

INDIVIDUAL DECEASED

PERSONNEL FILE

WALTER ROBERT V
SSN: 63-07237

WO1

DEC 7 1967

Dear Mrs. Watts:

I learned with great sadness of the death of your husband, Warrant Officer Robert W. Watts.

I hope it will comfort you to know that your husband was serving his country in a time of great need. Your grief in his loss is shared by all his countrymen.

Mrs. Johnson and I join in expressing our heartfelt sympathy to you. You will be remembered in our prayers.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Mrs. Robert W. Watts
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Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

LBJ:JDG:lbt

Helicopter 66-15173

Information on U.S. Army helicopter tail number 66-15173

Date: 671122

Incident number: 671122021ACD Accident case number: 671122021 Total loss or fatality Accident

Number killed in accident: 1 Injured: 3 Passengers: 0

costing 318279

Crew Members:

AC W1 MS MULLEN

P W1 WATTS ROBERT WESLEY KIA

CE E4 TH BARTLESO

G E5 DL WOOLEY

Accident Summary:

□ This aircraft was number two in the flight on take off over water. The aircraft crashed into the water.

The following is crew member information for this incident:

Name: WO1 Robert Wesley Watts

Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 11/22/67 while performing the duty of Pilot.

Age at death: 29.1

Date of Birth: 10/15/38

Home City: Owensboro, KY

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

Unit: 188 AHC

Major organization: other

Flight class: 67-11/67-7

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

The Wall location: 30E-67

Short Summary: Crashed into Mekong River and drowned flying with Navy PBR's out of Nha Be.

Aircraft: UH-1C tail number 66-15173

Call sign: Black Widow

Service number: W3157237

Country: South Vietnam

MOS: 062B = Army rotary wing aviator, warrant officer

Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea

Compliment cause: drowning

Vehicle involved: helicopter

Position in vehicle: pilot

Started Tour: 09/01/67

"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot

Current status: non-hostile dead - died out-right

Length of service: 06

Location: Bien Hoa Province III Corps.

Reason: aircraft lost or crashed

Casualty type: Non-hostile - died while missing

married male U.S. citizen

Race: Caucasian

Religion: Roman Catholic

The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.

Category of casualty as defined by the Army: non-battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army

Military class: warrant officer

This record was last updated on 08/20/95

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1C tail number 66-15173

Date: 671123

South Vietnam

Loss to Inventory

Please send additions or corrections to:

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BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED 2 JULY 1926, A SOLDIER'S MEDAL FOR HEROISM NOT INVOLVING ACTUAL CONFLICT WITH AN ENEMY IS AWARDED TO:

WARRENT OFFICER MICHAEL S. MULLEN, 3154883, UNITED STATES ARMY, WHO DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY SAVING HIS DOOR GUNNER'S LIFE IN A CRASH INTO THE SAIGON RIVER. WARRENT OFFICER MULLEN'S AIRCRAFT EXPERIENCED AN ENGINE FAILURE WHILE ON TAKE OFF FROM SANDY POINT, NHA BE, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. TWO OF HIS CREW MEMBERS AND HIMSELF WERE ABLE TO GET FREE FROM THE SINKING AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT'S DOORGUNNER, SPECIALIST FIFTH CLASS DANIEL L. WOOLEY, HAD SALLOWED A GREAT DEAL OF WATER ON THE IMPACT AND WAS SUFFERING FROM CRAMPS. AT ENORMOUS RISK TO HIS OWN LIFE, WARRENT OFFICER MULLEN KEPT SPECIALIST WOOLEY AFLOAT FOR TWENTY TO TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES WHILE A RESCUE CRAFT WAS ENROUTE. SPECIALIST WOOLEY WAS PANICING AND WARRENT OFFICER MULLEN NEARLY DROWNED WHILE TRYING TO MAINTAIN A GRIP TO KEEP HIM ABOVE WATER. WHEN THE RESCUE CRAFT ARRIVED WARRENT OFFICER MULLEN WAS UNDER WATER, HOLDING SPECIALIST WOOLEY ABOVE WATER. WARRENT OFFICER MULLEN'S COURAGE AND STAMINA WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

S T A T E M E N T

On the 22nd of November, 1967, a helicopter gunship, on which I was flying gunner, crashed in the Saigon River shortly after take off from Sandy Point. Upon impact I was thrown out of the ship. I had swallowed quite a bit of water and I got stomach cramps shortly after I reached the surface. I don't know how the aircraft commander, Mr. Mullen, got out of the ship but he was there when I came up. The ship sank like a rock. Specialist Fifth Class Bartleson came up shortly after me, but Mr. Patis, the pilot, never made it. I tried to float on my back but my cramps were too bad. I just couldn't stay on top of the water. Mr. Mullen got me a box to put between my legs, but it didn't do any good, I kept going down. Every time I went down Mr. Mullen would pull me up. I could hear him going under as he was holding me up. I don't know how he did it but he managed to keep me from drowning till the boat came to pick us up. I know for a fact that I would have drown for sure if it wasn't for Mr. Mullen.

Daniel L. Wooley
DANIEL L. WOOLEY
37525, RA1196004

18. **NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION** (For all awards describe in detail what individual did to warrant decoration. For valor award describe in detail the mission, terrain and weather, enemy conditions and friendly casualties. (Use plain bond paper for continuation sheet if necessary).

On 22 November 1967, while flying as aircraft commander of a UH-1C armed helicopter from the 188th Assault Helicopter Company, Warrant Officer Michael S. Mullen distinguished himself by conspicuous bravery, at the risk of his own life, above and beyond the call of duty. A light fire team was on stand-by at Sandy Point, Nha Be, Republic of Vietnam, when they received a call to "scramble" their aircraft. During take-off Warrant Officer Mullen's aircraft experienced an engine failure and a crash landing in the Saigon River was inevitable. The aircraft struck nose low in the middle of the river, throwing Warrant Officer Mullen, Specialist Fifth Class Thomas H. Bartleson (crew chief), and Specialist Fifth Class Daniel L. Woolley (gunner) from the aircraft. The helicopter sank quickly and the pilot of the aircraft, Warrant Officer Robert W. Watts, was unable to free himself. The three surviving crew members were badly shaken and had received numerous cuts and bruises. Specialist Woolley, being unable to swim, was frantically struggling for his life. Warrant Officer Mullen retrieved a wooden box which floated up from the sinking aircraft and gave it to Specialist Woolley. Specialist Woolley was still unable to stay afloat. Warrant Officer Mullen, with great risk to his own life, managed to keep his struggling crewmember afloat. Contributing to the situation, Specialist Woolley had inhaled a great deal of water and was experiencing cramps. Warrant Officer Mullen, time and time again, brought Specialist Woolley to the surface for air. In so doing, Warrant Officer Mullen placed himself in great danger, for each time he raised Specialist Woolley, he was pushed under water. Warrant Officer Mullen exhibited enormous courage with disregard for his personal safety so that he could prevent Specialist Woolley from drowning. He kept Specialist Woolley afloat until the rescue craft arrived. Warrant Officer Michael S. Mullen's courage and stamina are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

19. **INCLOSURES:**

Statement
Proposed Citation

20. **INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION:**

NAME, GRADE & POSITION

JACK O. JOHNSON
MAJ, ARTY
Commanding

SIGNATURE & DATE

Jack O. Johnson
6 April 1968

RECOMMENDATION OF THRU COMMAND:

RECOMMENDED ☐ APPROVAL ☐ DISAPPROVAL ☐ OTHER ☐

NAME, GRADE & POSITION:

SIGNATURE AND DATE:

got a chance to dance to the live music. Black Bart won the "Shake your Booty" award, and a real presence on the dance floor. Over the PA system came the announcement, "Welcome home to members of the 188th AHC, Black Widows" You could feel the pride rising up from the table something we were denied at our homecoming.

Saturday morning, Mike and Jill Mullen arrived from Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Mike (Black Widow 29) was a "Spider" pilot and later a slick driver. On November 22, 1967 he was flying AC on gunship #15173, as part of a light fire team on stand by at Sandy Point, Nha Be. The black Widows were TDY, working with the Navy Seal Team I. On lift off, after being scrambled, Mike radioed to the lead ship that they were up. Moments later, they had an engine failure, crashing into the Saigon River with Black Bart (CE) and Danny (DG) riding in the back. The gunship impacted on the right front skid throwing Danny and Black Bart forward into the bulkhead. Danny was thrown free of the ship into the river. When he surfaced, he had trouble breathing due to cracked ribs, swallowing a great deal of water and cramps. Mike saved Danny's life by retrieving a water container floating among the debris and swam to Danny's aid, saving him from drowning. Coming out of the water like a roman candle, Black Bart was the last to surface. He had sustained head and knee injuries and was flown to Japan to recover. WO Robert Watts was unable to free himself from the sinking ship and drowned. When the rescue craft arrived 25 minute later, Mr. Mullen was under water, holding Danny above the water. A Vietnamese fishing boat rescued the survivors and brought them to shore. Mr. Mullen was awarded the Soldiers Medal for his heroism in saving Danny's life that day. Danny never flew again after that incident and was transferred into the armament section.

That afternoon Dave narrated a slide show of the units' conception at Fort Campbell, Kentucky in November 1966. It's deployment to South Vietnam in three separate groups and of our tour at Dau Tieng, Song Be, Nha Be, PhuHiep/Tuy Hoa, Tay Ninh East and LZ Sally. The gathering of "spiders", family and friends

watched and listened as stories came to life, as each slide was shown. Friday's poolside rap session and the entire slide presentation were taped. That input will be added to the history being researched and written by "Cherry boy". The best of the slides from Dave and Black Bart's collection will compliment those already in the unit photo archive.

In the 90° heat, everyone stayed close to or in the swimming pool. We feasted on barbecued steak, pork chops, chicken, and links, "fast Eddies" home made beans and Rosemary's home made potato salad. Cû Meô, a non-denominational minister, told Karma and I that "He was going to marry us". What an honor, being married by one of your own. For lack of a proper preacher garb, we had to improvise. Cu Mie's daughter, Jammie, helped Karma with the items needed for something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue. Around 9:30pm, chest deep in the swimming pool, the wedding commenced and was video taped by Top. Dave, being an elder in his church, gave the opening prayer. To Karma's left was the guy who gave her away, Danny. He was bare chested and wearing a tie. On his left stood the brides maid, Diane and next to her, the Maid of Honor, Jammie. To "Cherry Boy's" right stood the best man, "Black Bart", wearing a shirt and tie. We were fortunate enough to have such a gifted Minister as Cû Meô to perform the ceremony. Following the ceremony we drank champagne, made toasts and enjoyed the delicious wedding cake that Rosemary had created. Jamie's friend Jason volunteered to take photos during the wedding. Diane's brother, Bill Hughes, his wife Rosemary, daughter Ginger and friend James Mace shared in the celebration. Eddie Young, a friend of the family, showed some real Florida hospitality by letting Dave and Cû Meô stay at his home. The rest of the group stayed at the Bartleson home.

The saddest thing happened was when "Cherry Boy" walked directly into the closed sliding glass door leading into the air-conditioned house. There was some concern, but you could hear a few giggles. It was Karma's turn next, shaking the house as she walked into the closed door. At this point, you could hear people

laughing! Last but not least, Top walks into the closed door... WHAM. You could hear the roar of laughter. In order to save face, visual aids were attached to the door by "Black Bart". It only took three of us walking into the door, for him to take charge.

Diane's mother, Ernestine Hughes, gave Top a big hug and thanked him for bringing her son-in-law home alive.

Sunday morning everyone sat around the pool, drinking coffee, taking photos, sharing experiences of the weekend and saying our good byes. There was talk about a larger reunion at Fort Campbell, where the present day "Black Widows" are based. We hugged, shook hands and parted with the 'guns up' signal.

Teary eyed and whole lot richer for the experience, we parted company. The newly weds were off to Key West for their honeymoon.

Testimonial

When I joined the VHCMA, I had an overwhelming feeling that some good things would come to pass. Memories and associations long past rekindled. I was right! Within a few days of receiving the last newsletter with my name listed as a new member, I got a phone call from a mutual friend and childhood school mate, Jeff "Mooney" Burstein. I had not seen or heard about Jeff since Dec '64 when I was on leave prior to shipping out to Germany. We had a wonderful two-hour reunion and in August, he drove all the way from "Philly" to N. Little Rock to visit for a few days. It was wonderful to be boy's again.

I'm truly looking forward to next year's reunion in Fort Worth. Hopefully more memories and associations will return.

With a hearty "Welcome Home"
Warren Risner

Membership Directory . . .

New members or address changes will appear in the newsletter.

Cut-off dates for inclusion will be the month prior to publication month.

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"SMITTY" LINK AND

THE 17TH AHC, 1967/68

I am a vet pilot and did 6 weeks in country with the 17th AHC out of Duc Pho in June and July 1967.

My very best friend in flight school and the guy I still think of every day is **Robert "Smitty" Charles Link**. We went through flight school together, he helped me become a soldier and I help him become a good test taker. I spent many weekends with Smitty and his family in his mobile home at Fort Walters and our families lived side by side in a mobile home park just outside the gate at Fort Rucker. We trained hard together, we drank beer, ate oysters, and laughed a lot together, and we were both very proud to graduate together and become an "Officer and Gentleman" together on 8 May 67.

I received orders to go directly to Viet Nam, while Smitty, I think, was sent to the 17th AHC at Fort Riley, Kansas and I believe that unit then arrived in Viet Nam in September 1967. We had plans to somehow link up and do our R&R together that never happened, we lost contact. I had a mechanical tail rotor failure, which took me out of action on 24 July 67. Smitty, I am told, went MIA/KIA/BNR on a recovery mission near A Chau Valley on 21 April 68.

The reason for this open letter is that I am looking for someone who personally knew Smitty and has any additional information about Smitty while he was in country or the actual "incident" of 21 APR 68. I want to put closure and perspective to my feelings about Smitty.

I thank you now for anything that you can find for me.

Max J. Mizejewski

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Huey Restoration Projects

John Kessler, a new associate member, is preparing to restore a B-model Huey as a non-flying display piece for veterans events, parades, air shows, etc. John was never a part of an aircrew, but was a cannon cocker for a 105mm-artillery piece.

If his effort is to evolve into an authentic display, he will need your assistance in locating missing parts, painting and markings, and crew uniform items. Also any airframe history from the reported tail number of 0-4567, which may not be the original number.

If the airframe is not too badly cannibalized or corroded, it may be possible to return it to flight status. Principal missing items include engine, rotor assembly and instruments. (Any volunteers for that first flight)

The VFW Post in Wisconsin who previously owned this piece did not have the resources to research, restore and display it. To his knowledge, it will be the only military trimmed UH-1B in south Florida and he plans to frequently show it in that area.

If you have any knowledge about this aircraft or wish to give him some hands-on assistance, give him a call at this address.

John R. Kessler
970 SW 31st St
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33315
(954) 766-2676

According to VHCMA member **Jack McCabe**, the Air Classic Museum of Aviation has two Hueys and needs some help in restoration. You should contact Richard Long, the Director of Operation, if you have any questions.

DUPAGE Airport
3N020 Powis Road
West Chicago, IL 60185
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Kenneth G. Irwin Jr.

Enclosed is General Membership dues for my son Kenneth Irwin, who has had multiple sclerosis for about 10 years. He lived in Vancouver, Washington and had a great job with the Battle Ground School District as a Supervisor in data processing. He had to quit about 10 years ago due to his illness. He lived with us for two and a half years, but his condition got so bad that he went into a nursing home in April of this year. All his time is spent in either bed or a wheelchair. Kenneth still has use of his hands, so he is able to brush his teeth and feed himself. He is divorced, but has a daughter and son, and two grandsons. Kenneth says, "hi!" to all you guys and wishes you all well.

Sincerely
Josephine Irwin, mother

Ed... Refer to the New Members list in this issue for Kenneth's address if you wish to drop him a greeting.

Russell Hall, a Vietnam veteran is writing a screenplay about the medical helicopter units that flew in Vietnam. He feels the men who flew Dustoff missions have not had their story adequately told, and have not received the credit they deserve for saving so lives.

He wishes to include the story about Captain Charles Kelly and the men who flew with in the 57th Med. Detachment. I need to get in touch with the Kelly family to give them the opportunity to contribute to the story. Mr. Hall wishes to contact anyone who flew Dustoff missions for their input for his film.

If you wish to participate, contact Mr. Hall at this address.

Russell E. Hall
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Spiders SpinTheir Web In Florida

After three decades, seven "spider" gun platoon vets from the 188th AHC "Black Widows" gathered at the home Tom Bartleson (a.k.a. Black Bart, crewchief) and his wife Diane in Fort Meyers. The occasion was the marriage of one of their own, doorgunner, Dick Detra (a.k.a. Cherry Boy). My fiancé Karma and I had planned this trip to Florida and the Bahamas for over two years. Feeling good, after a beautiful "Love Boat" cruise and three day in Freeport Grand Bahamas, we headed west to the Gulf of Mexico.

On traditional Memorial Day weekend, we gathered to rekindle old friendships, get Karma and I married and have some fun! To be part of this celebration, our First Sergeant ("Top"), Ramon DePalm, drove all the way from Williamsburg, Virginia. In 1967, at the age of 38, Top was one our elder statesmen in the company. With two years of combat in Korea (1950-52), Top was a seasoned veteran. The majority of us were 19 and 20-year-old naïve kids, who thought we knew it all. Top always got a "case of the ass" when his insight and input on staying alive, was take so lightly by us. When problems between officers and NCO's and EM surfaces, Top always stood up for his young troopers.

There were rumors that soon got back to Top, that he would be fragged. Supposedly, some of the white NCO's didn't like taking orders from a black First Sergeant. He was in fear of this life. Top seldom called company formations because of the lethal sniper fire we might draw from the village of Dau Tieng, which was directly across the road from our company area. The entire area was known to be VC user friendly. So, when Top call a company formation, everyone knew something was up. To make his point, Top discharged his pearl handle .44 magnum pistol and told everyone, "don't f*** with me or I'll blow you away."

Top had a presence that demanded respect and we relayed that fact to him at the reunion. It was very healthy for all of us present to clear the air and get the facts straight. How can you not respect

someone, who stands up for you, even when you mess up and we certainly did our share of that. When you did mess up, Top assigned you to his favorite detail... burning s**t. He made it quite clear that no one could volunteer for the detail. At that young age, trying to get over was our nature.

In December of 1967, Top returned to the "world" via San Francisco. At the airport, a woman, who asked if he was returning from Vietnam, approached him. After responding, "that yes he was, she slapped him across the face. To say he had to be restrained would be an understatement. It was a WELCOME HOME that a lot of us had a similar experience. It is sad to think that as a group we would be the focus of anti-war protestors. There is little wonder why so few of us kept in touch. Locating vets who served in the unit and researching our unit history (11/66 - 7/68) has been my primary focus the last seven years. Most of the vets I have located, since I started this project, have had little or no contact with anyone from the unit. I can not put into words, the feelings that surface after putting former crewmembers back in

touch.

Danny Wooley originally flew on the "Smokey Baron" smoke ship at the battalion headquarters of the 269th at Cu Chi. He transferred to fly door gunner with the "Spiders". After a near fatal crash, he became part of our armament section. Danny drove over from Winter Garden, Florida. Dave Miller was our NCO in charge of the armament section and found ways to get airtime as a door gunner with the "Spiders". Dave and Danny designed one of the first ground mounted miniguns used during the war. Our unit had two, used for our perimeter defensive positions. Dave drove over from Palm Bay, Florida, on the Atlantic coast. Dennis Smalley (a.k.a. Cû Meô - eyes like a cat) was a doorgunner with the "Spiders" and also in charge of the indigenous Vietnamese workers hired to work in our company area. Cû Meô drove down from Gainesville, Georgia.

Friday evening Tom and Diane showed us some of the southern Florida's fine cuisine at a Polynesian restaurant in Fort Meyers called "The Hut". Diane and Karma made sure that everyone present



Front Row: Danny Wooley, Tom Bartleson, Ramon DePalm, Mike Mullen.
Back Row: Dennis Smalley, Dave Miller, Dick Detra.

DISPOSITION FORM

(AR 340-15)

REFERENCE OR OFFICE SYMBOL

SUBJECT

AGFC-R (1750 NE)

Non-Hostile Military Casualty in Vietnam

TO Chief of Staff
ATTN: LTC S. M. Smith Jr.
Room 3C 715, The Pentagon

FROM TAG

DATE 27 Nov 1967 CMT 1
LTC Gard / jeb /72066

The following named individual has been reported dead in Vietnam as the result of non-hostile action:

NAME: WO Robert W. Watts, W3 157 237

ORGANIZATION: 188th Avn Co, APO SF 96373

DATE OF CASUALTY: 22 Nov 1967 *

CIRCUMSTANCES: Individual died from drowning when aircraft he piloted crashed ~~and burned~~ while on combat assault mission.
OVER WATER

NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN:

Mrs. Mary E. Watts - Wife
Lot 06, 2957 Legion Park Dr.
Owensboro, Ky 42301

ARMY AREA: ONE

Mr. & Mrs. Reamus R. Watts - Parents
519 Center St.
Owensboro, Ky. 42301

CHILDREN:

NONE

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

DONALD L. GEER
Colonel, AGC
Executive Officer, TAGO

*EM was previously reported missing on 22 Nov 1967 and changed to dead on 26 Nov 1967
NOK notified on 26 Nov 1967.

Com can 261039 2 Nov

DA FORM 2496
FEB 62

REPLACES DD FORM 93, EXISTING SUPPLIES OF WHICH WILL BE
ISSUED AND USED UNTIL 1 FEB 63 UNLESS SOONER EXHAUSTED.

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH (OVERSEAS)

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(AR 638-40)

1300hrs 24 Nov 67

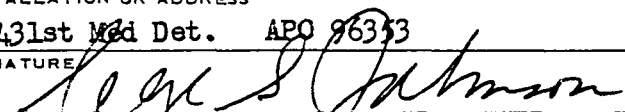
NAME OF DECEASED (Last, First, Middle) WATTS, Robert W.		GRADE WO-1	BRANCH OF SERVICE Army	SERVICE NUMBER W3 157 237
ORGANIZATION 188th Asslt Heli Co.		DATE OF BIRTH 15 October 1938		SEX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
COLOR OR RACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WHITE <input type="checkbox"/> NEGRO <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)	MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED		RELIGION <input type="checkbox"/> PROTESTANT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATHOLIC <input type="checkbox"/> JEWISH <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)	
NAME OF NEXT OF KIN Mrs Mary E. Watts		RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED Wife		
		CITY OR TOWN AND STATE Owensborg, Kentucky		

MEDICAL STATEMENT

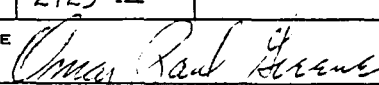
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DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH ¹ Drowning due to Heli crash			
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	UNDERLYING CAUSE, IF ANY, GIVING RISE TO PRIMARY CAUSE		
OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS ²			
MODE OF DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> NATURAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE	AUTOPSY PERFORMED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	MAJOR FINDINGS OF AUTOPSY Death due to drowning, Multiple compound fractures of Left hand, Penetrating wound to Left knee	CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DEATH DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES

DATE OF DEATH (Hour, day, month, year) 1305hrs 22 November 1967	PLACE OF DEATH Vic Coord: XS 927 802, Bien Hoa, 25, III CTZ, RVN
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I HAVE VIEWED THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED AND DEATH OCCURRED AT THE TIME INDICATED AND FROM THE CAUSES AS STATED ABOVE.

NAME OF MEDICAL OFFICER CAGE S. JOHNSON		TITLE OR DEGREE MC
GRADE CPT	SERVICE NUMBER 05 256 634	INSTALLATION OR ADDRESS 431st Med Det. APO 96343
DATE 24 November 1967		SIGNATURE 

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

NAME OF MORTICIAN PREPARING REMAINS OMAR PAUL GREENE	GRADE GS-10	LICENSE NUMBER 2723 KY	STATE KY	OTHER
INSTALLATION OR ADDRESS US Army Mortuary, Vietnam	DATE 24 Nov 67	SIGNATURE 		
NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY		LOCATION OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY		

TYPE OF DISPOSITION <input type="checkbox"/> BURIAL <input type="checkbox"/> CREMATION <input type="checkbox"/> REMOVAL (Specify)	DATE OF DISPOSITION
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REGISTRATION OF VITAL STATISTICS

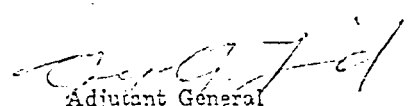
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NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR		ADDRESS		
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL				

¹State disease, injury or complication which caused death, but not mode of dying such as heart failure, etc.

²State conditions contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing death.

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20315

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REPORT OF CASUALTY	REPORT NUMBER AND TYPE A 7694 FINAL RVN 175C	DATE PREPARED 30 Nov 67
1. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION (Name, Service Number, Grade or Rate, Component, Branch and Organization)		
WATTS, ROBERT WESLEY; M3 157 237; WO; USAR; AVN; 188TH AVN CO, VIETNAM		
2. CASUALTY STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE		
DIED 22 November 1967 in Vietnam as the result of drowning when aircraft he piloted crashed into water.		
Commenced tour in Vietnam 1 Sep 67		
3. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, RACE, RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE		
15 October 1938 Owensboro, Kentucky Caucasian Roman Catholic		
4. DATE AND PLACE OF LAST ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN CURRENT STATUS AND HOME OF RECORD AT TIME		
1 August 1967 Ft. Rucker, Alabama Owensboro, Kentucky		
5. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, PAY GRADE, LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY, BASIC PAY, INCENTIVE PAY		CHECK IF APPLICABLE
W-1 Over 6 years \$337.00		<input type="checkbox"/> CREW <input type="checkbox"/> NON-CREW
6. DUTY STATUS		
ACTIVE: ON DUTY		
7. INTERESTED PERSONS (Name, Address, Relationship)		
Mrs. Mary E. Watts, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301; Wife 1,3 Notified 26 November 1967 2		
Mr. Reamus R. Watts, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301; Father		
Mrs. Catherine D. Watts, address same as above; Mother		
DA Form 41 dated 8 Feb 67		
8. REPORT FOR VA TO FOLLOW <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9. REPORTING COMMAND AND DATE REPORT RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT	
	CG USARV LBN RVN 26 November 1967	
10. SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER, LOCAL BOARD, AND LOCATION (If unknown, enter date and place of first entry in Armed Services)		
15 20 39 351 LB# 20 Owensboro, Kentucky		
11. PRIOR SERVICE DATA		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO RA 52 526 278		
12. REMARKS		
<p>"The individual named in this report is held by the Department of the Army to have been absent in a pay status pursuant to the provisions of Section 552, 37 USC (PL 554, 89th Congress), as amended, from 22 November 1967, date of death to 26 November 1967, date evidence of death was received by the Department of the Army."</p> <p>FOR VA: Certification of Basic Pay UP 38 USC 402 None</p> <p>BIEN HCA (25) III CTZ</p>		
FOOTNOTES:		
1 Adult next of kin.		
2 Beneficiary for gratuity pay in event there is no surviving wife or child-as designated on record of emergency data.		
3 Beneficiary for unpaid pay and allowances-as designated on record of emergency data.		
13. DISTRIBUTION	14. BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:	
A-2-6 I	 Adjutant General	

REPORT OF CASUALTY		REPORT NUMBER AND CASUALTY CODE		DATE PREPARED	
		Punch-14715		23 Nov 67	
1. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION (Name, Service Number, Grade or Rate, Component, Branch and Organization)					
WATTS, Robert Wapley W3 157 237 Wo W1, U SAR, 188th Avn., Co, APO SF 96373					
2. CASUALTY STATUS		a. CIRCUMSTANCES <input type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE			
		Unknown			
Indiv last seen as pilot aboard helicopter on combat assault mission when acft crashed and burned. Search in progress. Missing par.					
BIEN HOA (250) III CTZ					
b. PLACE MISSING OR DEAD	c. DATE	d. TIME	e. STATUS OF REMAINS	f. RACE	g. RELIGION
RVN	22 Nov 67	1305		Cau	Meth
3a. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH				b. COMMENCED TOUR DATE	
23 Feb 44 Reidsville, N. C.					
4. DATE AND PLACE OF LAST ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN CURRENT STATUS AND HOME OF RECORD AT TIME					
1 Jun 66 Raleigh N. C. Cary Wake, N. C.					
5. SOCIAL SECURITY NO., PAY GRADE, LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY, BASIC PAY, INCENTIVE PAY				CHECK IF APPLICABLE	
W1 Over 6 \$387.00 Angle, Globe FSA				<input type="checkbox"/> CREW <input type="checkbox"/> NON-CREW	
6. SELECTIVE SERVICE NO., LOCAL BOARD, AND LOCATION (If unknown, enter date and place of first entry in Armed Services)					
31 80 44 86 LB 80 Reidsville, N. C.					
7. PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS (include ZIP Code)					
Mrs Mary E. Watts (Wife)					
Owensboro, Ky 42301					
8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED					
a. <input type="checkbox"/> CUSTODY					
b. <input type="checkbox"/> MARITAL STATUS					
c. <input type="checkbox"/> ADDRESS OF:					
d. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Parents were also personally notified					
9. a. ORIGINATOR		b. RECEIVED BY		c. TIME	d. DATE
CG USARV LGB RVN		PNU		1500	23 Nov 67
SECTION II - NOTIFICATION ACTIONS					
ACTION		NAMES OF PERSONS PASSING AND RECEIVING THE ACTION (and msg No.)		ZULU TIME	ZULU DATE
10. ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4 PASSED FOR NOTIFICATION ACTION TO HQ: 1st Army		Gloser/Turner		1710	23 Nov 67
11. PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN NOTIFIED PERSONALLY BY:		CPT Brown (C1102)		1245	24 Nov 67
12. COMPLETION OF NOTIFICATION PASSED TO DA CASUALTY DIVISION OR ORIGINATOR		Mrs L. E. Jones		1540	24 Nov 67
13. CONFIRMATION WESTERN UNION MESSAGE DISPATCHED TO PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN		Bulley		0402	25 NOV 67
14. WESTERN UNION MESSAGE DISPATCHED TO SECONDARY NEXT OF KIN				11	11
15. DEATH GRATUITY PAYMENT MESSAGE DISPATCHED TO SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE OFFICER BY:					
16. DATA ENTERED ON INFORMATION MESSAGE NO. BY DA CASUALTY DIVISION					
17. ADDRESS FOR GRATUITY PAY					
18. a. INDIVIDUAL (has)(has not) BEEN POSTHUMOUSLY PROMOTED TO WITH EFFECTIVE DATE AND DATE OF COMMISSION					
b. RECEIVED FROM		c. RECEIVED BY		d. TIME	e. DATE

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STATEMENT OF IDENTIFICATION

(AR 638-40)

- INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Prepare in triplicate and distribute as follows:
- Original to OCoF Spts S, Attn: Memorial Division.
 - Copy to Army Command.
 - Copy retained at preparing installation.
2. This statement will be supplemented by signed copies of appropriate Records of Identification Processing (DD Forms 890 through 894).

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NAME OF DECEASED (Last, First, Middle)		GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER
WATTS, Robert W.		WO-1	W3 157 237
BRANCH OF SERVICE		ORGANIZATION AND BASE	
US ARMY		188th Assl Heli Co	
DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH		
22 November 1967	Vic Coord: XS 927 802 (Bien Hoa) RVN.		
CONDITION OF REMAINS (Describe briefly in Remarks)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RECOGNIZABLE		EVIDENCE OF DECOMPOSITION
	NOT RECOGNIZABLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MANGLED OR MUTILATED
	COMMINGLED		EVIDENCE OF BURNS
MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION			
(Check all appropriate boxes and indicate appropriate Inclosures. Specify supporting data in Remarks.)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IDENTIFICATION TAGS		INCLOSURES
	PERSONAL EFFECTS		DD FORM 890
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DENTAL COMPARISON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DD FORM 891 AND SF 603
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SKELETAL AND ANATOMICAL COMPARISON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DD FORM 892 AND/OR DD FORM 893
	FINGERPRINTS		DD FORM 894
	VISUAL RECOGNITION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OTHER (Specify in Remarks)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clothing markings

REMARKS (If additional space is required, continue on separate sheet)

This remains, with mutilated left hand and penetrating wound at the left knee, was recovered from the crash site in water of helicopter on which WO-1 WATTS was the manifested pilot.

Race - Caucasian.

(WO-1 WATTS was Caucasian)

Table measurement - 71 inches.

(WO-1 WATTS was 70½ " tall)


(WO-1 WATTS was 72" tall in other records)

Hair - Brown.

(WO-1 WATTS had Brown Hair)

Both hands fingerprints

presently available

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION		US ARMY MORTUARY, VIETNAM	
SIGNATURE OF ACCEPTING OFFICER			
TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF ACCEPTING OFFICER		DEVERO MARTIN, MAJOR, ONC, MORTUARY SERVICES OFFICER	
RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED		DATE	
		25 November 67	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION		US ARMY MORTUARY, VIETNAM	

JORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSII

ANATOMICAL CHART

8056-67

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number) WATTS ROBERT W		GRADE W-1	SERVICE NUMBER W 3157237	
NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NO.	PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	ESTIMATED AGE (Yrs) 73"

BLACK OUT PORTIONS NOT RECOVERED

<p style="text-align: center;">RIGHT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANTERIOR</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HAIR LEFT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BROWN</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LEFT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RIGHT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">POSTERIOR</p>
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Apparent Drawing Victim following Helicopter crash in water

CONDITION OF REMAINS (Check pertinent blocks)			
<input type="checkbox"/> SEMI-SKELETAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FLESH COVERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTACT	<input type="checkbox"/> DECOMPOSED
<input type="checkbox"/> BURNED (Degree: <input type="checkbox"/> 1st <input type="checkbox"/> 2d <input type="checkbox"/> 3d)			

REMARKS (Continue on reverse if additional space is required)

BODY - COMPLETE TABLE MEASURE 73" BOTH HANDS FINGER PRINTED AT TSN MORTUARY.

RACE - CAUC.

BODY MARKS - SEC ABOVE

I.D. CARD

I.D. TAGS - FOUND ONE (1) AROUND NECK AND THE ONE OTHER FOUND INSIDE SHIRT FOR WATTS, ROBERT W, W 31 57 237.

CLOTHING - REGULAR FATIGUES SIZE UNOBTAINABLE, FOUND NAME ON SHIRT "WATTS" (A HC) ONE US PAIR WOOL SOCKS. GREEN DRAWERS NO MARKINGS.

W 3157237 - BELT HAD MARKINGS FOR WATTS, ROBERT W.

NAME OF PREPARING OFFICIAL (Print or type) SEVEN A. RODRIGUEZ	SIGNATURE <i>Seven A. Rodriguez</i>
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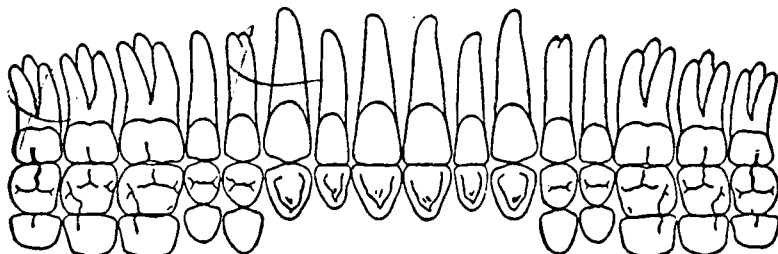
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DENTAL

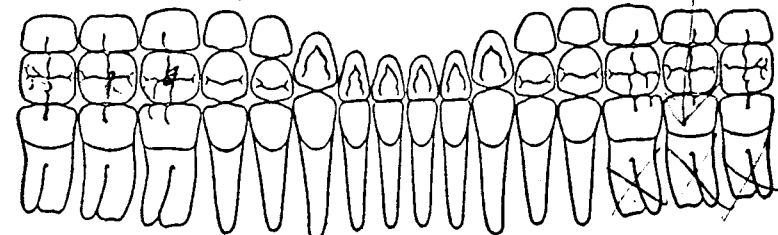
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1. PURPOSE OF EXAMINATION			2. TYPE OF EXAM.				3. DENTAL CLASSIFICATION				
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4. MISSING TEETH AND EXISTING RESTORATIONS



RIGHT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 LEFT
32 31 30 29 28 27 26 25 24 23 22 21 20 19 18 17



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REMARKS

*1/3 ling version
#24 buccal version*

Bleeding tendency ☐ Heart disease ☐
Diabetes ☐ Rheumatic fever ☐
Drug allergies ☐ Under phys. care ☐
High blood pressure ☒ Negative ☐
Signature *Robert W. Watts*

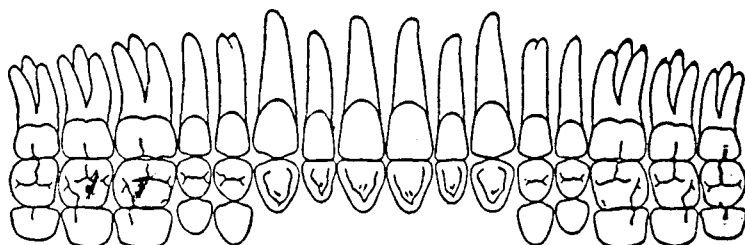
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Fort Knox Ky.

7 SEP 1961

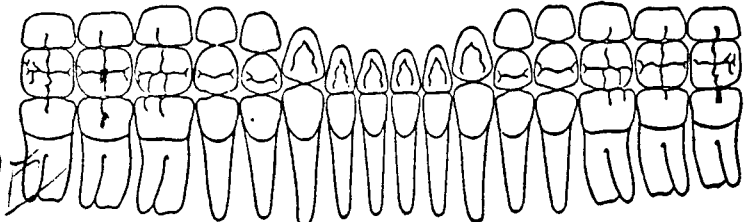
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R. W. Watts

5. DISEASES, ABNORMALITIES, AND X-RAYS



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RIGHT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 LEFT
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E. INDICATE X-RAYS USED IN THIS EXAMINATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FULL MOUTH PERIAPICAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POSTERIOR BITE-WINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)
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DATE 7 SEP 1961 PLACE OF EXAMINATION DENTAL CLINIC #5 Fort Knox Ky.

A. CALCULUS

SLIGHT MODERATE ☒ HEAVY

B. PERIODONTOCLASIA

LOCAL GENERAL
INCIPIENT MODERATE SEVERE

C. STOMATITIS (Specify)

GINGIVITIS VINCENT'S

D. DENTURES NEEDED

(Include dentures needed after indicated extractions)

FULL PARTIAL
U L U L

ABNORMALITIES OF OCCLUSION—REMARKS

SIGNATURE OF DENTIST COMPLETING THIS SECTION








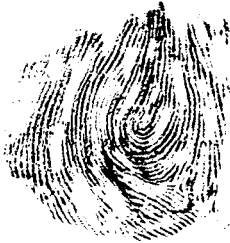
R. W. Watts

SECTION II. PATIENT DATA

6. SEX M	7. RACE CAU	8. GRADE, RATING, OR POSITION SP5 E5	9. ORGANIZATION UNIT 188	10. COMPONENT OR BRANCH AUS	11. SERVICE, DEPT., OR AGENCY ARMY
12. PATIENT'S LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME WATTS. ROBERT W.				13. DATE OF BIRTH (DAY-MONTH-YEAR) 15 OCT 38	14. IDENTIFICATION NO. US 52 526 278

RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING FINGERPRINT CHART

LAST NAME-FIRST NAME-MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)	GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER
WATTS ROBERT W.	W-1	W 3157237
NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER	PLOT	ROW GRAVE

LEFT HAND			RIGHT HAND	
	10. LITTLE FINGER	<p>NOTE AMPUTATIONS, ABNORMALITIES, MISSING FINGERS, AND/OR DERMIS IN APPROPRIATE BLOCK</p>		5. LITTLE FINGER
	9. RING FINGER			4. RING FINGER
UNOBTAINABLE	8. MIDDLE FINGER			3. MIDDLE FINGER
UNOBTAINABLE	7. INDEX FINGER			2. INDEX FINGER
	6. THUMB			1. THUMB
		<p>IMPORTANT</p> <p>ATTACH DD FORM 2A (Identification Card) TO THIS FORM IF AVAILABLE</p> <p>PFC William R. Griffin</p> <p>IMPRESSIONS TAKEN BY (Name)</p>		

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IDENTIFIED BY FINGERPRINT COMPARISON AS: LAST-NAME-FIRST NAME-MIDDLE INITIAL	SERVICE NUMBER
OFFICIAL APPROVING FINGERPRINT COMPARISON (Name)	DATE

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
STAFF COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

IMMEDIATE (INFO ADDEES PRIORITY)

C P 231 226Z NOV 67
FM CG USARV LBN RVN
TO RUECAFA/CAS DIV DA
INNW RUEPND/TAG DA
ZEN/C INCUSARFAC
ZEN/COMUSMACV
RUECAFA/CH SPT SVCS DA
HSCIDGA/CH SP CLMS BR STLMTS CRNS FCUSA IN
ZEN/CO 6TH AVN GP LBN RVN
ZEN/CG 1ST AVN BDE
"3 &/COFFSA MORT TSN RVN
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UNCLAS E F T O FOUO AVHAG-CC 86688 JPCCO/ARCC DA
FOR AGPB-C
PROTECTIVE MARKING AUTOMATICALLY REMOVED IAW PARA 18
BAR362-5
PUNCH REPT NO. 14715, REPEAT, NO. 14715 (MISSING)
A. WATTS, ROBERT W.
B. W3 157 237, REPEAT, W3 157 237
C. WG 1 AVN

D. 22 NOV 67 AT 1325 HRS, REPEAT, 22 NOV 67 AT 1305 HRS.
E. INDIV LAST SEEN AS PILOT ON UH-1D HELI ON CMBT ASSLT OPN VIC
COORD: XS 927 802, BIEN HOA, 25, III CTZ, RVN, WHEN HELI CRASHED
& BURNED. UNKNOWN IF STATUS IS THE RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION.
F. CAU
G. 128TH AVN CO APC SFRAN 96373/
H. NOK: MRS. MARY E. WATTS (W)
OWENSBORG, KENTUCKY. DA FORM 41 DATED UNDATED.
I. BP: 387.00 ADD PAY: POWER, ANGLE GLOBE (FSA) BPED: 29 AUG 61
SGLI-TEN-36-WIFE TL UNDER UCMJ: NONE
BT

ACTION: TAG
DISTR : OCOFSA, OSA, DCSPER, CINFO, COPO, COFSPTS
DA IN 449490

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REPORT OF CASUALTY		REPORT NUMBER AND CASUALTY CODE Coach-15050 (Prev P)		DATE PREPARED 26 Nov 67	
1. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION (Name, Service Number, Grade or Rate, Component, Branch and Organization) WATTS, Robert Wesley W3 157 237 WO W1- USAR, 188th Avn Co., APO SF 96373					
2. CASUALTY STATUS <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Died from drowning when aircraft he piloted crashed while over water while on a combat assault mission. </div> <div> a. CIRCUMSTANCES <input type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE </div> </div>					
b. PLACE MISSING OR DEAD RVN		c. DATE 22 Nov 67	d. TIME 1305	e. STATUS OF REMAINS Ready	f. RACE Cau
3a. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH SEE PUNCH REPORT				b. COMMENCED TOUR DATE 1 Sep 67	
4. DATE AND PLACE OF LAST ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN CURRENT STATUS AND HOME OF RECORD AT TIME					
5. SOCIAL SECURITY NO., PAY GRADE, LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY, BASIC PAY, INCENTIVE PAY				CHECK IF APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/> CREW <input type="checkbox"/> NON-CREW	
6. SELECTIVE SERVICE NO., LOCAL BOARD, AND LOCATION (If unknown, enter date and place of first entry in Armed Services)					
7. PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN, RELATIONSHIP, AND ADDRESS (include ZIP Code) Mrs Mary E. Watts (Wife) <i>Clark</i> Owensboro, K. Y. 42301					
8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED a. <input type="checkbox"/> CUSTODY b. <input type="checkbox"/> MARITAL STATUS c. <input type="checkbox"/> ADDRESS OF: d. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:					
9. a. ORIGINATOR CG USARV LGB RVN		b. RECEIVED BY PNU SSG TURNER		c. TIME 1200	d. DATE 26 Nov 67
SECTION II - NOTIFICATION ACTIONS					
ACTION		NAMES OF PERSONS PASSING AND RECEIVING THE ACTION (and msg No.)		ZULU TIME	ZULU DATE
10. ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4 PASSED FOR NOTIFICATION ACTION TO HQ: 1st Army		SSG Miller/SSG Glezer		1507	26 Nov 67
11. PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN NOTIFIED PERSONALLY BY:		LTC Brooks		1645	11
12. COMPLETION OF NOTIFICATION PASSED TO DA CASUALTY DIVISION OR ORIGINATOR		SFC Glezer/SSG Miller		1400Z	11
13. CONFIRMATION WESTERN UNION MESSAGE DISPATCHED TO PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN		SSG FULTZ		0300	27 Nov 67
14. WESTERN UNION MESSAGE DISPATCHED TO SECONDARY NEXT OF KIN		"		0257	"
15. DEATH GRATUITY PAYMENT MESSAGE DISPATCHED TO SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE OFFICER BY:		"		0300	"
16. DATA ENTERED ON INFORMATION MESSAGE NO. BY DA CASUALTY DIVISION					
17. ADDRESS FOR GRATUITY PAY CG, FY Knox, KY					
18. a. INDIVIDUAL (has)(has not) BEEN POSTHUMOUSLY PROMOTED TO Unk WITH EFFECTIVE DATE AND DATE OF COMMISSION					
b. RECEIVED FROM		c. RECEIVED BY		d. TIME	e. DATE

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH (OVERSEAS)

(AR 638-40)

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1305hrs 24 Nov 67

NAME OF DECEASED (Last, First, Middle) WATTS, Robert W.		GRADE WO-1	BRANCH OF SERVICE Army	SERVICE NUMBER W3 157 237
ORGANIZATION 188th Assault Heli Co.		DATE OF BIRTH 15 October 1938		SEX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE
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	UNDERLYING CAUSE, IF ANY, GIVING RISE TO PRIMARY CAUSE	
OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS ²		

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NATURAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Death due to drowning, Multiple compound fractures of left hand, Penetrating wound to left knee	

DATE OF DEATH (Hour, day, month, year) 1305hrs 22 November 1967	PLACE OF DEATH Vic Coord: XS 927 802, Bien Hoa, 25, III CTZ, RVN
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I HAVE VIEWED THE REMAINS OF THE DECEASED AND DEATH OCCURRED AT THE TIME INDICATED AND FROM THE CAUSES AS STATED ABOVE.

NAME OF MEDICAL OFFICER CAPT S. JOHNSON		TITLE OR DEGREE MC	
GRADE CPT	SERVICE NUMBER 05 256 634	INSTALLATION OR ADDRESS 431st Med Det. APO 96323	
DATE 24 November 1967		SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

NAME OF MORTICIAN PREPARING REMAINS CHARL PAUL GREENE	GRADE GS-10	LICENSE NUMBER 2723 KI	OTHER
INSTALLATION OR ADDRESS US Army Mortuary, Vietnam	DATE 24 Nov 67	SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	

NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY	LOCATION OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY
TYPE OF DISPOSITION <input type="checkbox"/> BURIAL <input type="checkbox"/> CREMATION <input type="checkbox"/> REMOVAL (Specify)	
DATE OF DISPOSITION	

REGISTRATION OF VITAL STATISTICS

REGISTRY (Town and Country)	DATE REGISTERED	FILE NUMBER	STATE	OTHER
NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR		ADDRESS		
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL				

¹State disease, injury or complication which caused death, but not mode of dying such as heart failure, etc.

²State conditions contributing to the death, but not related to the disease or condition causing death.

RECORD OF PERSONAL EFFECTS - COMBAT AREAS

(AR 643-50)

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL WATTS, ROBERT WESLEY		2. GRADE 10-1	3. SERVICE NUMBER W3 157 237
4. ORGANIZATION AND STATION OR APO 188th Avn Co.			
5. STATUS (Dead or missing) DECEASED		6. DATE STATUS DETERMINED 22 Nov 67	7. PLACE RVN
8. INVENTORY OF EFFECTS		9. TOTAL FUNDS	
QUANTITY	ITEM	a. FUNDS TRANSMITTED WITH EFFECTS (Amount and description)	
8	Fatigue Shirts	NO FUNDS TRANSMITTED THIS STATION. <i>1570</i>	
4	Towels		
1 pr	Civ. Shoes		
1	Brief case		
4	Civ. Shirts		
2	Civ. Pants		
1	Civ. Sweater		
1	Swim Trunks		
1	Sear Semi-Load Camera w/case		
5	Wash Cloths		
2	Poplin shirts		
1	ST. Dress green uniform		
27	Socks		
1	Fan Oscillating		
1 pr	Jump Boots		
1 pr	Low Quarters		
2	Shoulder Tabs (black)		
1	Box Christmas cards		
1	Air Medal Pendant set		
2	Civ. Belts		
2	Khaki Shirts		
3	Khaki Pants		
1	Sheet		
1	Pillow case		
1	Deck playing cards		
12	Film 126		
1	Writing tablet		
1	Smoking jacket		
1	House coat		
1	Black tie		
2	Bundles of silk		
b. FUNDS EXCHANGED, CONVERTED, DEPOSITED, ETC.		AMOUNT AND DESCRIPTION	
		DISPOSITION	
Attach supplemental sheet for additional items.			
10. EFFECTS SHIPPED TO: Mrs. Mary E. Watts Owensboro, Kentucky 24301		11. DATE AND METHOD OF SHIPMENT (B/L No., Registry No. (c.) REG AIR MAIL REG #'s 129559 thru 129561	
12. SUMMARY COURT OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE <i>Ronald Prescott</i>		13. I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ALL ARTICLES LISTED IN ITEM 8 AND ALL FUNDS RECORDED IN ITEM 9a.	
DATE 5 Jan 68	TYPED NAME AND GRADE RONALD F. PRESCOTT 1LT, CMLC	(Signature of next of Kin, Legal Representative, or Dependent)	
ORGANIZATION US ARMY HORTUARY, VIETNAM 96307			

1. Designator's last name, first name, middle
2. Service Number
3. Branch and Component
4. Date and place of birth
5. Date, place and home of record at last entry on
Active Duty
6. Selective Service No., Local Board and Location
7. Prior Service Date
8. R. E. E. D.
9. Social Security Number
10. Religion
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a. Spouse
b. Father
c. Mother
d. Children
12. Non Notification Desired

DA FORM 41
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REPLACES SECTION OF
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WATTS, ROBERT WESLEY
RA ARMY 15Oct38 Owensboro, Daviess, Kentucky
29Aug63 Fort Leonard Wood, Mo Missouri
Owensboro, Daviess, Kentucky
LB #20 Owensboro, Daviess, Kentucky
None 29Aug61
Roman Catholic
(Wife) Mary Elizabeth (Morris) Watts 14Feb36
Mineral Wells, Texas
(Father) Reamus Rowan Watts
Owensboro, Kentucky
(Mother) Catherine Dury Watts
Owensboro, Kentucky
(Children) None

N/A
Reamus Rowan Watts (Father) 100%
Mary Elizabeth Watts (Wife) 100%
Mary Elizabeth Watts (Wife) 100%
None
Prudential Life Insurance Company
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Owensboro, Kentucky
Mineral Wells, Tex
Mineral Wells, Tex

1. Agent NOK to be notified not later than 10
2. Beneficiary for gratuity pay if no surviving
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Robert W. Watts
Jasmine L. Sugar

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
STAFF COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

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REF: MY UNCLAS 86688 DTG231026Z NOV 67 (PUNCH REPT NO. 14715)
COACH REPT NO. 15050

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B. W3 157 237, REPEAT, W3 157 237
C. W01/AVN UNKNOWN
I. IATA: ACFT CRASH OCCURRED OVER WATER .

J. DROWNING
K. READY
L. 1 SEP 67
M. DMOS: 062B AWDS: NDSM, VCM, VSM, AIR MEDAL, GCMDL, AVN BADGE.
N. UNKNOWN
O. ROMAN CATHOLIC (UNKNOWN)
(DOB: 15 OCT 38) ..
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NOTE: 86688 IS DAIN 449490 (23 NOV 67) TAG

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NAME OF DECEASED (Last, First, Middle) WATTS, Robert W.		GRADE WO-1	SERVICE NUMBER W3 157 237
BRANCH OF SERVICE US ARMY		ORGANIZATION AND BASE 188th Assl Heli Co	
DATE OF DEATH 22 November 1967		PLACE OF DEATH Vic Coord: XS 927 802 (Bien Hoa) RVN.	

CONDITION OF REMAINS (Describe briefly in Remarks)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RECOGNIZABLE		EVIDENCE OF DECOMPOSITION
	NOT RECOGNIZABLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MANGLED OR MUTILATED
	COMMINGLED		EVIDENCE OF BURNS

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

(Check all appropriate boxes and indicate appropriate Inclosures. Specify supporting data in Remarks.)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IDENTIFICATION TAGS		INCLOSURES
	PERSONAL EFFECTS		DD FORM 890
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REMARKS (If additional space is required, continue on separate sheet)

This remains, with mutilated left hand and penetrating wound at the left knee, was recovered from the crash site in water of helicopter on which WO-1 WATTS was the manifested pilot.

Race - Caucasian.

(WO-1 WATTS was Caucasian)

Table measurement - 71 inches.

(WO-1 WATTS was 70 1/2 " tall)

(WO-1 WATTS was 72" tall in other records)

Hair - Brown.

(WO-1 WATTS had Brown Hair)

Both hands fingerprinted but record prints for WO-1 WATTS are not presently available at this station for comparative purposes.

ID Tags - Two (2) for "WATTS, ROBERT W. W3 157 237"

1 was found around the neck of this remains

1 was found in pocket of shirt worn by this remains

ID card - None received.

Clothing found on this remains - Regular fatigue uniform w/nametape for "WATTS", WO insignia, flight wings
- 1 pair leather "Jump Boots", size 9 HC)

Web waist belt w/ marking "WATTS, ROBERT W. W3 157 237"

The teeth for this remains are in excellent agreement with the dental records for WO-1 Robert W. WATTS, W-3 157 237.

TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, THE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN ARE CORRECT AND TRUE

DATE 25 November 67	TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF IDENTIFYING OFFICER Wesley A. Neep Anthropology Splst
	SIGNATURE OF IDENTIFYING OFFICER <i>Wesley A. Neep</i>
NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION US ARMY MORTUARY, VIETNAM	

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Figure 1. The effect of the concentration of the *Agrobacterium* suspension on the transformation efficiency of *Agrobacterium* strains.

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There is only one thing to be said about this station as a whole - it is a very poor one.

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RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED

DATE 9-18-83 TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST

Wesley A. Neep Anthropology Splst

SIGNATURE OF IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST

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RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED

DATE	TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF ACCEPTING OFFICER
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DEVERO MARTIN, MAJOR, QMC, MORTUARY SERVICES OFFICER

SIGNATURE OF ACCEPTING OFFICER

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION	425
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY MORTUARY, VIETNAM (TSN)
US ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND, SAIGON
APO San Francisco, 96491

AVCA SGN MY

8 April 1968

SUBJECT: Report of Disposition of Personal Property of Deceased Person
(RE: WOL WATTS, ROBERT W., W3 157 237)(Evac # 8056-67)
188th Avn Co.

TO: Chief of Support Services
Department of the Army
ATTN: Memorial Division
2nd & T Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20315

1. A Summary Court convened at Headquarters, 4th Trans Comd, pursuant to Special Order, Number 54, 4th Trans Comd, 18 March 1968 for the purpose of disposing of the property of WOL WATTS, ROBERT W., W3 157 237 subject to military law.

2. No legal representative being present, they were forwarded to this Summary Court and all relevant evidence pertaining to entitlement to receive property was duly considered. Whereupon, this Summary Court finds that Mrs. Mary E. Watts, 24301, Owensboro, Kentucky is the wife of the above named individual and appears to be entitled to receive this property.

3. No attempt was made to determine if local debtors owed decedent's estate any debts or monies. No attempt was made to determine if decedent owed debts or monies to creditors and creditors have not been paid by Summary Court from the funds of the decedent.

4. No funds were received from sale of property.

5. The property listed on the attached inventory has been shipped to the person entitled to receive it as indicated on the inventory.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

3 Incls:

1. Inventory (DA Form 54)
2. Certificate of Destruction
3. Ltr NOK dtd 19 Jan 68

FREDRICK D. SEESE
2LT, QMC
Summary Court

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TELEGRAM

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

R. W. MCFALL
PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Mrs. Mary E. Watts

28 NOVEMBER 1967

Owensboro, Kentucky

Remains your husband, Robert will be consigned to Dalbert J. Glenn Funeral Home, 4th & Allen Streets, Owensboro, Kentucky as requested.

Please do not set date of funeral until port authorities notify you and funeral director date and scheduled time of arrival destination. Appropriate authorities ~~have~~ have been informed you request for special escort ~~in~~ in Maj. Andrew T. Uwa.

DISPOSITION BRANCH, MEMORIAL DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, WUX MB
WATTS, Robert W.
W 3 157 237

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MSG # 2
FEB 1967
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REL AUTH:



OREN WOMACK

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

MRS. MARY E. WATTS

27 Nov 67

OWENSBORO, K. Y.

This concerns your husband, WO-1 Robert Wesley Watts. The Army will return your loved one to a port in the United States by first available military airlift. At the port remains will be placed in a metal casket and delivered (accompanied by a military escort) by most expeditious means to any funeral director designated by the next of kin or to any national cemetery in which there is available grave space. You will be advised by the United States port concerning the movement and arrival time at destination.

Forms on which to claim authorized interment allowance will accompany remains. This allowance may not exceed \$75 if consignment is made directly to the superintendent of a national cemetery. When consignment is made to a funeral director prior to interment in a national cemetery, the maximum allowance is \$150; if burial takes place in a civilian cemetery, the maximum allowance is \$300.

Request next of kin advise by collect telegram addressed: Disposition Branch, Memorial Division, Department of the Army WUX MB, Washington, D. C., name and address of funeral director or name of national cemetery selected.

If additional information concerning return of remains is desired you may include your inquiry in the reply to this message. Please do not set date of funeral until port authorities notify you date and scheduled time of arrival destination.

DISPOSITION BRANCH MEMORIAL DIVISION DEPT OF ARMY WUX MB
WATTS, Robert W.
W3 157 237

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MSG #1 (Initial)
Oct 1966

HOUR: 4:10

REL AUTH: *[Signature]*
OREN WOMACK

MEMORIAL DIVISION - OARB
ESCORT'S REPORT OF MISSION

DECEDENT

WO1 ROBERT W. WATTS W3 157 327

CONSIGNEE

Delbert J. Glenn Funeral Home, 4th & Allen Streets, Owensboro, Ky.

NEXT OF KIN

Mrs. Mary E. Watts,

Owensboro, Ky.

ESCORT

I thoroughly understand my duties in connection with my escort mission and acknowledge receipt of the following supplies which will be returned to the Mortuary Office, OARB upon completion of mission.

BRASSARD, ARM 1 Ea
GLOVES, WHITE 1 Pr
GUIDE FOR ESCORTS 1 Ea

DATE *30 Nov 67*

MAJ ANDREW T. USWA 05 304 166

DID YOU MEET NEXT OF KIN? (If not, explain below)

Yes

WERE YOU ASKED TO STAY FOR FUNERAL?

Yes

WERE MILITARY SERVICES RENDERED?

Yes

DATE AND HOUR OF FUNERAL
0900 Hours
2 Dec 67

NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY

Mater Dolorosa, Owensboro, Ky.

FLAG PRESENTED TO

Mrs. Mary E. Watts

DATE DEPARTED ON RETURN
TRIP

4 Dec 67

DATE ARRIVED DUTY STATION

4 Dec 67

DETAILED REPORT ON MISSION (Include all pertinent data, special requests or unusual circumstances.)

I left OARB with remains of WO Robert Watts. Arrived in St. Louis at 2400 hours. The Eastern airline to which remains were to be transferred was closed until 0600 so the remains were kept within the TWA Air Freight building until I departed at 0645, 1 Dec. Arrived in Evansville at 0720, 1 Dec. The remains were placed in a hearse and we arrived at 0900 at the funeral home.

When I left OARB, I was told the remains were for viewing. I had to explain this to the widow and also the family as to why the casket should not be opened. They did not insist that it be opened after that.

The widow informed me that the service number on all the paperwork was incorrect. A call was placed to Oakland to determine if there was a typographical error. The death certificate had the correct service number so I explained to the widow that an error was made. Normally, this would have been no problem, but when the initial notification was received the middle initial and service number were wrong. I am sure that the thought existed that they were doubtful that it was Robert W. Watts who was listed as KIA.

DATE

4 Dec 67

SIGNATURE OF ESCORT

Andrew T. Uswa

RECORD OF PREPARATION AND DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

(DEATHS DURING OVERSEAS)

(AR 638-40)

REPORTS CONTROL SYMBOL
SptS-15

INSTRUCTIONS AND DISTRIBUTION

1. USE: This form will be completed for remains prepared in Department of Army Mortuaries or in contract mortuaries overseas.

2. COMPLETION OF ITEMS: Item 32 will be completed by the preparing and central mortuary when applicable. Item 50 will be completed by all concerned when applicable, or when additional space is required for answering other items. Item 45 will be omitted on copy furnished the receiving funeral director.

a. PREPARING MORTUARY:
(1) Prepares original and 6 copies (7 when applicable - See Note) and completes Items 1 thru 31. Retains copy, and forwards original and 4 copies (or 5) to central mortuary. Forwards 1 copy by Air Mail to Chief of Support Services, ATTN: Memorial Division, at the time remains are shipped to central mortuary or released for local burial.

(2) When remains are shipped directly to POE, preparing mortuary prepares original and 5 copies (or 6), completing Items 1 thru 39. Retains one copy and forwards 1 copy by Air Mail to the Chief of Support Services, ATTN: Memorial Division and forwards remainder to POE.

b. CENTRAL MORTUARY:

(1) When receiving remains from preparing mortuary, completes Items 32 thru 39 on original and 4 copies (or 5). Retains one copy and forwards remaining to POE.

(2) When remains are initially prepared in central mortuary, same procedure applies as in Item a(2) above.

c. PORT OF ENTRY:

(1) Completes Items 40 thru 49 on original and 3 copies (or 4). Leaves Item 45 blank on copy for receiving Funeral Director.

(2) Retains one copy.

(3) Forwards copy with remains to receiving Funeral Director.

(4) Forwards copy to Office of The Chief of Support Services, ATTN: Memorial Division.

(5) Returns original to oversea command.

NOTE: Additional distribution to be made by port of entry or by overseas mortuary for burial overseas:

COPY TO: Air Materiel Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, 45433 (for Air Force Personnel)*

COPY TO: Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Department of the Navy, Washington, D. C., 20390 (for Navy, Marine and MSTs Personnel)*

*Distribution to be made by installation making last entry on form.

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1. REMAINS OF (Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial)		2. GRADE	3. SERVICE NUMBER
WATTS, Robert W.		WO1	W3 157 237
4. BRANCH OF SERVICE (Include civilian employees) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARMY <input type="checkbox"/> NAVY <input type="checkbox"/> MARINE CORPS <input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)		5. UNIT DESIGNATION 188th Assault Helicopter Co.	
6. CAUSE OF DEATH (As stated on Death Certificate) Drowning due to Helicopter Crash		7. PLACE OF DEATH Vietnam	
8. DATE OF DEATH 22 Nov 67	9. DATE OF RECEIPT AT MORTUARY 24 Nov 67	10. DATE OF EMBALMING 25 Nov 67	
11. CONDITION OF REMAINS (Prior to embalming) Poor	12. HOW IDENTIFIED (Personal recognition, Finger Prints, Identification Tags, etc.) ID Procedures		
13. TYPE OF CASE <input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUTOPSIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUTILATED	14. PRE-EMBALMING PROCEDURES COMPLETED (Note Items 42a thru 42i) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Explain)		
15. TOTAL OUNCES CONCENTRATED FLUID USED ARTERIAL: N/A CAVITY: 224	16. NAME POINTS OF INJECTION Six Point		
17. AMOUNT HARDENING COMPOUND USED (Lbs) 15	18. AREAS HYPODERMICALLY EMBALMED BBAN		
19. POST-EMBALMING TREATMENT Prepared on reimbursable basis (Check one)			

OF ENTRY

OARB

41. DATE RECEIVED AT PORT OF ENTRY
29 Nov 67

CHECK APPROPRIATE BLOCK FOR ITEMS LISTED BELOW. IF BLOCK CHECKED INDICATES AN IRREGULAR CONDITION, GIVE REASON FOR SUCH IN EXPLANATION SECTION AT END OF THIS ITEM. (Sub-Items a thru l refer to condition of remains upon receipt)

	YES	NO
a. CONDITION OF TRANSFER CASE OR SHIPPING CASE AND CASKET SATISFACTORY		
b. REMAINS PROPERLY WRAPPED	X	
c. PROPER AMOUNT OF MILDEW PREVENTATIVE ADDED TO CASKET OR TRANSFER CASE	X	
d. CLOTHING, DECORATIONS AND PERTINENT DOCUMENTS COMPLETE	X	
e. BODY BATHED TO PRESENT A CLEAN APPEARANCE		X
f. FACE SHAVEN		X
g. MUSTACHE, IF ANY, AND HAIRS PROTRUDING FROM EARS AND NOSE TRIMMED		X
h. FACIAL FEATURES AND HANDS ARRANGED TO PRESENT A NATURAL APPEARANCE		X