

KIA 6 May 70

WO1 Roger B Baxter
SP 5 Allen G Kinne
CW2 Clifford E Poe

Poe's aircraft was the lead aircraft in a flight of two, he made a turn and the second aircraft from Company B, 158th Lancers crashed into Poe's aircraft. John Kamps spent several hours with Poe the night before and Poe had a premonition of his death. Poe had two or three days before DEROS and had asked to be replaced on the mission. John thinks that it was a CS mission rather than a smoke mission. Major Gerald Lord, the Phoenix Company Commander, wanted to replace Poe but was ordered by the 158th Battalion Commander to have Poe fly the mission.

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He begged Randy and Major Lord to not make him fly. He said he knew he would not come back. I went to bat for him, but to no avail. Randy did change his assignment to CS ship. Apparently he flew into his own CS along the other bird. They were spraying on both sides of the LZ at once. One of the birds flew up into the other after a pass on the LZ and ...

Ken Mayberry remembers that there was CS in the LZ. I know Poe was flying smoke ship but unable to verify if he was laying CS too. I know we were briefed ahead of time about CS and issued gas masks to be worn with our helmets. I was flying with Dave Snyder as my right seat. Visibility was so poor through the masks we spilt the crew- ½ with ½ without. Dave flew while I & my doorgunner wore masks. After departing the LZ I took my mask off & when I put my helmet on Dave informed me Poe had crashed. Poe's Crewchief survived by jumping or being thrown out.

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From: BOBPHONX57@aol.com
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Hi again Ken,

I was on this gaggle too. I don't remember all of the details, but we were on a 20 ship, multiunit assault up near the DMZ in the mountains. Poe was lead aircraft of two smoke ships laying down smoke for the mission. We were inserting Vietnamese Troops on a ridge line five ships at a time.

Everyone had on his gas masks because intelligence said that there was a likelihood of an agent being used. I had just touched down on the ridge when someone reported that the smoke ships had collided. By the time I got over the wreckage, there was nothing left but smoking white ash. The crew chief survived by being thrown clear of the aircraft. He recounted that he knew that the rotors were going to mesh.

I know that Poe was listed as MIA for a time because they couldn't identify his remains. (He left his dog tags hanging on his bunk.)

There's more information of a personal nature, but not for E-mail.

The info. in the directory on Poe's death is also incorrect, and needs to be changed.

Bob Sauer