

NAME: William C. Shinn

RANK: Staff Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 28 Jan 70

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COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 07 Jul 48

HOME OF RECORD: Woodland CA

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 40 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, Udorn Afld TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Staff Sergeant Shinn was the flight engineer on an HH-53B helicopter which was performing a search and rescue mission when he was reported missing in action. The helicopter was struck by hostile aircraft fire while in a holding position awaiting entrance to the rescue area to assist the crew of a downed F-105 aircraft. The helicopter was observed to explode in the air. Sergeant Shinn was continued in a missing status until evidence was received in the Department of the Air Force on 26 March 1970 that he 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.