

TSgt Clyde D. Alloway

Vietnam

Hometown: Portsmouth, NH

On the night of June 6, 1970 shortly after the AC-119K tail number 52-5935 took off from Da Nang, South Vietnam its left-engine propeller went out of control. The pilot tried to head back to base but the situation deteriorated and the crew bailed out over the South China Sea just east of Da Nang. The Stinger crashed at an undetermined spot. All crewmembers but one was safely recovered, TSgt Clyde D. Alloway of Portsmouth, NH was lost at sea.

TSgt Alloway was born in Tulsa, OK and enlisted in the USAF in 1954. As a career aircraft mechanic he had been assigned to Pease AFB several times during his 16 years in the USAF. He came to call home in Portsmouth.

In 1983, the Co-Pilot of the AC-119K that crashed when TSgt Alloway was lost, Maj. Richard F. Hay, USAF Ret, was asked to speak at a July 4th ceremony in New Jersey. In the memory of the one crew member they lost and was not recovered in the 1970 crash, Maj. Hay delivered this poem he had written in honor of his lost comrade.



TO ONE LEFT BEHIND

To one left behind,
Who lives on in my mind;
To one I left there,
Beyond worry and care;
Who lives on in my heart,
And from whom I can't part;
Though not with me here,
He has nothing to fear,
His duty is done,
And mine only begun;
For though gone from my sight,
I'll still carry his light;
Nor forget what he's done,
As a true, faithful son.

