

Alcos, Larry Melvin
Dates in the 57th – August 8th 1968 – February 16th 1969
SP4 – (67A1F) Aircraft Maintenance
Birth Date: May 17th 1948
Waipahu, HI
Killed In Action Date: February 16th 1969
Near Polei Kleng RVN



<https://www.vvmf.org/Wall-of-Faces/518/LARRY-M-ALCOS/>

On February 16, 1969, a U.S. Army helicopter UH-1D (tail number 66-16091) from the 57th Assault Helicopter Company was attempting to insert a Long-Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP) team in a landing zone one-mile northeast of Polei Kleng in Kontum Province, RVN, when the aircraft received an unknown number and type of hits from enemy ground fire. The pilot, WO1 Normand P. Perron, radioed on climb out that the controls were erratic. The aircraft then began a slow spiral descent and crashed, bursting into flames upon impact. All four of the crewmembers were killed as were the four LRRP team members aboard. The lost crewmen included WO1 Perron, aircraft commander WO1 Arthur L. Papale, crew chief SP4 Rick A. Oliver, and gunner SP4 Larry M. Alcos. The four lost Rangers were SGT Ralph G. Dunn, SP4 Gerald Q. Hancock, PFC Hugh R. McKinney, and SP4 Jack L. Rightmyer. Hancock was posthumously promoted to Sergeant and McKinney to Corporal. [Taken from coffeltdatabase.org and vhpa.org]

From the Army Gold Book

Name: SP4 Larry Melvin Alcos
Status: Killed in Action from an incident on 02/16/1969 while performing the of Gunner.
Age at death: 20.8
Date of Birth: 05/17/48
Home City: Waipahu, HI
Service: regular component of the U.S. Army
Unit: 57 AHC
Major organization: 1st Aviation Brigade
Service: U.S. Army
The Wall location: 32W-041
Short Summary: RRP insert near Polei Kleng, west of Kontum. Enemy fire hit controls. Lost 90° gear box on takeoff, flipped & exploded.

Aircraft: UH-1D tail number 66-16091
Service number: 67190675
Country: South Vietnam
MOS: 67A1F=Aircraft Maintenance Apprentice
Primary cause: Hostile fire
Major attributing cause: aircraft connected not at sea
Compliment cause: fire or burns
Position in vehicle: door gunner
Started tour: 08/0868
“Official” listing: helicopter air casualty – other aircrew
Location: Kontum Province II Corps
Military grid coordinates of event: ZA055956
Reason: aircraft lost or crashes
Casualty type: Hostile – killed
single male U.S. citizen
Race – Malayan
Religion: Roman Catholic
The following information is secondary, but may help in explaining this incident.
Category of casualty as defined the Army: battle dead Category of personnel: active duty Army Military class: enlisted personnel.



HONORED ON PANEL 32W, LINE 41 OF THE WALL

LARRY MELVIN ALCOS

WALL NAME

LARRY M ALCOS

PANEL / LINE

32W/41

DATE OF BIRTH

05/17/1948

CASUALTY PROVINCE

KONTUM

DATE OF CASUALTY

02/16/1969

HOME OF RECORD

WAIPAHAU

COUNTY OF RECORD

Honolulu City and County

STATE

HI

BRANCH OF SERVICE

ARMY

RANK

SP4

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/90796843/larry-melvin-alcos>

Spec Larry Melvin Alcos

BIRTH	17 May 1948 Waipahu, Honolulu County, Hawaii, USA
DEATH	16 Feb 1969 (aged 20) Kon Tum, Vietnam
BURIAL	<u>Mililani Memorial Park</u> Waipahu, Honolulu County, Hawaii, USA
MEMORIAL ID	90796843 · View Source

SP4/ US Army/ KIA Viet Nam. 57th Aviation Company.

<https://www.milanimemorial.com/makai-chapel>



<https://billiongraves.com/grave/Larry-M-Alcos/11197134>



Larry M. Alcos
Born: 17 May 1948
Died: 16 Feb 1969

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