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Dear (b)(3):10 USC 424

I was recently contacted by a constituent (b)(6) regarding her request for assistance with obtaining official military documents that may support a determination by the Department of the Army's Awards and Decorations Branch concerning her late husband's (b)(6) entitlement to the Purple Heart.

Research conducted by my office identified a hostile enemy fire incident on July 5, 1966, that resulted in the loss of a UH-1D Iroquois helicopter (tail number 65-09793), and the death of three of its crewmembers after the crash from enemy small arms fire. This incident appears to correspond with the incident that (b)(6) described to his widow after their marriage.

As you will note from the incident summary obtained from the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association (VHPA), original sources included documents from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Helicopter Loss database.

In a manner consistent with all laws and regulations, I would appreciate it if the DIA would provide my office with all FOIA-releasable information related to this incident, which may possibly support a favorable Purple Heart award determination by the Army's Awards and Decorations Branch.

Please address your response to my Janesville office and reference my file number 476038. My Janesville office address is 20 South Main Street, Suite 10, Janesville, Wisconsin, 53545. Should you have any questions about

this request, my Constituent Services Representative, (b)(6) can be contacted at (b)(6) or by e-mail at: (b)(6)

Again, thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,



Paul Ryan
Member of Congress

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Helicopter UH-1D 65-09793

Information on U.S. Army helicopter UH-1D tail number 65-09793

Date: 07/05/1966

Incident number: 66070515.KIA

Unit: A/502 AVN

This was a Combat incident. This helicopter was LOSS TO INVENTORY for Air/land Assault , Hot Area.

While on Landing Zone this helicopter was on the Ground at 0000 feet and 000 knots.

South Vietnam

Helicopter took 1 hits from:

Anti-Aircraft Artillery; Gun launched explosive ballistic projectiles equal to or greater than 20 mm in size. (57MM RR)

The helicopter was hit in the Right Side causing a Blast.

Systems damaged were: MAIN ROTOR SYS

Aircraft Destroyed.

Both mission and flight capability were terminated.

Burned

Original source(s) and document(s) from which the incident was created or updated: Defense Intelligence Agency Helicopter Loss database. Survivability/Vulnerability Information Analysis Center Helicopter database. Also: OPERA, MISC, CRAFTX (Operations Report. Miscellaneous. Crash Facts Message.) Loss to Inventory

Crew Members:

P 1LT ROBERTS JERRY ARDELL KIA

AC CPT REUTER NEIL GEORGE KIA

G SP4 MAYHAIR WILLIAM HERBERT KIA

War Story:

Hit by a recoilless rifle round in a hot LZ and burned. The crew chief survived.

This record was last updated on 05/17/2009

Additional information is available on [CD-ROM](#).

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REUTER NEIL GEORGE

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Name: CPT Neil George Reuter
Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 07/05/1966 while performing the duty of Aircraft Commander.
Age at death: 28.8
Date of Birth: 10/03/1937
Home City: Milwaukee, WI
Service: AR branch of the regular component of the U.S. Army.
Unit: A/502 AVN
Major organization: other
Service: AR branch of the U.S. Army.
The Wall location: 08E-133
Short Summary: After shot down ran the wrong way into VC.
Aircraft: UH-1D tail number [65-09793](#)
Service number: O86674
Country: South Vietnam
MOS: 1981 = 19 Rotary Wing Aviator (Unit Commander)
Primary cause: Hostile Fire
Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea
Compliment cause: small arms fire
Vehicle involved: helicopter
Position in vehicle: pilot
Started Tour: 03/10/1966
"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - pilot
Length of service: 06
Location: Unknown Province
Reason: aircraft lost or crashed
Casualty type: Hostile - killed
married male U.S. citizen
Race: Caucasian
Religion: Roman Catholic
The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.
Category of casualty as defined by the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military class: officer
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ROBERTS JERRY ARDELL

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Name: 1LT Jerry Ardell Roberts
Status: Killed In Action from an incident on 07/05/1966 while performing the duty of Pilot.
Age at death: 25.3
Date of Birth: 03/02/1941
Home City: Cerulean, KY
Service: AT branch of the reserve component of the U.S. Army.
Unit: A/502 AVN
Major organization: other
Flight class: 65-12
Service: AT branch of the U.S. Army.
The Wall location: 08E-133
Aircraft: UH-1D tail number 65-09793
Service number: O5221588
Country: South Vietnam
MOS: 1981 = 19 Rotary Wing Aviator (Unit Commander)
Primary cause: Hostile Fire
Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea
Compliment cause: small arms fire
Vehicle involved: helicopter
Position in vehicle: co-pilot
Started Tour: 11/27/1965
"Official" listing: helicopter air casualty - other aircrew
Length of service: 02
Location: Unknown Province
Reason: aircraft lost or crashed
Casualty type: Hostile - killed
married male U.S. citizen
Race: Caucasian
Religion: Methodist (Evangelical United Brethren)
The following information secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.
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