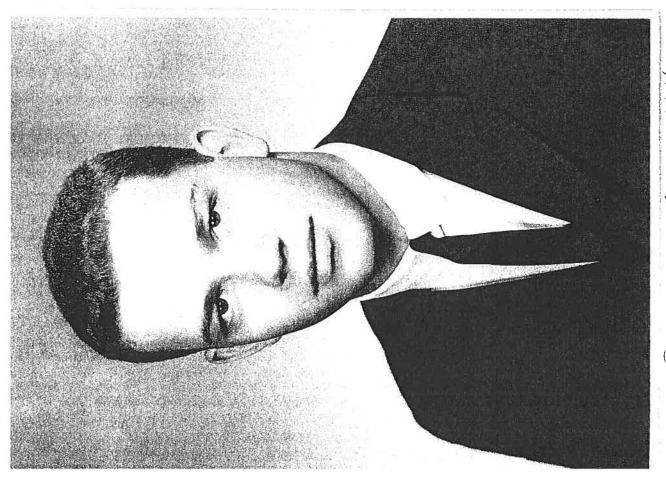
I pray that your pride in your son's dedication to freedom will give you strength at this time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maxine E. Mericantante 2058 1/2 Edinburg Street Cardiff By The Sea, California







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Ft. Worth, Texas 1968

JOSEPH MICHAEL TWOREK, 1946-1971

#### Name

"Mike" Tworek (a), Joseph Michael TWOREK (b)

### Rank, Branch of Service, Service Number

Capt., U. S. Army (b)

<u>Unit</u>

First Air Cavalry (e)

Date of Birth

**July 9, 1946** (c)

Place of Birth

Pittsburgh, PA (d)

Date of Death

October 1971 (b, c), October 29, 1971 (d)

Place of Burial

El Camino Memorial Park, San Diego, CA (d)

#### Other Notes

Advanced helicopter instructor at Ft. Rucker, Alabama (1969) (b) Parents Mr. &. Mrs. Joseph A. Tworek, Solana Beach (b) Received 33 Air Medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross (b, d) the Bronze Star and the Silver Star (d)

- (a) Private communication with Sid Shaw, father-in-law
- (b) The San Diego Union, November 2, 1971
- (c) Social Security Death Index
- (d) Private communication with Robin Tworek, widow
- (e) The San Dieguito Citizen, November 4, 1971

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY MELDQUARTERS 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) APO San Francisco 96490

GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 7895

21 June 1969

#### AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

TWOREK, JOSEPH M. W3163028 (564-60-6597) WERRANT OFFICER WO-1 United States Army Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade (Airmobile)

Awarded: Distinguished Flying Cross

Date Action: 5 June 1969

Theater: Republic of Victnam

Reason: For heroism while participating in aerial flight as evidenced by voluntary action above and beyond the call of duty in the Republic of Vietnam. Warrant Officer Tworek distinguished himself by heroism in action on 5 June 1969, while serving as a co-pilot of a UH-1H helicopter with Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade (Airmobile) during a rescue mission near Landing Zone Jamie, Republic of Vietnam. Upon observing a light observation holicopter crash after being engaged with intense enemy ground fire, Warrant Officer Tworek appraised the situata ion and decided to go in after the survivors. Because of the thick be bamboo the aircraft had to hover above the ground and Warrant Officer Tworek kept his pilot informed of the obstacles and progress of rescuing the downed crew. After the casualties were aboard, Warrant Officer Tworek took the controls and safely flew the aircraft out of the hostile terrain and to the nearest landing zone where the injured could receive prompt medical treatment. His outstanding flying ability and devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926.

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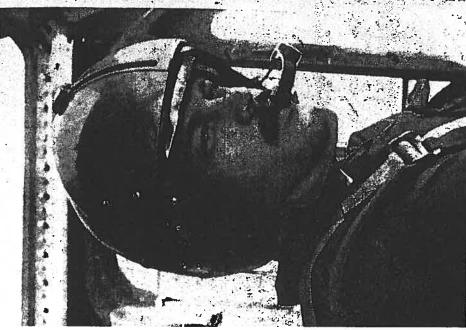
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# Services Held For Capt. Mike Tworek



dpt. Jöseph (Mike) Tworek

Services were held yesterday for Capt, Joseph (Mike) Tworek (USA) 25 of Solana Beach who was killed last Friday night in the crash of his helicopter during a night instrument training flight at Fort Rucker, Alabama. His helicopter crashed after a mid-air collision.

Capt. Tworek was a 1964 graduate of the San Dieguito High School where he lettered both in baseball and football. He attended Palomar, Junior College. In 1967 he entered the army Warrent Officer training program.

In Vietnam he was attached to the Second Brigade of the Aviation Platoon of the 1st Air Cav. He was cited for brayery and awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for rescuing crewmen of another helicopter shot down in enemy territory. He was also awarded 38 air medals.

He returned from overseas in late 1969 and was assigned as a might instrument in structor at Fort Rucker. Alabama. At the time of his death he was also attending Troy University, He had planned to go into administration after the 1st of the vear.

the year.
Survivers include his wife,
the former Robin Lynn Shaw,
two daughters, Heather and
April; his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Joe Tworek; a dister,
Cathy, and his grandmother,
Mrs. Agnes. Powell, all of
Solana Beach.

Solana Beach. Military graveside rites: were held at El Camino.

The San Dieguito Citizen — Cardiff Star News A

# Publishers Notes.

In the early part of 1970 I had the opportunity to interview one of our young men who had just returned from Vietnam. He was a helicopter pilot, a graduate of San Dieguito High School and of Palomar Junior College.

When you live in a community for a number of years, you watch many youngsters grow up. You know the parents; when they get married in most probability you know the bride and her parents if they live locally.

And this was the case of this young helicopter pilot. He told me of morter fire bursting on his base as they scurried to get their helicopters airborn, of deadly AK-47 groundfire crippling and downing their shors. Once a nearby helicopter was shot down and burst into flames. With one crewman dead and two injured, he brought his helicopter down and rescued the two crewmen. He had neglected to tell relatives that he was awarded the DFC for this feat. He was reluctant to speak of his 33 air medals, of flying night and day with the 1st Air Calvary.

He, his wife and two daughters moved to Fort Rucker, Ala. where he became an advanced instructor. He was slated to receive his Bachelor of Arts degree from Troy University in March.

At 25, Capt. Joseph (Mike) Tworek of Solana Beach is dead, the victim of a mid-air night crash in his helicopter.

When tragedy strikes for a youth who has made good and served his country well, there is little that can be written.

There are only lingering thoughts of the tragedy of this conflict and the somber realization that we have lost another fine young man... a young man whose energies this country can ill

# San Diego

# Harry A. Ambler

Services for Harry A. Ambler, of 4101 Hamilton St., will be at 2 p.m. tomoriow in Ben bough Mortuary. A 59-year resident of San Diego, he died in a hospital Saturday

A native of Illinois, Ambler worked for the San Diego Transit System 43 years before retiring. He was a member of the American Amateur Radio Christ Scientist.

He is survived by his widow. tions to Sunland Home:

Cemetery

# Mrs. Lillian Kearns

Belle Kearns, 94; will be at 10 Ozark, Ala. a.m. tomorrow in Rogers Mor-Saturday

Born in Connecticut, Mrs. Kearns moved to Long Beach mission in 1969 in Vietnam. with her late husband, an electrician. She came to San Diego 38 years ago, where she was a cook in various restaurants.

Surviving are two daughters including Mrs. Marie Beck of grand-Diego: three San ahildren; great-grandchildren 19 great-great-grandchildren, and a great-greatgreat-grandchild.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery.

# Mrs. Clare Rhodes

Memorial services for relatives and friends of Mrs. Clare M. Rhodes, 85, of 2701 Second Ave., will be at 2 p.m. today in Point Lome Community Pres

Services have been planned at 10 a.m. tomorrow in Encinitas for a decorated Army nelicopter pilot Capt Joseph Thursday in an Alabama air

Tworck, a son of Mr. and League and the Third Church of Mrs. Joseph A. Tworek, 346 Gleamout Drive, played football and baseball and took a Margaret; a son, Clair L.; two college preparatory course at grandentidion, and four great San Dieguito High School, and grandchildren, all of San Dego. also studied at Palomar Col-The family suggested contributing

He married a San Dieguito Burial will be in Mount Hope classmate, Rebin Lynn Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Shaw of Encinitas, and they had two daughters, Heather Services for Mrs. Lillian and April They were living in

Tworek, who received 35 Air fuary. She died in a hospital Medals, won the Distinguished Flying Cross for saving two crewmen who were down on a

Funeral service will be at Chapel By the Sea, Encinitas.

# worek George

A House for thought william ey, general manager of the We at 7 ber Baking Co. here; will be at 7 tonight in Goodbody Mortu-dus erv. A Mass will be at 10 a.m. reer tomorrow in St. Therese of the brase Child Jesus Roban, Catholic rece Church.

Hurley, 53, died while attend- Man naticopter pilot. Capt loseph ing a Veterant of Poreign Worse.

(Mike) Tworek, 25, killed dinner Saturday. A six-year Hur.





# TWOREK JOSEPH MICHAEL

CPT Joseph Michael Tworek was a potential VHPA member who died after his tour in Vietnam on 10/29/1971 at the age of 25 from TH-13T mid-air during either a practice instrument approach or transitioning through heliport area with WOC A.T. Osburn.

Solana, CO Flight Class 68-515/68-27 Date of Birth 07/09/1946 Served in the U.S. Army

This information was provided by TAGCEN Casualty database, John Konek

This information was last updated 02/12/1994

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28 Movember 1959

## AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

Awarded: Air Medal (First thru Thirty-Third Oak Leaf Cluster)

Date Action: 1 February 1969 to 9 November 1969

Organization: Headquarters & Headquarters Company, 2d Brigada (Minnolville)

Theater: Republic of Vietnam

Reason: For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight i

Republic of Vietnam.

Authority: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9158, 1 May 1942, as amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942, and DA Message 979688, dated 29 July 1964.

TWO REK, JOSEPH M. 564606597 CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER CW2 United States Army FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

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# BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

# THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

# IS PRESENTED TO

WARRANT OFFICER WO1 JOSEPH M. TWOREK 564606597
UNITED STATES ARMY

who distinguished himself by outstandingly meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. During the period

JANUARY 1969 TO NO TIMBER 1969

he consistently manifested exemplary professionalism and initiative in obtaining outstanding results. His rapid assessment and solution of numerous problems inherent in a combat environment greatly enhanced the allied effectiveness against a determined and aggressive enemy. Despite many adversities, he invariably performed his duties in a resolute and efficient manner. Energetically applying his sound judgment and extensive knowledge, he has contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of the United States mission in the Republic of Vietnam. His loyalty, diligence and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.

Commanding Officer 2nd Brigade 1st Cay Div (AM) APO 96490

Commanding Officer HBC 2nd Bde, Ava Plt 1st Cav Div (AM) APO 96490

TWORKK, Joseph M.

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5 June 1969

HHC 2nd Bde 1st Cav Div (AM) 19 December 1969 APO San Francisco 96490

Basic Air Medal

3 Jan 69 to 31 Jan 69

GO # 1731

15 Feb 69

Cuvillier, Louis M. III, Aircraft Commander, Silver Star Weeks, Richard L., Crewchief, Distinguished Flying Cross Crounse, Millard L., Door Gunner, Silver Star

Louis M. Cuvilliar III WO1 Aviation Rotary Wing Aviator On 5 June 1969, an aerial scout team from Second Brigade Aviation Platoem was flying a first light reconnaissance mission around Landing Zone Jamie, which had been attacked earlier that night. At approximately 0730 hours, the lead aircraft was caught in a withering crossfire from numerous enemy positions, two hundred meters north of the landing some. The aircraft was immediately downed and exploded as it crashed into the trees.

The command and control helicopter for 2/7, also from the Second Brigade Aviation Plateon, was just departing Landing Zone Jamie when the pilots spotted the observation helicopter going down. Radio contact was made with the wing aircraft and after learning the direction of the enemy fire the pilots decided to attempt to pick-up any possible survivors. WO1 Foseph M. Tworok, the copilot, maintained radio contact with the wing aircraft and helped guide the aircraft commander in getting as close to the downed aircraft as possible without getting in the line of enemy fire. Because of the dense hambon, the aircraft had to be kept at a five foot hover. One survivor approached the aircraft but was unable to climb into the aircraft, WOI Tworek instructed the door gummer to depart the aircraft and assist the wounded pilet. Beliving that they had the only surviver, the reseme crew started to depart the area when another surviver was spotted approaching through the dense bambos. The aircraft was again brought to a stable hover and the wounded crechief was picked-up. As the aircraft departed the enemy infested area, WO: Tworek took the controls of the aircraft and flee to Landing Zone Dolly where the seriously wounded crewmen were transferred to a medical helicopter and flown to medical facilities.

WOI Tworek's disregard for his own safety and concern for the lives of his fellow man contributed to the saving of two lives. Shortly after the resone helicopter departed the area, two additional aircraft flying over the area took enough hits from enough fire to ground them at the landing some. A friendly ground unit came into heavy contact with a large enemy force while trying to secure the downed aircraft.

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AILEN R. HEIMER CAPT., ARTILLERY AVN PLT COMMANDER