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WATTS, ROBERT W.
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DEC 1967

Dear Mrs. Watts:

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

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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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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

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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:

WARRANT OFFICER MICHAEL S. MULLEN, 43154883, UNITED STATES ARMY, WHO
DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY SAVING HIS DOOR GUNNER'S LIFE IN A CRASH INTO THE
SAIGON RIVER. WARRANT 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 DOOR GUNNER, SPECIALIST FIFTH CLASS DANIEL L. WOOLLEY,
HAD SWALLOWED A GREAT DEAL OF WATER ON THE IMPACT AND WAS SUFFERING FROM
CRAMPS. AT ENORMOUS RISK TO HIS OWN LIFE, WARRANT OFFICER MULLEN KEPT
SPECIALIST WOOLLEY AFLOAT FOR TWENTY TO TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES WHILE A RESCUE
CRAFT WAS ENROUTE. SPECIALIST WOOLLEY WAS PANICING AND WARRANT OFFICER MULLEN
NEARLY DROWNED WHILE TRYING TO MAINTAIN A GRIP TO KEEP HIM ABOVE WATER. WHEN
THE RESCUE CRAFT ARRIVED WARRANT OFFICER MULLEN WAS UNDER WATER, HOLDING
SPECIALIST WOOLLEY ABOVE WATER. WARRANT OFFICER MULLEN'S COURAGE AND STAMINA
WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND RE-
FLECT 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 Bartlecom came up shortly after me, but Mr. Matte, the pilot, never made it. I tried to float on my back but my cramps were so 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 me up. I know for a fact that I would have drown for sure if it wasn't for Mr. Mullen.

Daniel L. Woolley
DANIEL L. WOOLLEY
S75E5, RAM 968094

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 "scrub" 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. Bartloma (crew chief), and Specialist Fifth Class Daniel L. Wooley (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 Wooley, 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 Wooley. Specialist Wooley 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 Wooley had inhaled a great deal of water and was experiencing cramps. Warrant Officer Mullen, time and time again, brought Specialist Wooley to the surface for air. In so doing, Warrant Officer Mullen placed himself in great danger, for each time he raised Specialist Wooley, he was pushed under water. Warrant Officer Mullen exhibited enormous courage with disregard for his personal safety so that he could prevent Specialist Wooley from drowning. He kept Specialist Wooley 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:	20. INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION:	
Statement Proposed Citation	NAME, GRADE & POSITION JACK O. JOHNSON MAJ, ARTY Commanding	SIGNATURE & D.T.E. <i>Jack O. Johnson</i> 6 April 1968
RECOMMENDATION OF THRU COMMAND:		
RECOMMENDED: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Cù 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 Cù 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 Cù 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 176th 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 helped 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 Shau 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 aircrrew, 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
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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.

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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.

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Spiders Spin Their 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. Cù 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. Cù 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
AGFO-R (1750 NH)	Non-Hostile Military Casualty in Vietnam

TO Chief of Staff FROM TAG DATE 27 Nov 1967 CMT 1
ATIN: LEC S. M. Smith Jr. LTC Gard / jeb /72066
Room 3C 715, The Pentagon

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 Ayn 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.
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Mr. & Mrs. Reamus R. Watts - Parents
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Owensboro, Ky. 42301

CHILDREN: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173 174 175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230 231 232 233 234 235 236 237 238 239 240 241 242 243 244 245 246 247 248 249 250 251 252 253 254 255 256 257 258 259 260 261 262 263 264 265 266 267 268 269 270 271 272 273 274 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FOR THE ATTORNEY 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.

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH (OVERSEAS)

(AR 638-40)

8056-67

1300hrs 24 Nov 67

NAME OF DECEASED (Last, First, Middle)

WATTS, Robert W.

GRADE

W0-1

BRANCH OF SERVICE

Army

SERVICE NUMBER

W3 157 237

ORGANIZATION

188th Asslt Heli Co.

DATE OF BIRTH

15 October 1938

SEX

 MALE FEMALE

COLOR OR RACE

MARITAL STATUS

RELIGION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WHITE	SINGLE	DIVORCED	PROTESTANT	OTHER (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> NEGRO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED	SEPARATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATHOLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)	WIDOWED		JEWISH	

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN

Mrs Mary E. Watts

RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED

Wife

CITY OR TOWN AND STATE

Owensboro, Kentucky

MEDICAL STATEMENT

CAUSE OF DEATH
(Enter only one cause per line)INTERVAL BETWEEN
ONSET AND DEATH

DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH ¹		Drowning due to Heli crash	
ANTECEDENT CAUSES	MORBID CONDITION, IF ANY, LEADING TO PRIMARY CAUSE		
	UNDERLYING CAUSE, IF ANY, GIVING RISE TO PRIMARY CAUSE		
OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS ²			

MODE OF DEATH	AUTOPSY PERFORMED	MAJOR FINDINGS OF AUTOPSY	CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DEATH DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES
NATURAL	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCIDENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	Death due to drowning, Multiple compound fractures of Left hand, Penetrating wound to Left knee	
SUICIDE	<input type="checkbox"/>		
HOMICIDE			

DATE OF DEATH (Hour, day, month, year)	PLACE OF DEATH
1305hrs 22 November 1967	Vic Coord: XS 927 802, Bien Hoa, 25, III CTZ, RVN

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	TITLE OR DEGREE		
CAGE S. JOHNSON	MC		
GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER	INSTALLATION OR ADDRESS	
CPT	05 256 634	431st Med Det. APO 96353	

DATE	SIGNATURE
24 November 1967	<i>Cage S. Johnson</i>

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS			
NAME OF MORTICIAN PREPARING REMAINS	GROOE GS-10	LICENSE NUMBER	STATE 2723 KY OTHER
OMAR PAUL GREENE			
INSTALLATION OR ADDRESS	DATE	SIGNATURE	<i>Omara Paul Greene</i>
US Army Mortuary, Vietnam	24 Nov 67	LOCATION OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORI	

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

REGISTRATION OF VITAL STATISTICS
REGISTRY (Town and Country)

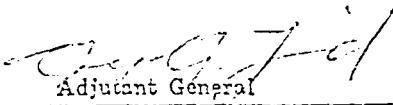
NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR	ADDRESS
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL

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	DATE PREPARED RVN 175C 30 Nov 67
1. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION (Name, Service Number, Grade or Rate, Component, Branch and Organization) WATTS, ROBERT WESLEY; W3 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 W-1 Over 6 years \$387.00			CHECK IF APPLICABLE <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 38 351 LBN 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> <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.</p>			
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 Punch-14715	(M)	DATE PREPARED 23 Nov 67
1. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION (Name, Service Number, Grade or Rate, Component, Branch and Organization) WATTS, Robert Wayney W3 157 237 Wo W1, U SAR, 188th Avn., Co, APO SF 96373				
2. CASUALTY STATUS		a. CIRCUMSTANCES Indiv last seen as pilot aboard helicopter on combat assault mission when acft crashed and burned. Search in progress. Missing par.	<input type="checkbox"/> BATTLE Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE
BIEN BOA (250) III CTZ				
b. PLACE MISSING OR DEAD RVN	c. DATE 22 Nov 67	d. TIME 1305	e. STATUS OF REMAINS	f. RACE Cau
g. RELIGION Method				
3a. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 23 Feb 44, Reidsville, N. C.	b. COMMENCED TOUR DATE			
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 W1 Over 6 \$387.00 Angle, Globe FSA				
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 CG USARV LGB RVN	b. RECEIVED BY PNU	c. TIME 1500	d. DATE 23 Nov 67	
SECTION II - NOTIFICATION ACTIONS				
10. ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4 PASSED FOR NOTIFICATION ACTION TO HQ: 1st Army	NAMES OF PERSONS PASSING AND RECEIVING THE ACTION (and msg No.) Gloster/Turner		ZULU TIME 1710	ZULU DATE 23 Nov 67
11. PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN NOTIFIED PERSONALLY BY: CPT Brown (Chos)			1245	24 Nov 67
12. COMPLETION OF NOTIFICATION PASSED TO DA CASUALTY DIVISION OR ORIGINATOR M. S. L. Lang / 20 Jones			1540	24 Nov 67
13. CONFIRMATION WESTERN UNION MESSAGE DISPATCHED TO PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN Belle			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 AND DATE OF COMMISSION			WITH EFFECTIVE DATE	
b. RECEIVED FROM	c. RECEIVED BY	d. TIME	e. DATE	

STATEMENT OF IDENTIFICATION
(AR 638-40)

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INSTRUCTIONS: 1. Prepare in triplicate and distribute as follows:
a. Original to OC of Spts S, Attn: Memorial Division.
b. Copy to Army Command.
c. 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*).

8056-67

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		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT RECOGNIZABLE	MANGLED OR MUTILATED		
<input type="checkbox"/> 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		
<input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL EFFECTS	DD FORM 890		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DENTAL COMPARISON	DD FORM 891 AND SF 603		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SKELETAL AND ANATOMICAL COMPARISON	DD FORM 892 AND/OR DD FORM 893		
<input type="checkbox"/> FINGERPRINTS	DD FORM 894		
<input type="checkbox"/> VISUAL RECOGNITION			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify in Remarks)	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.

(W0-1 WATTS was Caucasian)

Table measurement - 71 inches.

(HO-1 WATTS was 20½" tall)

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

Hair - Brown.

(W-1. WATTS had Brown Hair)

Beth hands fingerprints

presently available.

U.S. ARMY MORTUARY, VIETNAM

CORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSII
ANATOMICAL CHART

8056-67

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)

WATTS ROBERT W.

GRADE

SERVICE NUMBER

W-1

W 3157237

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NO.

PLOT

ROW

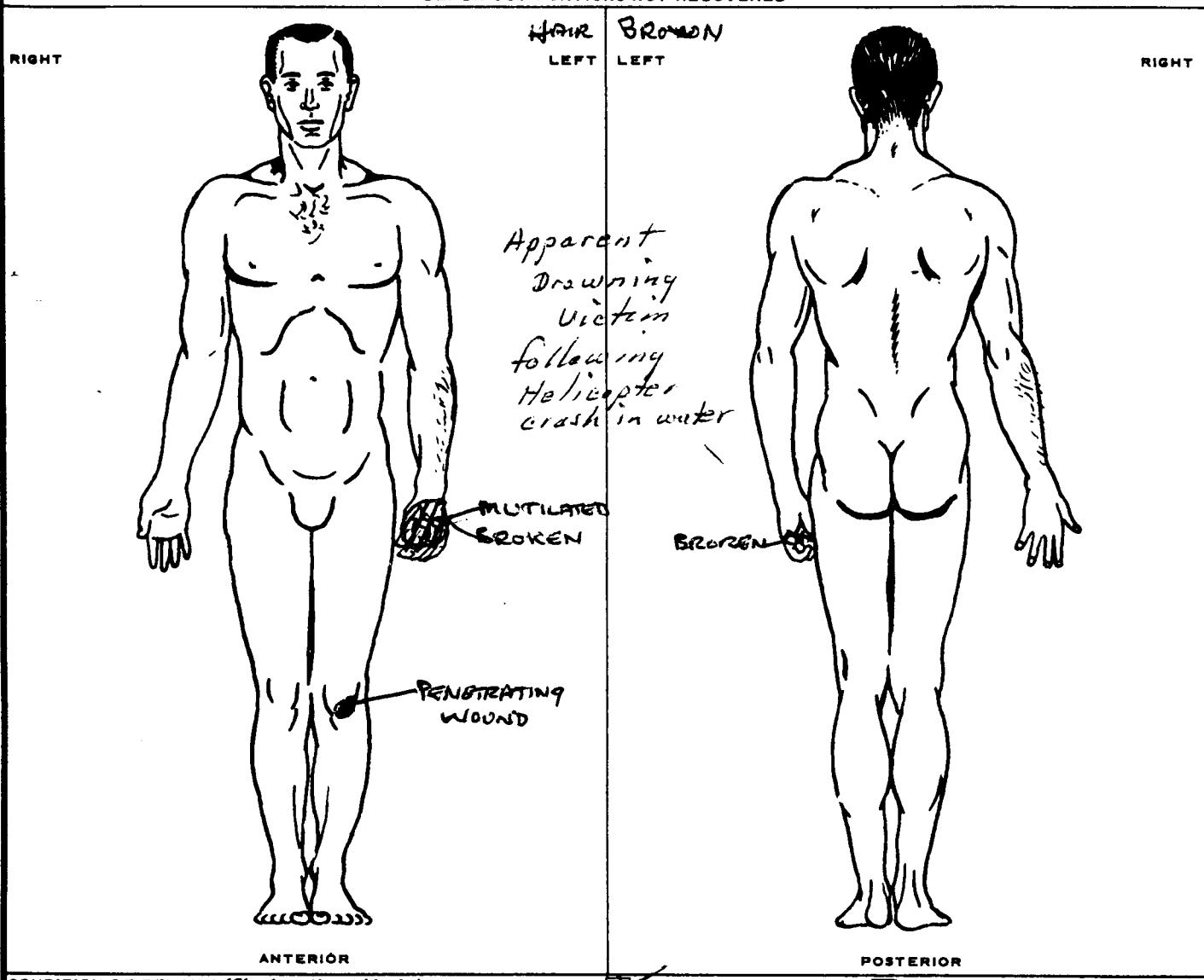
GRAVE

ESTIMATED AGE (Yrs)

ESTIMATED HEIGHT

73^{1/2}

BLACK OUT PORTIONS NOT RECOVERED



ANTERIOR

POSTERIOR

CONDITION OF REMAINS (Check pertinent blocks)

INTACT

DECOMPOSED

SEMI-SKELETAL

FLESH COVERED

BURNED (Degree:

1st

2d

3d)

REMARKS (Continue on reverse if additional space is required)

BODY - COMPLETE

TABLE MEASURE 73^{1/2}

BOTH HANDS FINGER PRINTED
AT TSN MORTUARY.

RACE - CAUC.

BODY MARKS - SEE ABOVE

I.D. CARD

I.D. TAGS - FOUND ONE (1) AROUND NECK AND ONE OTHER FOUND INSIDE SHIRT FOR
CLOTHING - WATTS, ROBERT W. W 3157237.
REGULAR FATIGUE'S SIZE UNSTAINABLE. FOUND NAME ON SHIRT "WATTS"
ALSO HAS FLIGHT WINGS, AND WARRANT OFFICER BAR. JUMP BOOTS SIZE
(9 HC) ONE US PAIR BOTH WOOD SOCKS. GREEN DRAWERS NO MARKINGS.

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

NAME OF PREPARING OFFICIAL (Print or type)

SIGNATURE

SENEN A. RODRIGUEZ

Senen A. Rodriguez

DD FORM 1 FEB 66 893

RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESS
DENTAL CHART

8056-67

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME -- MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)

GRADE

1 SERVICE NUMBER

WATTS, Robert W.

W. /

W 3157237

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER

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GRAVE

MARKING ABBREVIATIONS:

*F-Facial
L-Lingual*

*O-Occlusal
M-Mesial*

D-Distal
I-Incisa

AM - Amalgam
CR - Crown

**-Fill-Filling
Plas-Plastic**

**Porc-Porcelain
Sil-Silicate**

*Back-Backing
Fac-Facing*

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WILL BE INDICATED IF PRESENT (Describe in detail in Remarks section)

MOTTLED ENAMEL	ROTATION	FRACTURED ENAMEL	IRREGULARITY OF ALIGNMENT
ENAMEL HYPOPLASIA	UNERUPTED TEETH	FRACTURES OF TEETH	UNUSUAL RESTORATIONS
EROSION	MALOCCLUSION	RETAINED DECIDUOUS TEETH	UNUSUAL APPLIANCES
ABRASION	SUPERNUMERARY TEETH	ABNORMAL INTERDENTAL SPACES	MALPOSED TEETH

PREPARED BY (Typed Name and Signature)

VERIFIED BY (Typed Name and Signature)

Alexander McKinley

Wesley A. Fecp
LETTE (for Army use only.)

HEALTH RECORD			DENTAL																						
SECTION I. DENTAL EXAMINATION																									
1. PURPOSE OF EXAMINATION						2. TYPE OF EXAM.				3. DENTAL CLASSIFICATION															
1 INITIAL	2 SEPARATION	3 OTHER (Specify)	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
MISSING TEETH AND EXISTING RESTORATIONS																									
															REMARKS 173 long version 264 buccal resorption										
															Bleeding tendency <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Heart disease Diabetes <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Rheumatic fever Drug allergies <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Under phys. care High blood pressure <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> Negative Signature <u>Robert W. Watts</u>										
															PLACE OF EXAMINATION <u>Fort Knox Ky.</u> DATE <u>7 SEP 1961</u> SIGNATURE OF DENTIST COMPLETING THIS SECTION <u>R. M. Bernard, D.D.S.</u>										
5. DISEASES, ABNORMALITIES, AND X-RAYS															A. CALCULUS <input type="radio"/> SLIGHT <input type="radio"/> MODERATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HEAVY B. PERIODONTOCLASIA <input type="radio"/> LOCAL <input type="radio"/> GENERAL <input type="radio"/> INCIPENT <input type="radio"/> MODERATE <input type="radio"/> SEVERE C. STOMATITIS (Specify) <input type="radio"/> GINGIVITIS <input type="radio"/> VINCENT'S D. DENTURES NEEDED (Include dentures needed after indicated extractions) <input type="radio"/> FULL <input type="radio"/> PARTIAL U L U L										
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E. INDICATE X-RAYS USED IN THIS EXAMINATION <table border="1"> <tr> <td>FULL MOUTH PERIAPICAL</td> <td>POSTERIOR BITE-WINGS</td> <td>OTHER (Specify)</td> </tr> </table>															FULL MOUTH PERIAPICAL	POSTERIOR BITE-WINGS	OTHER (Specify)	DATE <u>7 SEP 1961</u> PLACE OF EXAMINATION <u>DENTAL CLINIC #5</u> <u>Fort Knox Ky.</u> SIGNATURE OF DENTIST COMPLETING THIS SECTION <u>R. M. Bernard, D.D.S.</u>							
FULL MOUTH PERIAPICAL	POSTERIOR BITE-WINGS	OTHER (Specify)																							
SECTION II. PATIENT DATA																									
6. SEX <input type="radio"/> M	7. RACE <input type="radio"/> CAU	8. GRADE, RATING, OR POSITION <u>SP-5</u>	9. ORGANIZATION UNIT <u>E5 188</u>	10. COMPONENT OR BRANCH <u>AUS</u>	11. SERVICE, DEPT., OR AGENCY <u>ARMY</u>																				
12. PATIENT'S LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE NAME <u>WATTS. ROBERT W.</u>					13. DATE OF BIRTH (DAY-MONTH-YEAR) <u>15 09 38</u>					14. IDENTIFICATION NO. <u>US 52 526 278</u>															

RECORD OF IDENTIFICATION PROCESSING
FINGERPRINT CHART

LAST NAME-FIRST NAME-MIDDLE INITIAL (or unknown number)

WATTS ROBERT W.

NAME OF CEMETERY, EVACUATION NUMBER, OR SEARCH AND RECOVERY NUMBER

GRADE SERVICE NUMBER

W-1 W 3157237

PLOT ROW GRAVE

LEFT HAND



NOTE AMPUTATIONS, ABNORMALITIES, MISSING FINGERS,
AND/OR DERMIS IN APPROPRIATE BLOCK

RIGHT HAND



10. LITTLE FINGER

9. RING FINGER

8. MIDDLE FINGER

7. INDEX FINGER

6. THUMB

UNOBTRUSIVE

5. LITTLE FINGER

4. RING FINGER

3. MIDDLE FINGER

2. INDEX FINGER

1. THUMB



IMPORTANT

ATTACH DD FORM 2A (Identification Card) TO THIS FORM IF AVAILABLE

PFC William R. Griffin

IMPRESSIONS TAKEN BY (Name)

FOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION USE ONLY

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 ADDDEES PRIORITY)

CP 231226Z NOV 67

FM CG USARV LBN RVN

TO RUECAFA/CAS DIV DA

INNW RUEPWD/TAG DA

ZEN/CINCUSARPAC

ZEN/COMUSMACV

RUECAFA/CH SPT SVCS DA

ELSCIDQA/CH SP CLMS BR STLMTS OPNS FCUSA IN

ZEN/CO 6TH AVN GP LBN RVN

ZEN/CG 1ST AVN BDE

"3 &/COFFSA MORT TSN RVN

BT

UNCLAS E F T O FOVO AVHAG-CC 86688 JPCCO/ARCC DA.

FOR AGPB-C

PROTECTIVE MARKING AUTOMATICALLY REMOVED IAW PARA 18

BAR36 2-5

PUNCH REPT NO. 14715, REPEAT, NO. 14715 (MISSING)

A. WATTS ROBERT W.

B. W3 157 237, REPEAT, W3 157 237

C. WO 1 AVN

D. 22 NOV 67 AT 1305 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 APO SFRAN 96373/

H. NOK: MRS. MARY E. WATTS (W)

OWENSBOURG, 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 (Prew 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 WI- USAR, 188th Avn Co., APO SF 96373					
2. CASUALTY STATUS Died from drowning when aircraft he piloted crashed into water while on a combat assault mission.					
b. PLACE MISSING OR DEAD RVN		c. DATE 22 Nov 67	d. TIME 1305	e. STATUS OF REMAINS Ready	f. RACE Car
g. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH SEE PUNCH REPORT		h. 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>Ray</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					
10. ACTION ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4 PASSED FOR NOTIFICATION ACTION TO HQ: 1st Army		NAMES OF PERSONS PASSING AND RECEIVING THE ACTION (and msg No.) SSG Miller/SSG Glazier 1507 26Nov67		ZULU TIME	ZULU DATE
11. PRIMARY NEXT OF KIN NOTIFIED PERSONALLY BY: LTC Brooks				1645	11
12. COMPLETION OF NOTIFICATION PASSED TO DA CASUALTY DIVISION OR ORIGINATOR SFC Glazier/SSG Miller 1600Z				1600Z	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 11				0257	11
15. DEATH GRATUITY PAYMENT MESSAGE DISPATCHED TO SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE OFFICER BY: 11				0300	11
16. DATA ENTERED ON INFORMATION MESSAGE NO. BY DA CASUALTY DIVISION					
17. ADDRESS FOR GRATUITY PAY CG, KY Knox, KY					
18. a. INDIVIDUAL (has) (has not) BEEN POSTHUMOUSLY PROMOTED TO 1st WITH EFFECTIVE DATE _____ AND DATE OF COMMISSION _____					
b. RECEIVED FROM		c. RECEIVED BY		d. TIME	e. DATE

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH (OVERSEAS)

(AR 638-40)

8856-67

1300000000 21 Nov 67

NAME OF DECEASED (Last, First, Middle)

WATTS, Robert W.

GRADE

W-1

BRANCH OF SERVICE

ARMY

SERVICE NUMBER

W3 157 237

ORGANIZATION

188th Asslt Heli Co.

DATE OF BIRTH

15 October 1938

SEX

 MALE FEMALE

COLOR OR RACE

MARITAL STATUS

RELIGION

 WHITE

SINGLE

DIVORCED

PROTESTANT

 NEGRO MARRIED SEPARATED CATHOLIC OTHER (Specify) WIDOWED JEWISH

NAME OF NEXT OF KIN

Mrs Mary E. Watts

RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED

Wife

STREET ADDRESS

CITY OR TOWN AND STATE

Owensboro, Kentucky

MEDICAL STATEMENT

CAUSE OF DEATH
(Enter only one cause per line)INTERVAL BETWEEN
ONSET AND DEATHDISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY
LEADING TO DEATH¹

Drowning due to Heli crash

ANTECEDENT
CAUSESMORBID CONDITION, IF ANY,
LEADING TO PRIMARY CAUSEOTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS²

MODE OF DEATH

AUTOPSY
PERFORMED

MAJOR FINDINGS OF AUTOPSY

CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DEATH DUE TO
EXTERNAL CAUSES NATURALDeath due to drowning, Multiple
compound fractures of Left hand,
Penetrating wound to Left knee ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE YES NO

DATE OF DEATH (Hour, day, month, year)

PLACE OF DEATH

1300000000 22 November 1967

Via Cessie 1S 927 802, Bien Hoa, 25, III CTZ, RVN

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

TITLE OR DEGREE

CPT S. JOHNSON

MC

GRADE

SERVICE NUMBER

INSTALLATION OR ADDRESS

CPT

05 256 634

431st Med Det. APO 96353

DATE

SIGNATURE

21 November 1967

DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

NAME OF MORTICIAN PREPARING REMAINS

CHARLIE PAUL GREENS

GRADE

GS-10

LICENSE
NUMBERSTATE
2723

OTHER

INSTALLATION OR ADDRESS

DATE

SIGNATURE

1S 927 802, Bien Hoa, 25, III CTZ, RVN

21 Nov 67

LOCATION OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORI

TYPE OF DISPOSITION

 BURIAL CREMATION 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 - [REDACTED] 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 Inv 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		
4	Towels		
1 pr	Civ. Shoes		
1	Brief case		
4	Civ. Shirt		
2	Civ. Pants		
1	Civ. Sweater		
1	Swim Trunks		
1	Sear Semi-Load Camera w/case		
5	Wash Clothes		
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	
NO FUNDS TRANSMITTED THIS STATION.			
<i>BBP</i>			
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., etc.) REG AIR MAIL REC #'s 129559 thru 129561	
12. SUMMARY COURT OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE <i>Ronald P. Prescott</i>		13. I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ALL ARTICLES LISTED IN ITEM 8 AND ALL FUNDS RECORDED IN ITEM 9a. <i>Signature of next of Kin, Legal Representative, or Dependent</i>	
DATE 5 Jan 68	TYPED NAME AND GRADE RONALD P. PRESCOTT 1LT, CMLC		
ORGANIZATION US ARMY FORTUARY, VIETNAM 96307			

RECORD OF PERSONAL EFFECTS - [REDACTED] COMBAT AREAS

(AR 643-50)

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8. INVENTORY OF EFFECTS		9. TOTAL FUNDS	
QUANTITY	ITEM	a. FUNDS TRANSMITTED WITH EFFECTS (Amount and description)	
1	Rosary		
1	Flight wing		
4	WC bars		
2	WC crest		
1	Flash Adapter		
2	Packs Note paper		
2	Unit Crest		
2	Ribbons		
1	Belt Web w/o buckle		
2	Name tags cloth		
1	Crisifix, broken		
1	Black gloves		
1	Garrison cap		
1	Rain coat		
4	Keys		
2	US brass		
1	Plastic name tag		
7	Fatigue pants		
1	Air Medal citation w/ award		
18	Photos		
1	Book Airmail stamps		
1	SS Card		
1	Business card		
1	American Legion card		
2	Credit cards		
5	Post cards		
3	Gas receipts		
/ LAST ITEM			
b. FUNDS EXCHANGED, CONVERTED, DEPOSITED, ETC.			
AMOUNT AND DESCRIPTION		DISPOSITION	
10. EFFECTS SHIPPED TO:			
11. DATE AND METHOD OF SHIPMENT (B/L No., Registry No., etc.)			
12. SUMMARY COURT OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE		13. I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ALL ARTICLES LISTED IN ITEM 8 AND ALL FUNDS RECORDED IN ITEM 9a.	
SIGNATURE 			
DATE 5 Jan 68	TYPED NAME AND GRADE RONALD F. PRESCOTT 1LT, CMIC		
ORGANIZATION US ARMY MORTUARY, VIETNAM 96307			
(Signature of next of Kin, Legal Representative, or Dependent)			

Attach supplemental sheet for additional items.

10. EFFECTS SHIPPED TO: 11. DATE AND METHOD OF SHIPMENT (B/L No., Registry No., etc.)

12. SUMMARY COURT OR COMMANDING OFFICER'S REPRESENTATIVE

SIGNATURE

Ronald H. Prescott

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DATE

DATE

RONALD F. PRESCOTT 1LT, CMIC

ORGANIZATION

US ARMY NORTH BY, VIETNAM 96307

(Signature of next of Kin, Legal Representative, or Dependent)

DA FORM 41 REINFORCED BY THE USE OF 1 JULY 64 100% POLYESTER FIBERGLASS RE-1000		RECORDED ON 1 JULY 64 100% POLYESTER FIBERGLASS RE-1000
<p>1. Designation (last name, first name, middle initial)</p> <p>2. Service Number</p> <p>3. Branch and Component</p> <p>4. Date and place of birth</p> <p>5. D to place and home of record at last entry on Active Duty</p> <p>6. Selective Service No., Local Board and Location</p> <p>7. Prior Service Date</p> <p>8. R. R. E. D.</p> <p>9. Soc. Security Number</p> <p>10. Religion</p> <p>11. Names of 1 A lines as of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Spouse Father Mother Children <p>12. Name, Notification Desired</p> <p>None</p> <p>29 Aug 61</p> <p>Roman Catholic</p> <p>(Wife) Mary Elizabeth (Morris) Watts 11 Feb 36 Mineral Wells, Texas</p> <p>(Father) Reamus Rowan Watts Owensboro, Kentucky</p> <p>(Mother) Catherine Dury Watts Owensboro, Kentucky</p> <p>(Children) None</p>		
<p>RA52526278</p> <p>RA ARMY 150ct38 Owensboro, Daviess, Kentucky</p> <p>29 Aug 63 Fort Leonard Wood, Ken Missouri</p> <p>Owensboro, Daviess, Kentucky</p> <p>LB #20 Owensboro, Daviess, Kentucky</p>		

N/A

Reamus Rowan Watts (Father) 100%
Mary Elizabeth Watts (Wife) 100%
Mary Elizabeth Watts (Wife) 100%
None
Prudential Life Insurance Company
SGLI

Owensboro, Kentucky
Mineral Wells, Tex
Mineral Wells, Tex

Robert W. Miller
Francine E. Soper

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
STAFF COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

IMMEDIATE

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FM CG USARV LBN RVN
TO RUEOAF/A/CAS DIV DA
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ZEN/CG 42TH AVN GP LBN RVN
ZEN/CG 1ST ABN BDE LBN RVN
ZEN CO USA MORT TSN RVN
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UNCLAS E F T OFRDUO AVHAG-CC 87938 JPCCO/ARCC DA FOR AGPB-C
PROTECTIVE MARKING AUTOMATICALLY REMOVED IAW PARA 19B(2)AR360-5
REF: MY UNCLAS 86688 DTG231026Z NOV 67 (PUNCH REPT NO., 14715)
COACH REPT NO. 15050

A. WATTS, ROBERT W.
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) ..
BT

NOTE: 86688 IS DAIN 449490 (23 NOV 67) TAG

ACTION: TAG
DISTR : OCOFSA, OSA, DCSPER, COPO, CINFO, COFSPTS
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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) <i>714-02</i> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> EVIDENCE OF DECOMPOSITION
<input type="checkbox"/> NOT RECOGNIZABLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MANGLED OR MUTILATED
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMINGLED	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> INCLOSURES
<input type="checkbox"/> PERSONAL EFFECTS	<input type="checkbox"/> 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
<input type="checkbox"/> FINGERPRINTS	<input type="checkbox"/> DD FORM 894
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 70 1/2" tall)
Visual height 72", plus knee brace, minus (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)

Waist belt - 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

SC-474-31

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1407

. WO (code name) SOS 308 300000Z Nov 67

THIS DOCUMENT IS

REMARKS

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and the above individual has been identified but cannot determine with certainty
whether he is the sole fatal victim. The matching of race, height, hair, clothing markings, rank insignia, ID tags and teeth
with recorded data for WO-1 WATTS and the absence of any contradictory evidence
it is concluded that this is the remains of WO-1 Robert W. WATTS, W3 157 237.

RECOMMENDATIONS

. 30110 RECOMMENDATION AND RECOMMENDATION

In view of the recovery of this remains from the crash site of helicopter
on which WO-1 WATTS was the pilot and sole fatally injured victim, the matching
of race, height, hair, clothing markings, rank insignia, ID tags and teeth
with recorded data for WO-1 WATTS and the absence of any contradictory evidence
it is concluded that this is the remains of WO-1 Robert W. WATTS, W3 157 237.

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DATE	TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST
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25 November 67	Wesley A Neep Anthropology Sptst
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SIGNATURE OF IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST
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RECOMMENDATION PRESENTED

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION	US ARMY MORTUARY, VIETNAM
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RECOMMENDATIONS ACCEPTED

DATE	TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF ACCEPTING OFFICER
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25 November 67	DEVERO MARTIN, MAJOR, QMC, MORTUARY SERVICES OFFICER
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SIGNATURE OF ACCEPTING OFFICER

NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSTALLATION

US ARMY MORTUARY, VIETNAM

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY MORTUARY, VIETNAM (TSN)
US ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND, SAIGON
APO San Francisco, 96491

AVCA SGN NY

8 April 1968

SUBJECT: Report of Disposition of Personal Property of Deceased Person
(RE: WO1 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 WO1 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. SEESSE
2LT, QMC
Summary Court

DOMESTIC SERVICE	
Check the class of service desired; otherwise this message will be sent as a fast telegram	
TELEGRAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DAY LETTER	<input type="checkbox"/>
NIGHT LETTER	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$ **WESTERN UNION**
S **TELEGRAM** ®

E W. P. MARSHALL
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

R. W. MCPALL
PRESIDENT

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
Check the class of service desired; otherwise the message will be sent at the full rate	
FULL RATE	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTER TELEGRAM	<input type="checkbox"/>
SHORE-SHIP	

NO. WDS.-CL. OF SVC.	PD. OR COLL.	CASH NO.	CHARGE TO THE ACCOUNT OF	TIME FILED
			SPT MEM DIV DISP BR (DA) F-HT 4	S-X

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 Delbert 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. Uswa.

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

EMG

MSG # 2
FEB 1967
WU1211(R2-65)

HOUR 10^{AM}

REL AUTH:


OREN WOMACK

DOMESTIC SERVICE	
Check the class of service desired; otherwise this message will be sent as a fast telegram	
TELEGRAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DAY LETTER	<input type="checkbox"/>
NIGHT LETTER	<input type="checkbox"/>

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WESTERN UNION

TELEGRAM

E W. P. MARSHALL
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

R. W. McFALL
PRESIDENT

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
Check the class of service desired; otherwise the message will be sent at the full rate	
FULL RATE	<input type="checkbox"/>
LETTER TELEGRAM	<input type="checkbox"/>
SHORE SHIP	

NO. WDS.-CL. OF SVC.	PD. OR COLL.	CASH NO.	CHARGE TO THE ACCOUNT OF	TIME FILED
			SPT MEM DIV DISP BR(DA) F-HT # 88	X

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: Oren Womack
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)	WERE YOU ASKED TO STAY FOR FUNERAL?	
Yes	Yes	
WERE MILITARY SERVICES RENDERED?	DATE AND HOUR OF FUNERAL 0900 Hours 2 Dec 67	
Yes		
NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY		
Mater Dolorosa, Owensboro, Ky.		
FLAG PRESENTED TO	DATE DEPARTED ON RETURN TRIP	DATE ARRIVED DUTY STATION
Mrs. Mary E. Watts	4 Dec 67	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	SIGNATURE OF ESCORT
4 Dec 67	<i>Andrew T. USWA</i>

RECORD OF PREPARATION AND DISPOSITION OF REMAINS
 (DEATHS CURRING 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 overseas 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.	W01	W3 157 237
4. BRANCH OF SERVICE (Include civilian employees)	5. UNIT DESIGNATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARMY <input type="checkbox"/> NAVY <input type="checkbox"/> MARINE CORPS <input type="checkbox"/> AIR FORCE	188th Assault Helicopter Co.	
6. CAUSE OF DEATH (As stated on Death Certificate)	7. PLACE OF DEATH	
Drowning due to Helicopter Crash	Vietnam	
8. DATE OF DEATH	9. DATE OF RECEIPT AT MORTUARY	10. DATE OF EMBALMING
22 Nov 67	24 Nov 67	25 Nov 67
11. CONDITION OF REMAINS (Prior to embalming)	12. HOW IDENTIFIED (Personal recognition, Finger Prints, Identification Tags, etc.)	
Poor	ID Procedures	
13. TYPE OF CASE	14. PRE-EMBALMING PROCEDURES COMPLETED (Note Items 42e thru 47i)	
<input type="checkbox"/> NORMAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AUTOPSIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUTILATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO (Explain)	
15. TOTAL OUNCES CONCENTRATED FLUID USED	16. NAME POINTS OF INJECTION, INCORPORATION, PREPARATION OF	
ARTERIAL: 224 CAVITY: 224	SIX Point	
17. AMOUNT OF HARDENING COMPOUND USED (Lbs.)	18. AREAS HYPODERMICALLY EMBALMED	
15	BBW	
19. POST-EMBALMING CARE	20. PREPARED ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS (Check one)	
OF ENTRY	OAR	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)

a. CONDITION OF TRANSFER CASE OR SHIPPING CASE AND CASKET SATISFACTORY	YES	NO
b. REMAINS PROPERLY WRAPPED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. PROPER AMOUNT OF MILDEW PREVENTATIVE ADDED TO CASKET OR TRANSFER CASE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. CLOTHING, DECORATIONS AND PERTINENT DOCUMENTS COMPLETE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. BODY BATHED TO PRESENT A CLEAN APPEARANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. FACE SHAVEN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. MUSTACHE, IF ANY, AND HAIRS PROTRUDING FROM EARS AND NOSE TRIMMED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. FACIAL HAIR AND HAIRS PROTRUDING FROM EARS AND NOSE TRIMMED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>