

Villa St-Jean

Fribourg, Suisse

Eric Emanuel Bergquist

Year attended: 1964
Grade attended: 12 (Post-Graduate)

Eric died July 27, 1969, in Viet Nam.

See: 1969 ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT
 HISTORY OF THE 57TH ASSAULT
 HELICOPTER COMPANY below

---General/Personal---

Last name: Bergquist
 First name: ERIC EMANUEL
 Home of Record (official): Houston
 State (official): TX

Date of Birth: Tuesday, January 15, 1946
 Sex: Male
 Race: Caucasian
 Marital Status: Married

---Military---

Branch: Army
 Rank: WO
 Serial Number: 437669733
 Component: Reserve
 Pay grade: W1
 MOS (Military Occupational Specialty code):
 110B

---Action---

Start of Tour:
 Friday, November 29, 1968

Date of Casualty:
 Sunday, July 27, 1969

Age at time of loss: 23
 Casualty type:
 (C1) Non-hostile, died of other causes

Reason: Air loss - Crashed on land (Crew member
 - Helicopter)

Country: Viet Nam
 Province: Kontum
 The Wall: Panel 20W - Row 054

1969 ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT HISTORY OF THE 57TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

The year 1969 was not an easy year, and has once again shown that the 57th Aviation Company "Gladiators" can meet and perform any mission assigned to it in a manner that exemplifies the highest qualities to be found in Army Aviation.

The officers and men of the 57th have show such courage, dedication, and professionalism that the Gladiators have developed a reputation for accomplishing any mission, at any time, in spite of adversities. However, the 57th is not content to let its reputation go unchallenged. Our motto, "Try Us" is an open invitation for all to test the 57th "Gladiators" and learn that these officers and men are soldiers in the finest tradition of the military

service.

The mission of the 57th Assault Helicopter Company is to provide tactical air mobility of combat troops, supplies, equipment, and aerial fire support within the II Corps area.

The 57th and its attachment are authorized 20 Commissioned Officers, 51 Warrant Officers and 227 enlisted men. These 298 men maintain and operate a total of 23 UH-1H troop carrying helicopters and 8 UH-1C attack helicopters.

UNIT OPERATIONS

.....July was a quiet month mainly because of the monsoons. There were many days when the aircraft were unable to launch and others where only a few hours flying were possible.

It was on one of these days that the company was to lose a ship and its crew. Four slicks had departed for a mission and, after accomplishing the mission, headed back for Kontum. While enroute the ceiling lowered to 300 feet in rain. Three of the ships made it back safely but the fourth, piloted by WO **Eric Berquist** and 1LT James Carr, went IFR and had initiated a surveillance radar approach to the field. On a three mile final approach the aircraft was lost on radar.

An immediate search was begun and, before the weather forced the search to a halt, wreckage was found burning approximately 100 meters below the top of a ridge line. The two pilots, along with crew chief, SP4 Thomas Hinson, and door gunner PFC Terry Dees, died in the crash....

HONOR ROLL

UNIT MEMBERS KILLED IN ACTION 1969

HUNTLEY, JOHN N. PFC 100-42-9151 KIA 27 Sep 69
 BATES, CARL C. PFC 432-84-8409 KIA 17 Aug 69
 WHITTINGTON, JOHN WO1 214-46-9472 WIA/KIA 28 Oct 69
 DURRIS, DONALD D. CW2 196-36-7814 KIA 22 Dec 69
 KENNEDY, JAMES E. SP4 155-42-3333 MIA 22 Dec 69
 PERROH, NORMAND P. W01 467-72-7036 KIA 16 Feb 69
 PAPALE, ARTHUR W01 428-88-8069 KIA 16 Feb 69
 OLIVER, RICK A. SP4 555-74-8318 KIA 16 Feb 69
 ALCOS, LARRY N. SP4 576-52-8974 KIA 16 Feb 69
 FERRELL, CHARLES CPT 297-62-5822 KIA 6 Dec 69
 SCHROCK, PHILLIP ILT 362-40-9259 KIA 6 Dec 69
 MIRANDA, PETER K. SP5 585-24-6886 KIA 6 Dec 69
 DURFLINGER, ROLLAND PFC 316-46-8031 KIA 6 Dec 69
BERQUIST, ERIC E. W01 437-66-9733 KIA 27 Jul 69
 CARR, JAMES A. ILT 287-40-8913 KIA 27 Jul 69



HINSON, THOMAS A. SP4 449-82-1373 KIA 27 Jul 69

DEES, JERRY H. PFC 527-88-6036 KIA 27 Jul 69

HAYNES, FREDDY SP4 428-98-8920 KIA 12 Nov 69



WO Eric Emanuel Bergquist

Burial: Houston National Cemetery, Houston, Harris County, Texas, USA

Plot: Section E Site 973