

EUGENE STUART MILLER

CAPT - O3 - Army - Reserve
101st Airborne Division
25 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Aug 15, 1944
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
His tour of duty began on Aug 11, 1969
Casualty was on May 23, 1970
in QUANG TRI, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, HELICOPTER - CREW
AIR LOSS, CRASH ON LAND
Body was recovered
Religion
METHODIST

Panel 10W - - Line 86

Eugene is buried at Mt. Lawn Cemetery, Boone, NC



AM-18 OLC

Eugene S. Miller

WARREN - The son of a Warren resident will be buried in Boone, N.C. when his body arrives from Vietnam.
Capt. Eugene Stewart Miller, 25, the son of Emmerson S. Miller, of 7012 Prospect, and Mrs. Miller of San Diego, Calif., was pronounced missing in Action May 23.
His remains were identified from a crashed plane and his family notified May 29.
He graduated from Appalachian High School in Boone, N. C. in 1962 and Attended Macomb County Community College for three and a half years before entering the service in 1967. He was shipped to Vietnam, August 1969.
Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home in Boone, N.C. will handle the arrangements. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. L'Vaun Durbin of Santa Rosa, N.M.

The Macomb Daily, June 2, 1970, page 7-A



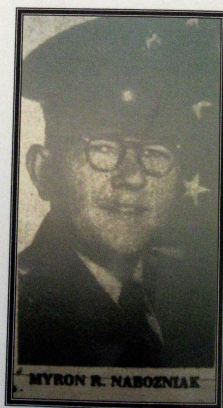
Photo by Charlie Babcock

MYRON RICHARD NABOZNIAK

SP4 - E4 - Army - Selective Service
25th Infantry Division
25 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Apr 02, 1945
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
His tour of duty began on Dec 20, 1969
Casualty was on Sep 24, 1970
in BINH DUONG, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
OTHER EXPLOSIVE DEVICE
Body was recovered

Panel 07W - - Line 87

Myron is buried at Mount Olivet cemetery, Detroit, MI



3 Macomb Families Mourn War Deaths

Three Macomb County families are mourning the recent deaths of relatives in fighting in Indochina.

The three men killed in combat are: Army Sgt. Nate Nowaczynski, husband of Mrs. Pat Nowaczynski, 25365 Patton, Roseville; Army Sec. 4 Myron R. Nabozniak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Nabozniak, 21118 Masch, Warren; and Army Pfc. Larry R. Busick, husband of Mrs. Pamela M. Busick, 35420 Lucinda Drive, Fraser.

Nowaczynski was on a combat mission Sept. 22 when he was killed by an explosion of a booby trap. He was a 1967 graduate of Roseville High School. Too young to attend college, he worked as a draftsman for Ling-Temco-Vought Corp. of Warren.

On July 1, 1969, Nowaczynski, enlisted in the army and after basic training, was assigned to Company C, Second Brigade, 27th Infantry. He arrived in Vietnam on July 10, 1970.

In addition to his wife Patricia, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton F. Nowaczynski; a brother, Michael, and two sisters, Mary Nowaczynski and Mrs. Rosalee Stout.

Services will be at 9 a.m., Friday at the William J. Durso Funeral Home, 28499 Schoenherr, Warren, and at 10 a.m. at St. Angela Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit.

PFC BUSICK was killed on Sept. 30 when his company encountered the enemy during a combat operation. He is survived by his wife, Pamela; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Busick, and three brothers, Randal, Mark, and Craig. Funeral services were held Tuesday. Burial was in West Berlin Cemetery.

BYRON R. NABOZNIAK was killed when the combat vehicle he was riding in was destroyed by a land mine near the Cambodian border.

Byron, 25, was a junior at Wayne State University before his induction into the Army. He went to Vietnam last December.

While majoring in music at Wayne State, Byron also was a member of the university band, and sang with the Detroit Symphony Choral group. He was a 1962 graduate of Hamtramck High School.

Byron was looking forward to returning to school next year and resuming his quest for a career in music and teaching. But last Saturday, an Army-Tank Automotive Command Officer visited the Nabozniak home with the bad news of their son.

Besides his parents, Byron is survived by a brother, Nicholas Carl, and a sister, Barbara. Funeral services for the Warren soldier will be handled by the Wietenberner Funeral Home, 13841 Gratiot, and Detroit.

The Macomb Daily, September 30, 1970, front page



GARRETT TIMOTHY O CONNOR

PFC - E3 - Army - Regular
19 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Jan 02, 1949
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
Length of service 2 years.
His tour of duty began on Jan 28, 1968
Casualty was on May 09, 1968
in HUA NGHIA, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
MULTIPLE FRAGMENTATION WOUNDS
Body was recovered
Religion
ROMAN CATHOLIC
Panel 57E - - Line 32

Garrett is buried at Cadillac memorial Gardens, East, Clinton Twp., MI



Roseville Soldier Killed in Action

ROSEVILLE - Army PFC Garrett T. O'Connor, 27259 Demerick St., was killed in action recently in Vietnam, according to the Defense Department. O'Connor, son of Russell E. O'Connor, of the Demerick address, previously was listed as missing in action.

The Macomb Daily, May 21, 1968, front page

Taps Sound for 2 Roseville Gis

By Robert Kraus
Staff Writer

ROSEVILLE-Memorial Day will hurt hard here. Over the past year, 15 young men from Roseville have died on the battlefields of the jungle republic half a planet and hundreds of years away.

Three of these men died in South Vietnam this month.

It's probably a record of sorts, but who wants to check.

This week telegrams from the Army reached the parents of SP-4 Richard F. Turpin III, 20, and Timothy O'Connor, 19.

The records show that both Richard and Garrett grew up in Roseville. Both attended Roseville High School and both entered the Army in 1966.

Richard and Garrett were reported missing in action within two months of arriving in Vietnam and subsequently both were listed as dead in the same week.

The records are not positive, but it seems likely that Richard Turpin and Garrett O'Connor never met.

Sp-4 Richard Turpin, III, son of Mrs. Dorothy Palmer, 18855 Northway, and PFC Garrett O'Connor, son of Russell O'Connor, will both be buried this week.

The Macomb Daily, May 22, 1968, front page



DONALD BRYAN OLSEN

PFC - E2 - Marine Corps - Regular
18 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Mar 02, 1949
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
His tour of duty began on Dec 05, 1967
Casualty was on Feb 12, 1968
in QUANG NAM, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
GUN, SMALL ARMS FIRE
Body was recovered
Religion
PROTESTANT
Panel 39E - - Line 10

Donald is buried at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Clinton Twp., MI



Warren Marine Dies of Wounds

By Ed Spelman
Warren Bureau Chief

WARREN - Mrs. Lester Olson sat on the sofa holding the telegram which notified her of the death of her 18-year-old son, David Bryan Olson in Vietnam while her son Kevin, 3, ran about the living room.

notrealizing that his brother would never come back. "He wanted to be a Marine since he was five years old," she said. "This is what he wanted. At least he died doing what he wanted to do."

PFC Olson died Sunday, Feb. 12, from a gunshot wound in the chest he received from hostile rifle fire while on patrol in the vicinity of Quang Nam. In a letter to Mrs. Olson, Sgt. Daniel P. McCarty said:

"The untimely death of your son while serving in Vietnam is a source of deep sorrow to the officers and men of the Marine Corps. Please accept our deepest sympathy in your bereavement."

A former Macomb Daily carrier boy, he attended Warren Woods High School, but left to enlist in the corps.

He was in Vietnam on Nov. 26, and during Christmas, he sent his parents, sisters and brothers a poem. "David was a quiet boy who never expressed his feelings to us, except in the poem," Mrs. Olson said.

The poem Begins: Stop and make, silently, a long pilgrimage to the bottom of your heart."

David leaves his parents, Lester and Yola Olson of 29387 Newport, in Warren, three brothers and two sisters.

The Macomb Daily, Feb. 16, 1968, front page

Pfc. Donald Olsen

WARREN - Services will be held Monday for marine Pfc. Donald Olsen, 19, who was killed in action Feb. 12 in South Vietnam. Born in Detroit, March 2, 1949, he attended Warren Woods High School before joining the U. S. Marines.

He is survived by his parents, Lester and Yola Olsen, of Newport Avenue, and five brothers and sisters, Vicki, Pamela, Keith, Robin and Kevin, all at home.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the William J. Duross Funeral Home, 28499 Schoenherr, south of Twelve Mile, with the Rev. David Bishop officiating. A military burial will be held at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, East.

The Macomb Daily, Mar 1, 1968, page 5-A



THOMAS JOSEPH PETELA

PFC - E3 - Army - Selective Service
4th Infantry Division
20 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Feb 16, 1950
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
His tour of duty began on Mar 15, 1970
Casualty was on May 14, 1970
CAMBODIA
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
MULTIPLE FRAGMENTATION WOUNDS
Body was recovered
Religion
ROMAN CATHOLIC
Panel 10W - - Line 42

Thomas is buried at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp., MI



'Some where in Cambodia . . .' Warren Youth Gives Life for His Country By MITCH KEHETIAN Warren Bureau Chief

WARREN - Thomas Petela was a star athlete at Warren Woods High School, and above all, he wanted to be a good American. For his country, the 2-year-old soldier gave his life somewhere in Cambodia - Macomb County's first reported combat casualty in the Southeast Asian Country.

And in "memory and tribute" to their fallen son, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Petela have the stars and stripes at half-staff.

Many other friends of the Petela soldier living in Irene Court are also displaying the American flag at half-staff.

Last Sunday the Petela's were enjoying a quiet evening at home with their two other sons and a married daughter. At about 6 p.m. a military car pulled up to their home at 13655 Irene Court. The army sergeant came to inform Mr. and Mrs. Petela, Tommy, their youngest son, had been killed May 14, "somewhere in Cambodia."

Pfc. Petela arrived in Vietnam March 18. Within days the youth knew his next destination was Cambodia to "destroy Viet Cong sanctuaries. That is when Tommy wrote, "The chances are so great of me getting it, I feel something funny inside me, I know dad that you would want me to be a man and I'll try. And if I go, it will be like a man."

And he continued, "I please be proud and live like I hope you do. As Americans in our country. I love, our country and so I may die for it's cause."

Students at Warren Woods High School are also proud of their school's former star athlete. The school flag is at half-staff and "the many trophies Tommy won for his school" are on display.

While at Warren Woods, Tommy excelled as a basketball player and captained the school's track and cross country teams for two years. And the boy's father clutched a green and white letter sweater dotted with award pins as he spoke of his son's love for sports.

"Tommy wanted to attend Northern Michigan University to become a teacher and a coach," Mrs. Petela wept.

Several of Tommy's former prep coaches at Warren Woods came to comfort the grieving family. "He was the kind of kid any father would be proud to have as a son." One of them said as he attempted to fight back the tears trickling down his cheeks.

That's when Mrs. Petela brought out Tommy's letter. "This letter from my son has given me new courage." She reminded her son's former coaches.

In Part Tommy's letter read: "Dad what I have to say will not be pleasant. I don't want to write this letter, but I just have to. So here it is. Since I've been in Vietnam I have been in two heavy action fights. It was the most bad experience I've had, and I've killed, and have been sick from it.

"I felt ashamed of myself and through what you and mom would feel, well now, I might be killed. Our division is going into Cambodia for one of the biggest missions of the war. It is where the Viet Cong are at and we've got to go and get them. They make it sound so small backing the world, but it is real big here.

"The chances are so great of me getting it. I can feel something funny inside me. I know dad that you would want me to be a man and I'll try. And if I go it will be like a man.

"I want to say that you dad are the best of all. I want to be your type of man. Mom, I just cry when I think of all the things you've done for me. I love both of you so much. I would hate to see you and mom grow hatred within you if I die. I want you to be proud Americans, and keep your hearts.

"I pray every night to God that if he takes me. I don't care just as long as you and mom don't get bitter. I want that more above my life. So please be proud, and live like I hope you do, as Americans in our country. I love our country and so I may die for it's cause."

Young Petela continued that, "It seems all I can think of is home, and the fun through the years. I've seen sunsets that nobody else has seen. I've felt feelings in my heart for places I've been that no one else could imagine," and he added.

"I've lived the best life I could and I'm not ready to die. But I want to live for the future and I'll tell you I'll try so hard to make it. They'll have to get me with a direct bomb, because if a bullet gets me it won't be good enough to stop me from getting home to see you and mom.

"For the time I've been here it's been Hell . . . but I can't do anything to change it. And when a boy cries his last tear he's a man."

For Pfc. Thomas Petela - his last day was May 14 somewhere in Cambodia when enemy fire silenced him.

Tommy can be assured his mother and father are not bitter - they're proud as is the fallen youth's neighbors and friends at Warren Woods High.

"I'm not bitter, because somewhere in Cambodia my son stood up for what he thought was right. The only bitterness in my heart goes out to some of the misguided youth who go around parading with the flag of the Viet Cong - like they did in Warren last week," Mrs. Petela said.

Tommy's two brothers, John and Mark, are former army veterans. John returned from Vietnam last December.

As this reporter left the Petela home, another neighbor down the street was displaying the flag at half-staff.

There were tears in his eyes and pride in his face as he secured the stars and stripes for Tommy.

The Macomb Daily, May 20, 1970, page 3-A



MICHAEL ANTHONY RADZIECKI

PFC - E2 - Marine Corps - Regular
21 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Oct 14, 1947
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
Length of service 1 year.
His tour of duty began on Nov 21, 1968
Casualty was on Jan 21, 1969
in QUANG NAM, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
GUN, SMALL ARMS FIRE
Body was recovered
Religion
ROMAN CATHOLIC
Panel 34W - - Line 52

Michael is buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI



Warren Marine Killed in Vietnam

WARREN - Marine Pfc. Michael A. Radziecki, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Radziecki, 8737 Mary Ann Drive, was among five Michigan men killed in combat in Vietnam last week.

Pfc. Radziecki, 21, was the nephew of the Rev. Fr. Sylvester Radziecki, pastor of St. Valerie of Ravenna Church in Clinton Township. He had been in Vietnam only two months.

The Macomb Daily, January 28, 1969, front page



WILLIAM REYES

"Chico"

LCPL - E3 - Marine Corps - Regular
20 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Mar 22, 1948
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
His tour of duty began on Mar 16, 1968
Casualty was on Jul 05, 1968
in QUANG TRI, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
MULTIPLE FRAGMENTATION WOUNDS
Body was recovered
Religion
ROMAN CATHOLIC

Panel 53W - - Line 23

William is laid to rest at Cadillac Gardens East, Clinton Twp., MI



Lincoln HS '67



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The Macomb Daily, January 28, 1969, front page



GERALD RICCI

CPL - E4 - Army - Selective Service
1st Cav Division (AMBL)
20 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Nov 27, 1946
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
His tour of duty began on Oct 17, 1966
Casualty was on Feb 12, 1967
in BINH DINH, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
MULTIPLE FRAGMENTATION WOUNDS
Body was recovered
Religion
ROMAN CATHOLIC

Panel 15E - - Line 22

Gerald is buried at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI



PFC. GERALD RICCI



Gerald Ricci

WARREN - Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the Ford Funeral Home, 26560 Van Dyke, Center Line, and at 10 in St. Clement Church for Gerald Ricci, 20, of 6124 Merge, who was killed in action in Vietnam while serving as a private in the Army.

Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home. Burial will be in White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

Pvt. Ricci, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ricci, was a 1964 graduate of Center Line High School. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Bonnie Webster and Shari.

The Macomb Daily, Feb. 18, 1967, page 3



GEORGE HENRY ROGALLA

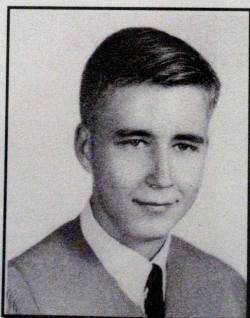
CWO - W2 - Army - Reserve
1st AVN BDE
20 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Dec 08, 1949
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
His tour of duty began on Feb 26, 1970
Casualty was on Nov 02, 1970
in QUANG NAM, SOUTH VIETNAM
NON-HOSTILE, FIXED WING - PILOT
AIR LOSS, CRASH ON LAND
Body was recovered
Religion
ROMAN CATHOLIC

Panel 06W - - Line 36

George is laid to rest at Mt Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI



with OLC



DeLaSalle Collegiate High School 1968

Warren Pilot Dies in Vietnam

WARREN - Since he was a boy, George H. Rogalla was interested in airplanes. It was that interest that resulted in his death in a Vietnam plane crash. Rogalla, 21, an Army Chief warrant officer in the 1st Aviation Brigade, was among the latest casualties of the Vietnam War, the Defense Department reported Friday. He was reported missing Nov. 2, about a month before his 21st birthday, when he was last seen before the military aircraft he was piloting crashed and burned. He was reported missing until this week when Army officials positively identified his remains.

Rogalla is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Rogalla of 8508 Meadows, Warren. A 1968 graduate of DeLaSalle Collegiate High School, Detroit. Rogalla entered the Army Sept. 23, 1968 shortly after graduation. His father, a machine inspector at Warren's Tank Automotive Command, told Army officials his son entered aviation because he always had an interest in flying since he was a child. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Bardyna Funeral Home, 7531 East Eight Mile, Detroit. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit. Besides his parents, he is survived by a brother* Stephen, a student at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake, a sister, Mrs. Lillian Schuster of Riverview, and a maternal grandmother, Mrs. Stephanie Opiola of Hayange Moselle, France.

The Macomb Daily, Dec. 21, 1970, page 4-A



RONALD FRANK SKOVIK

CPL - E4 - Marine Corps - Regular
22 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Aug 03, 1941
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
Length of service 4 years.
Casualty was on Oct 08, 1963
in QUANG NAM, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, HELICOPTER - CREW
AIR LOSS, CRASH ON LAND
Body was recovered
Religion
ROMAN CATHOLIC

Panel 01E - - Line 31

Ronald is laid to rest at Mount Olivet, Detroit, MI



Collage created by Ronald's cousin Greg Skovik

Cpl. Ronald Skovik

WARREN - Funeral services for Marine Cpl. Ronald Skovik, 22, of 24645 Bolam, will be held Saturday.

The body of Corporal Skovik, who was killed in a helicopter crash in South Viet Nam Oct. 8, was flown home late Tuesday.

It will lie in state at the William D. Clyne Funeral Home, 22322 Gratiot, East Detroit, from 3 p.m. today until time of service.

Rites will be conducted at 8:30 a.m. Saturday from the funeral home and at 9:30 from St. Joseph Catholic Church, corner of Orleans and Jay, Detroit. Military rites will be conducted at graveside by a Detroit Marine Corps detachment.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Mary) Skovik and two sisters, Mrs. Joan Szejur and Mrs. Dorothy Makowski, both of East Detroit.

He was born Aug. 3, 1941, in Hamtramck and attended Oakwood Junior High School in East Detroit prior to enlisting in the Marines in 1958.

Completing initial training at Camp Pendleton and at Santa Ana, Calif., he was assigned to special helicopter training at Millington (Tenn.) Naval Aviation Training Center.

Corporal Skovik's body was among those of twelve U. S. servicemen recovered from a South Viet Nam jungle following crashes of two helicopters.

The crashes occurred while the aircraft were on a rescue mission seeking another American flier.

Corporal Skovik, a helicopter mechanic, was home on leave last August. The family received its last letter from him in September while he was passing through the Philippines en route to Viet Nam.

The older Skovik is a wheelwright at the Chevrolet Gear and Axel plant in Detroit.

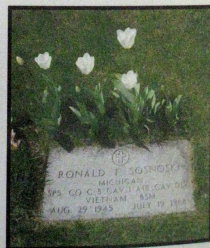
Daily Monitor-Leader, October 23, 1963, page 8



RONALD FRANCIS SOSNOSKI

SGT - E5 - Army - Selective Service
1st Cav Division (AMBL)
22 year old Married, Caucasian, Male
Born on Aug 29, 1945
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
Length of service 1 year.
His tour of duty began on Oct 12, 1967
Casualty was on Jul 19, 1968
in QUANG TRI, SOUTH VIETNAM
NON-HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
ACCIDENTAL SELF-DESTRUCTION
Body was recovered
Religion
ROMAN CATHOLIC
Panel 51W -- Line 14

Ronald is laid to rest at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp, MI



Spec. 5 Ronald S. Sosnoski

WARREN - Spec. 5 Ronald S. Sosnoski, 22, 8053 Stanley, decorated three times for action in Vietnam, was killed July 19 in an accident there.
Born at Detroit on Aug. 29, 1945, he has been a resident of Warren eight years and a graduate of Warren High School. He entered the Army in April, 1967.
His unit of the 1st Cavalry Division received the Presidential Unit Citation and Presidential Accommodation Medal for action Dec. 9, 1967. A mortar unit, they fortified another unit going into fighting.
Sosnoski won the Bronze Star, Feb. 19 when he helped to secure an area outside Hue. His company was surrounded by about 300 enemy soldiers. They fought until only 11 were left.
Besides his wife, he is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sosnoski; a twin brother, Robert, and another brother Vernon, both at home.
Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Lyle Elliott Funeral Home, 31730 Mound, Warren, after the body is returned.

The Macomb Daily, July 25, 1968, page 19-A

Ronald F. Sosnoski

WARREN - Services for SP 4/C Ronald F. Sosnoski, 22, will be held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Lyle Elliott Funeral Home, 31730 Mound, Warren, with the Rev. Herbert Lorentz of St. Anne Church on Warren officiating.
Mr. Sosnoski died in Vietnam on July 19 from wounds he received when the ammunition which he was loading at an aircraft-landing zone detonated.
Born Aug. 29, 1945 in Detroit, he graduated from Warren High School in 1963.
Mr. Sosnoski was employed as a tile setter before entering the service in April, 1967.
He received the Bronze Star, a Presidential Unit Citation and a Presidential Accommodation medal.
In addition to his wife, the former Marsha L. Burke, Mr. Sosnoski is survived by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Sosnoski and two brothers, his twin Robert and Vernon, all of Warren.
Prayer services will be held at the funeral home at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday and a rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday by the K. of C. Pius X Council.
Military services and burial will be at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township.

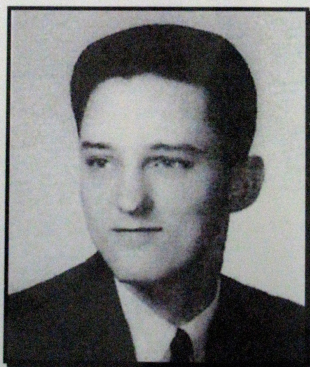
The Macomb Daily, Monday, August 5, 1968, page 19-A



NEIL STEWART THOMPSON

CPL - E4 - Army - Selective Service
9th Infantry Division
20 year old Married, Caucasian, Male
Born on Apr 23, 1947
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
His tour of duty began on Oct 07, 1967
Casualty was on Mar 02, 1968
in LONG AN, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
ARTILLERY, ROCKET, or MORTAR
Body was recovered
Religion
ROMAN CATHOLIC
Panel 42E -- Line 42

Neil is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, MI



Lincoln HS '66

Four Macomb County Soldiers Die in Vietnam Battles

Four Macomb County men have been killed in battles since the start of the Viet Cong offensive in Vietnam, the U. S. Defense Department announced today.

They are:

- *Army Cpl. Gerald A. Huczek, 20, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huczek, 25591 Cole, Roseville.
- *Army Cpl. George Whitelaw, 21, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Whitelaw, of East Detroit, the husband of Mrs. Joann Whitelaw, 18521 Empire, East Detroit.
- *Army Pfc. Marvin H. Jones, Jr., 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin H. Jones, Sr., 130 Morris, Mount Clemens.
- *Army Cpl. Neil S. Thompson, 20, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart R. Thompson, 13427 Sideline, Warren, and the husband of Mrs. Grace M. Thompson, 24411 Prairie Lane, Warren.

Just six weeks ago, little Kelly Thompson breathed the first breath of life and on March 2 the life of her father whom she had never seen was snuffed out during a enemy mortar attack near Lon Thanh.

Neil Thompson was a cook with the 60th Infantry, 9th Division and normally would not be on the front lines of the battle.

But since the Viet Cong offensive the front lines have moved from the countryside into the cities and camps.

A 1966 graduate of Lincoln High School, Neil was employed as a cook at the Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, and worked part time at the Mount Clemens Raceway during the summer.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Thompson, of Warren, received a letter from their son the day before the telegram informing them of his death.

The letter told of the promotion to corporal he recently received and how the men were being wasted in Vietnam.

"It's a waste of time," his father said. "We should pull our troops out of there and let them fight their own war."

"I have felt this way for a long time," the father added. "They are not giving us any help and I can't see why we are fighting all their battles for them."

The Macomb Daily, March 6, 1968, front page & 3-A

THOMPSON

NEIL STEWART, CPL. IN Vietnam. Beloved husband of Grace. Dear father of Kelley, and beloved son of Stewart and Mildred Thompson. Brother of Larry and Diane. Son-in-law of Don and Ann Schiro. Funeral Wednesday, 9:15 a.m. from Leo T. Sobocinski Funeral Home, 22121 Kelly Rd. between 8 and 9 Mile to St. Leonard Church, 10 a.m. Interment, Forest Lawn Cemetery.

The Macomb Daily, March 11, 1968.

Neil was transferred to Lane Heights Cemetery, Lupton, MI, June 5, 1987.

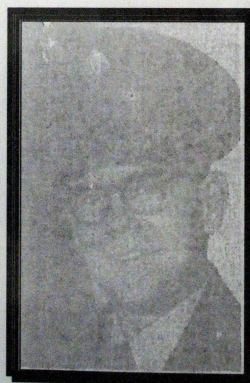


Photo by Ruth Babcock

GARY ALBERT UTRIAINEN

SGT - E5 - Army - Regular
9th Infantry Division
19 year old Single, Caucasian, Male
Born on Jan 07, 1951
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
His tour of duty began on Nov 19, 1969
Casualty was on Jun 11, 1970
CAMBODIA
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
GUN, SMALL ARMS FIRE
Body was recovered
Religion
LUTHERAN & MISSOURI SYNOD
Panel 09W - - Line 46

Gary is laid to rest at Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia, MI



19-Year-Old Sergeant Dies in Cambodia

A Warren youth was killed June 11 in Cambodian conflict. Army Sgt. Gary A. Utriainen, 26257 Grobbel, was killed while a passenger on a military vehicle during an enemy attack. The 19-year-old infantry sergeant was a student at Charles S. Mott High School prior to enlisting Feb. 23, 1968. There is a flag at half-mast in front of his parent's home. Mr. and Mrs. Tauno A. Utriainen said in his last letter home, Gary had written that when his enlistment was up he was going back to school. He had been in Vietnam for eight months. A younger brother, David, and an older sister, Susan, still live at home. He also has two married sisters; Mrs. Marcia Cumming, 1213 Ferris in Royal Oak, and Mrs. Oreen Cumming, 642 East Shevlin in Hazel Park.

Warren GI is killed in Cambodia action

A Warren soldier, Army Sgt. Gary A. Utriainen, 19, has been killed in Cambodia. Utriainen, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tauno A. Utriainen, died last Thursday of wounds received when the military vehicle on which he was riding encountered an enemy force. Utriainen was a platoon sergeant in the 9th Infantry Division. He had attended Mott High School, Warren, before enlisting on Feb. 23, 1968, at 17. He was sent to Vietnam last Nov. 19 and subsequently reenlisted, his father said, so he could serve a full year there. Utriainen is survived by his parents, a younger brother and three sisters. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Sgt. Gary Utriainen

Sgt. Gary Albert Utriainen, age 19, 26257 Grobbel, Warren, was killed in action June 11 in Cambodia. Sgt. Utriainen was born Jan. 7, 1951, in Michigan, to Mr. and Mrs. Tauno (Virginia) Utriainen, of the Grobbel address. Also surviving are four brothers and sisters, Mrs. Orren Cumming, Hazel Park; Mrs. Marcia Cumming, Royal Oak; Susan and David, of the home address; and his grandmother, Mrs. Lydia Miller. The Rev. Elsie Beale, Hazel Park Lutheran Church, will conduct funeral services at 11 a.m., Saturday, at the Ford Funeral Home, 26560 Van Dyke, Center Line. Burial will be in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Warren GI Wins Medal Posthumously

WARREN - The Bronze Star with the first Oak Leaf Cluster, was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Tauno A. Utriainen, of 26257 Grobbel, Warren, for their son. Sgt. Gary A. Utriainen, who was killed in Cambodia last year while saving the lives of some of his comrades.

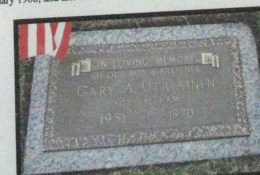
The medal was presented to the parents, during a home ceremony, by Lieutenant Theodore W. Hermann, a Survivor Assistance Officer at the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command (TACOM). Sgt. Utriainen, 19, was on a military vehicle when a hostile force was encountered. Sgt. Utriainen's subsequent bravery is related in the following citation which accompanied the medal:

Sgt. Utriainen distinguished himself by heroism in connection with ground operations against a hostile force on June 12, 1970, while serving as squad leader with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry, 3d Brigade, 9th Infantry Division. "On this date, Company C was engaged by an enemy force which attacked with rocket-propelled grenades, automatic weapons and semi-automatic weapons from well-concealed positions.

"A ... grenade hit one of the lead vehicles, severally wounding several men, and badly damaging the vehicle. Sgt. Utriainen, disregarding his own safety, made his way to the burning vehicle and began moving some of the wounded men to safety. While Sgt. Utriainen was assisting one of the men to safety, he was fatally wounded by enemy fire.

"His heroic actions were highly instrumental in saving the lives of several men." A Volunteer, Sgt. Utriainen enlisted in the Army in February 1968, and arrived in Vietnam in November 1969.

"Gary was carrying an injured soldier from a half track and an explosion occurred - a piece of shrapnel hit Gary in the back of the neck and severed his spine."



ROMAN ROZEL VILLAMOR JR

LCPL - E3 - Marine Corps - Reserve
19 year old Married, Caucasian, Male
Born on Aug 10, 1947
From WARREN, MICHIGAN
Length of service 1 year.
Casualty was on Mar 31, 1967
in QUANG TRI, SOUTH VIETNAM
HOSTILE, GROUND CASUALTY
GUN, SMALL ARMS FIRE
Body was recovered
Religion
ROMAN CATHOLIC
Panel 17E - - Line 78

Roman is buried at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI



VIET CONG BULLET ENDS DREAM

Ex-Warren Marine Killed

WARREN - "This war is all fouled up. Half the time you don't know who to shoot. They shoot and run or just run. But lately they've been staying and fighting."

This is part of the last letter Lance Cpl. Ramon R. Villamor Jr. wrote to his wife, Janet, before he was killed March 31 by one of the Viet Cong who stayed and fought.

The letter, written March 27 was a cheery one - and expressed the 19-year-old Marine's courage and concern for his family.

"I'm going to be so happy when I come home to you, I'll serve my country and then I'll come home! I guess you and the kids keep me alive here.

The "kids" are Tammy, just turned 2 years old, and Ramon III who's ten months old. Mrs. Villamor, who lives with her in-laws in Detroit, expects another baby in August.

But because of "gunshot wounds received in hostile action in the Quant Tri province of Vietnam" according to the official telegram, none of Villamor's dreams will come true.

"It's the last thing in the world we expected," said his sister, Mrs. Rae Adams. "He was so sure he'd come home."

His pretty blonde wife, fighting back tears, said, "He always was so worried about us. In his last letter he kept telling me to take care of myself, that he planned on having me around about 80 more years. And now this."

Villamor attended Lincoln High School until December of 1965, when he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Mrs. Villamor said funeral arrangements are being made by Eppens-VanDeweghe Funeral Home, 6150 Cadieux in Detroit and that memorial services are being planned for St. Matthew's Church, Detroit, where Villamor attended grammar school.

Survivors include his wife and two children: his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Villamor, Sr. and brother, Ricardo, all of Detroit; his sisters, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Valentino Hurst, both of Warren.

The Macomb Daily, Tuesday, April 4, 1967, front page



HERE ARE SOME OF THE FACES OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE KILLED IN UNNECESSARY WARS WHILE RICH MEN PROFIT FROM THE WARS.



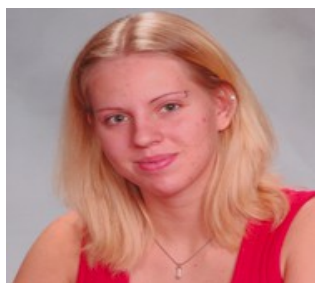
Lance Cpl. Dominic John Ciaramitaro Age: 19
From: South Lyon, Michigan Unit: Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine

Expeditionary Force
Died: April 23, 2011 Fatal incident occurred in Helmand province, Afghanistan
One of two Marines killed while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan, on April 23, 2011



Pfc. Eric William Hario
Age: 19 From: Monroe, Michigan
Unit: Company A, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment Died: August 29, 2009 Fatal incident

occurred in Paktika province, Afghanistan Died at a combat support hospital of wounds received during a Ranger task force attack on an enemy command and control node and logistics base in a rugged, remote mountainous area in Paktika province, Afghanistan, on August 29, 2009



Spc. Julie Rochelle Hickey
Age: 20
Unit: 412th Civil Affairs Battalion, Army Reserve
Died: July 4, 2004
Fatal incident occurred in Bagram Airfield,

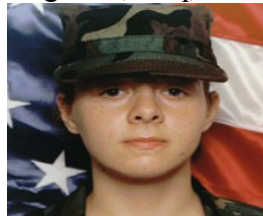
Afghanistan

Hickey was evacuated from Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, on June 30, 2004, and died in Landstuhl, Germany, on July 4 of complications



Spc. James Lawrence Arnold
Age: 21 From: Mattawan, Michigan
Unit: Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st

Cavalry Division Died: March 15, 2007 Fatal incident occurred in Baghdad, Iraq One of four soldiers killed when a roadside bomb exploded near their unit during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq, on March 15, 2007



Spc. Holly Jeanne McGeogh
From: Taylor, Michigan Age: 19
Unit: Company A, 4th Forward Support Battalion, 4th Infantry

Division

Died: January 31, 2004 Fatal incident occurred in Kirkuk, Iraq
One of three soldiers killed when their vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb during convoy operations in Kirkuk, Iraq, on January 31, 2004



Spc. Marisol Heredia Age: 19
Unit: Company G, 15th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division Died: September 7, 2007

Fatal incident occurred in Baghdad, Iraq
Died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, on September 7, 2007, of injuries suffered



Lance Cpl. Allan Klein From: **Clinton Township, Michigan**
Age: 34 Unit: Company C, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force Died:

January 26, 2005 Fatal incident occurred in Ar Rutba, Iraq One of 30 Marines killed along with a Navy corpsman when their CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter crashed near Ar Rutba in western Iraq on January 26, 2005



Sgt. Faith Renee Hinkley Age: 23 Unit: Company C, 502nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 201st Battlefield Surveillance Brigade Died: August 7, 2010

Fatal incident occurred in Iskandariya, Iraq Died August 7, 2010 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked her unit in Iskandariya, Iraq



Staff Sgt. Jason Allen Lehto From: Mount Clemens, Michigan Age: 31

Unit: Detachment B, Marine Wing Support Group 47, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Forces

Reserve Died: December 28, 2004 Fatal incident occurred in Al Asad, Iraq Died while trying to defuse a bomb at Al Asad Air Base in Anbar province, Iraq, on December 28, 2004



Sgt. Amanda Nicole Pinson Age: 21 Unit: 101st Military Intelligence Detachment, 501st Special Troops Battalion, 101st Airborne Division Died: March 16, 2006

Fatal incident occurred in Tikrit, Iraq One of two soldiers killed when a mortar round detonated in Tikrit, Iraq, on March 16, 2006



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Billie Jean Grinder Age: 25 Unit: C Troop, 1st Squadron, 230th Cavalry Regiment, Tennessee Army National Guard Died: February 21, 2010 Fatal

incident occurred in Qayyarah, Iraq One of two soldiers killed when their OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter experienced a hard landing at Qayyarah Airfield West, 30 miles south of Mosul, Iraq, on February 21, 2010



Sgt. Cari Anne Gasiewicz Age: 28 Unit: Company B, 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 513th Military Intelligence Brigade Died: December 4,

2004 Fatal incident occurred in Ghalibiyah, Iraq Killed when two roadside bombs detonated near her convoy in Baquba, Iraq, on December 4, 2004



Pfc. Mark Alexander Barbret Age: 22 From: Shelby Township, Michigan

Unit: Headquarters Company, 44th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Infantry

Division

Died: October 14, 2004 Fatal incident occurred in Ramadi, Iraq One of three soldiers killed when a roadside bomb detonated near his convoy in Ramadi, Iraq



Pfc. John Wilson Dearing From: Hazel Park, Michigan Age: 21 Unit: Company B, 1st Battalion, 125th Infantry Regiment,

Michigan Army National Guard Died: November 21, 2005 Fatal incident occurred in Habbaniya, Iraq Killed when a roadside bomb detonated near his Humvee during combat operations in Habbaniya, Iraq,



Spc. Byron Wayne Fouty From: Waterford, Michigan Age: 19 Unit: Company D, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division Died: May 12, 2007 Fatal

incident occurred in Baghdad, Iraq One of two soldiers kidnapped and killed following an ambush of their patrol 20 miles outside of Baghdad in Taqa, Iraq, on May 12, 2007. Five other soldiers were killed in the attack.



Pfc. Nicholas James Greer Pfc. From: Monroe, Michigan Age: 21 Unit: Company B, 3rd Battalion, 504th Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division Died: October

7, 2005 Fatal incident occurred in Haqlaniya, Iraq One of two soldiers killed when their dismounted patrol was attacked by enemy forces using small

arms fire in Haqlaniya, Iraq, on October 7, 2005



Capt. Sean Patrick Grimes From: Southfield, Michigan Age: 31 Unit: Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division Died: March 4,

2005 Fatal incident occurred in Ramadi, Iraq One of four soldiers killed when a roadside bomb detonated near their patrol in Ramadi, Iraq, on March 4, 2005



Pfc. Tarryl Benidict Hill From: Shelby Township, Michigan Age: 19 Unit: Headquarters & Service Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine

Division, Marine Forces Reserve Died: February 7, 2007 Fatal incident occurred in Falluja, Iraq Died while conducting combat operations in Falluja, Anbar province, Iraq, on February 7, 2007



Spc. Christopher David Allen Kube From: Sterling Heights, Michigan Age: 18 Unit: 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade

Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division Died: July 14, 2007 Fatal incident occurred in Baghdad, Iraq Killed when a roadside bomb exploded in Baghdad, Iraq, on July 14, 2007

Staff Sgt. Donald Leon Munn II From: **Saint Clair Shores**, Michigan Age: 25 Died: October 11, 2007



Cpl. Jennifer Marie Parcell Age: 20 Unit: Company D, Combat Logistics Regiment 3, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force Died:

February 7, 2007 Fatal incident occurred in Anbar province, Iraq One of two Marines that died of wounds sustained due to a suicide bombing in Barwanah, Anbar province, Iraq, on February 7, 2007



Pfc. Brett Alan Witteveen From: **Shelby, Michigan** Age: 20 Unit: Company A, 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve Died: February 19, 2007 Fatal

incident occurred in Falluja, Iraq Killed while conducting combat operations in Falluja, Anbar province, Iraq, on February 19, 2007



Spc. Michelle Marie Witmer Age: 20 Unit: 32nd Military Police Company, Wisconsin Army National Guard Died: April 9, 2004 Fatal incident

occurred in Baghdad, Iraq Killed when she became engaged in a roadside bomb and small-arms attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on April 9, 2004

Sgt. Brad Arnold Wentz From: Gladwin, Michigan Age: 21 Died: May 20, 2005