

CRAMER, DONALD MARTIN

Name: Donald Martin Cramer

Rank/Branch: W2/US Army

Unit: C Troop, 2nd Squadron, 17th Cavalry, 101st Airborne Division

Date of Birth: 12 January 1946 (Columbus OH)

Home City of Record: St. Louis MO

Date of Loss: 05 January 1971

Country of Loss: South Vietnam/Over Water

Loss Coordinates: 161657N 1073102E (ZD060160)

Status (in 1973): Missing in Action

Category: 3

Aircraft/Vehicle/Ground: AH1G

Other Personnel in Incident: SP4 Ronnie Vago Rogers (killed, body recovered)

REMARKS:

SYNOPSIS: At 0210 hours on January 5, 1971, CW2 Donald M. Cramer, pilot of an AH1G (tail #67-16083), departed the Hue/Phu Bai Airfield on a training flight mission with SP4 Ronnie V. Rogers aboard. No contact was established after takeoff. When the aircraft failed to return within a reasonable time, efforts were made to establish radio contact. After checking all airfields and contact bases in the area, an aerial search was initiated at 1640 hours, and lasted until dark.

On January 8, SP4 Roger's body was found on the beach. The search shifted primarily into the coastline areas until about January 20, with no sightings of the aircraft or of CW2 Cramer.

Because it was determined that Rogers had drowned, it was assumed that the aircraft departed its destination (a fire base), and crashed into the South China Sea. CW2 Cramer was never found. He was listed Missing in Action.

Whether Cramer drowned as Rogers did on January 5, 1971, may never be learned. The U.S. Army, believing there was a chance he survived, did not declare him officially dead for over four years, and then only in general administrative "presumptive findings of death" which were sought for all missing personnel.

As the years pass, and more and more reports are received indicating that many Americans are still alive in Southeast Asia, one must wonder if CW2 Cramer is one of those said to be alive. If he is, what must he be thinking of us?

BUZZELL RICHARD HOWARD A/C Accident
LJG Richard Howard Buzzell KIA 12/19/70
DOB: 09/27/42 Serv: NA Wall: 6W-131 A1
Arlington, MA Class:
Unit(s): H(A)L-3 VS 39 IV
Source: DOD, DON THOMSON, WALL

SSN: 016327859 UH-1B 63-1292

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How? CRASHED AT WR31242 S/E OF KIEN LONG.
HIT GROUND INVERTED. BLADE FAILURE FROM BL
ADE OVERHAUL ERRORS MADE AT BELL. W/ LTJG
ORTIZ Callsign: SEAWOLF 312
B 4 Started Tour: 05/15/70 Yrs Ser: 04
MOS: 1310 Updated: 06/23/91

HART JOSEPH FELDER Hostile Fire
LJG Joseph Felder Hart KIA 04/28/69
DOB: 10/20/44 Serv: NA Wall: 26W-70 A1
Columbia, SC Class:
Unit(s): H(A)L-3 VS 28 IV
Source: DOD, DON THOMSON, WALL

705765 SSN: UH-1B

How? SEAWOLF 320 & 305 CRASHED IN CAMBODIA.
THE OTHER UH-1B WAS FLOWN BY LJG CASTLE A
ND REARDON.

Callsign: SEAWOLF 320 OR 305
B 4 Started Tour: 06/18/68 Yrs Ser: 02
MOS: 1310 Updated: 06/23/91

MULCAHY JOHN MARTIN A/C ACCIDENT
LT John Martin Mulcahy KIA 06/01/70
DOB: 08/15/42 Serv: NA Wall: 10W-131 C1
Miami, FL Class:
Unit(s): H(A)L-3 VS 18 III
Source: DOD, DON THOMSON, WALL

SSN: 262666723 HH-1K? 15785

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How? WHILE ENTERING THE PATTERN ON A POST M
AINTENANCE TEST FLIGHT WITH THE TRACKING CR
EW ON BOARD AT NAVY BINH THUY.

Callsign: SEAWOLF
B 4 Started Tour: / / Yrs Ser: 06
MOS: 1310 Updated: 06/23/91

ORTIZ ANTONIO OLIVAREZ A/C ACCIDENT
LJG Antonio Olivarez Ortiz KIA 12/19/70
DOB: 05/30/44 Serv: NA Wall: 6W-132 A1
Pirtleville, AZ Class:
Unit(s): H(A)L-3 VS 39 IV
Source: DOD, DON THOMSON, WALL

SSN: 526629930 UH-1B 63-1292

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How? CRASHED AT WR31242 S/E OF KIEN LONG.
HIT GROUND INVERTED. BLADE FAILURE FROM BL

AGE OVERHAUL ERRORS AT BELL W/ LTJG BUZZELL

Callsign: SEAWOLF 312
B 5 Started Tour: 09/15/70 Yrs Ser: 04
MOS: 1315 Updated: 06/23/91

PAWLOWSKI EDWARD WESLEY Hostile Fire
LJG Edward Wesley Pawlowski KIA 03/23/69
DOB: 12/20/43 Serv: NA Wall: 28W-20 A1
Union, NJ Class:
Unit(s): H(A)L-3 VS 36 IV
Source: DOD, DON THOMPSON, WALL

710635 SSN: UH-1B

How? LOCATION VS430 520. DESTROYED IN PLAC
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Callsign: SEAWOLF 305
B 5 Started Tour: 01/01/69 Yrs Ser: 02
MOS: 1315 Updated: 06/23/91

PEDERSEN WILLIAM A Hostile Fire
LJG William A. Pedersen KIA 09/15/70
DOB: 07/25/45 Serv: NA Wall: 7W-66 A1
La Conada, CA Class:
Unit(s): H(A)L-3 VS 39 IV
Source: DOD, DON THOMSON, WALL

SSN: 570640252 UH-1B

How? SHOT DOWN AT VC LAKE (VQ 9595) SEAWOLF
312(DET 6) AND 313(DET 1).

Callsign: SEAWOLF
B 4 Started Tour: 12/01/69 Yrs Ser: 04
MOS: 1315 Updated: 06/23/91

SUHR ALFRED HENRY Hostile Fire
LJG Alfred Henry Suhr KIA 03/26/69
DOB: 08/15/41 Serv: NA Wall: 28W-54 A1
Mexico, MO Class:
Unit(s): H(A)L-3 VS 25 III
Source: DOD, DON THOMSON, WALL

713031 SSN: UH-1B

How? AMMO DUMP BLEW AT NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVI
TY DETACHMENT AT DONG TAM. THREE AIRCRAF
T WERE DESTROYED.

Callsign: SEAWOLF
B 4 Started Tour: 02/15/69 Yrs Ser: 04
MOS: 1315 Updated: 06/23/91

BURKE JAMES FRANCIS JR Hostile Fire
ENS James Francis Burke, Jr. KIA 08/01/67
DOB: 12/04/44 Serv: NA Wall: 24E-58 A1
Yonkers, NY Class: 66-17
Unit(s): H(A)L-3 VS 32 IV

Source: DOD, JACK SHIELDS, WALL

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SSN:

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How? HELICOPTER AIR CASUALTY - CREW

Call sign: SEAWOLF

B 5 Started Tour: / / Yrs Ser: 04

MOS: 1315

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