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c/o Mr. M. Law, Past President
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GARY
I WOULD TAKE THIS
AS TRUTH
Mike

Dear Mike;

Just a short note regards the death, in Vietnam, of a Navy helicopter pilot.

While reading the March 1995 issue of 'MILITARY' I read an article called 'AIRCOFAT' written by a past member of the unit. Mr. Danny Wade had been a helicopter crew-chief (for the Navy) in Vietnam and wrote an article about his unit. It was an ash&trash unit for the Navy, hauling mail, replacements, etc., throughout III & IV of Vietnam. The unit had a varied assignment of aircraft, DC-3 to H-34s. Mr. Wade was a crew-chief on one of the H-34s. The official unit was: NAF Cam Ranh Bay, but Wade was based with Detachment A at Tan Son Nhut.

At the end of his article, Mr. Wade wrote of the death of several members of his unit. One was a pilot named Lt. Bernard Louis Lefevre, who died on 26 Feb 1970. Furthermore Mr. Wade wrote of the circumstances of the incident. It appears the LT. was killed in an aircraft accident while flying an H-34 that crashed. There was no enemy fire (from what I gather from the article). Mr. Wade also stated that all four (4) crewmembers were killed as well as the eight (8) passengers.

I know we have record of LT. Lefevre's death in our data bank, but I thought the added part with the unit and the type of aircraft might help.

Before I close - if you have never seen MILITARY, you ought to get a copy. For \$14.00 a year it's a very informative magazine. Their address is: 520 Calvados, Sacramento, CA 95815.

I'll close. I'll try calling in the near future. Give the best to the family and take care.

Dau tranh,

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