

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.