

**ON MAY 10, 1972, THE CREW OF UNITED 157, A CH-47A FROM THE 362D ASSAULT SUPPORT HELICOPTER COMPANY, 229TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION, 3D BDE (SEP) 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION PICKED UP SOME OF THE BRIGADE INFANTRYMEN AT THE SANDY PAD AT BIEN HOA TO TAKE THEM FOR A WELL DESERVED BREAK AT THE SEASIDE CITY OF VUNG TAU. ENROUTE, ONE OF THE BLADE RETAINING PINS FAILED, THROWING A BLADE, CAUSING UNITED 157 TO FALL FROM THE SKY. ALL WERE LOST, FOREVER GONE, NEVER FORGOTTEN.**

**THE FLIGHT CREW OF UNITED 157**

**CPT BARRY C. TOMLIN  
1LT SAMUEL HARRELL  
SPR ALVIN R. ELENBURG  
SP5 LARRY S. MUSTIN  
SP4 TERRY D. NEISS**

**THE INFANTRYMEN**

**SGT MIKE J. AGUILAR  
SP4 OSCAR AGUILAR  
SGT WILLIAM A. BOATRIGHT  
PFC STEVEN E. BOWERSOCK  
PFC CLINT E. CARR  
SP4 DENNIS G. DUNNING  
SP4 DAVID CRUZ FLORES  
SGT DIETER K FREITAG  
PV2 JAMES D. GROVES  
PFC DALE L. HAYES  
SP4 WILLIAM F. HENAGHAN  
SP4 FRANK T. HENSON  
SP4 DONALD E. HOWELL  
SP4 FREDDIE JACKSON  
SGT JAMES C. JENSEN  
SP4 THOMAS A. LYDIC  
SP4 GARY R. MONTELONE  
PFC DEAN A. PHILLIPS  
PV2 JACKIE RAY  
SP4 RICHARD RIDGEWAY  
PV2 AGOSTO E. RIVERA  
CPT KENNETH ROSENBERG  
PFC JOHN T. SABLAN  
SP4 CLARENCE L. SAULSBERRY  
SP4 RAYMOND J. SHIKO  
SP4 DAVID W. SULSER  
PFC THOMAS E. WOOD**

**THEIR NAMES ARE NEAR 01W20**

**The Chinook was our link to the world in those firebases. We found out how important they were when we got weathered in and got no resupply for days on end. Without the Chinook, the field artillery would not have been able to function. Odd as it may sound, sometimes the best sound of the day was the sound of a CH-47, and the voice of a pilot who sounded like he was talking out of a bucket.**