

NAME: William C. Sutton

RANK: Master Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 28 Jan 70

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 05 May 35

HOME OF RECORD: Goldsboro NC

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

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

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Sutton was a pararescueman on an HH-53B helicopter which was on 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. The status of Sergeant Sutton was subsequently changed to killed in action on 26 March 1970 by an Air Force determination 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.

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