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NAME: Elmer L. Holden

RANK: Staff Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 09 Jun 68

COUNTRY OF LOSS: South Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 Feb 44

HOME OF RECORD: Oklahoma City OK

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Holden was the flight engineer of an HH-3E helicopter which was on a rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. While in the process of picking up a downed pilot, the helicopter was struck by hostile gunfire, fell to the ground in flames and disintegrated. Evidence of death was received in the Department of the Air Force on 11 June 1968 that Sergeant Holden died at the time of the incident. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.