

## CLINTON COUNTY AIR FORCE BASE - LINE OF DUTY DEATHS

Two C119 planes of a troop carrier group collided in the air. One of the planes caught fire after the collision and crashed into a plowed field. The planes were C119s of the 907th Troop Carrier Group at Clinton County AFB. The planes crashed on U.S. 22 near Melvin, about 10 miles east of Wilmington.

The planes were engaged in a normal night paratroop dropping exercise. Eight of the victims were green-bereted members of the Second Special Forces Group from Ft. Hayes at Columbus, Ohio.

Name	Rank	Organization	Job Title	Date	Home
Brock, Francis J.	MAJ	302nd Troop Carrier Wing	Mission Inspector	April 18, 1964	Shaw AFB, SC
Davis, Richard F.	SSG	302nd Troop Carrier Wing	Mechanic	April 18, 1964	New Vienna, OH
Grimes, Clyde	SSG	302nd Troop Carrier Wing	Radio Operator	April 18, 1964	Dayton, OH
Griswold, Richard M.	LTC	302nd Troop Carrier Wing	Pilot	April 18, 1964	Cincinnati, OH
Gudgell, Woodson B.	MAJ	302nd Troop Carrier Wing	Navigator	April 18, 1964	Owingsville, KY
Heismann, Stanley H.	MAJ	302nd Troop Carrier Wing	Co-Pilot	April 18, 1964	Loveland, OH
Hopkins, James A.	MAJ	302nd Troop Carrier Wing	Pilot	April 18, 1964	Dayton, OH
Milligan, Ernest B.	CPT	302nd Troop Carrier Wing	Co-Pilot	April 18, 1964	Wilmington, OH
Timmons, Robert L.	CPT	302nd Troop Carrier Wing	Navigator	April 18, 1964	Columbus, OH
Becker, Donald B.	1LT	Special Forces Airborne	Paratrooper	April 18, 1964	Columbus, OH
Cornell, William B.	SSG	Special Forces Airborne	Paratrooper	April 18, 1964	Columbus, OH
Glaze, Ray J.	LTC	Special Forces Airborne	Paratrooper	April 18, 1964	Pickerington, OH
Kelley, Joseph T.	SSG	Special Forces Airborne	Paratrooper	April 18, 1964	Columbus, OH
Kemp, Calvin F.	CPT	Special Forces Airborne	Paratrooper	April 18, 1964	Columbus, OH
Kramer, James W.	PFC	Special Forces Airborne	Paratrooper	April 18, 1964	Columbus, OH
Sardis, Sam W.	LTC	Special Forces Airborne	Paratrooper	April 18, 1964	Cincinnati, OH
Weart, Peter A.	CPL	Special Forces Airborne	Paratrooper	April 18, 1964	Columbus, OH

On August 9, 1968 a plane carrying 31 military passengers and crew members left the Clinton County Air Force Base for completion of an annual two-week active duty training held at Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts. The transport was assigned on the 907th Tactical Airlift Group, 302nd Tactical Airlift Wing. Just after takeoff, the C-119G "Flying Boxcar" lost power, and the pilot attempted to return to base. The plane crash-landed and caught fire on the Oattie Griffith Farm two miles from the base. Six reservist perished, and many more passengers and rescuers were injured.

Name	Rank	Organization	Job Title	Date	Home
Arehart, Ernest L.	SGT	907th Tactical Airlift Group	Unknown	August 9, 1968	Sabina, OH
Hall, Richard N.	SGT	907th Tactical Airlift Group	Load Master	August 9, 1968	Greenfield, OH
Hansford III, William B.	TSG	907th Tactical Airlift Group	Unknown	August 9, 1968	Wilmington, OH
Husinga, David A.	SGT	907th Tactical Airlift Group	Unknown	August 9, 1968	Columbus, OH
Ruschau, Paul U.	A1C	907th Tactical Airlift Group	Unknown	August 9, 1968	Dayton, OH
Wiford, Michael	A1C	907th Tactical Airlift Group	Unknown	August 9, 1968	Dayton, OH

C-119 Plane and crew lost in crash in France enroute to Ethiopia.

Name	Rank	Organization	Job Title	Date	Home
Anderson, Dale R.	LTC	302nd Tactical Airlift Wing	Unknown	October 1972 (France)	Unknown
Barbor, William R.	TSG	302nd Tactical Airlift Wing	Unknown	October 1972 (France)	Unknown
Champion, William L.	TSG	302nd Tactical Airlift Wing	Unknown	October 1972 (France)	Unknown
Durkin, Francis R.	MAJ	302nd Tactical Airlift Wing	Unknown	October 1972 (France)	Unknown
Meckstroth, Marion A.	MAJ	302nd Tactical Airlift Wing	Unknown	October 1972 (France)	Unknown

An Air Force Reserve C-123 plane from Rickenbacker Air Force Base at Columbus, Ohio supporting an exercise being conducted by Fort Sill army troops crashed apparently called for low-level flying.

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Brady, Thomas	MAJ	302nd Tactical Airlift Wing	Co-pilot	October 1980 (FT Sill, OK)	Reynoldsburg, Ohio
Freeland, Jr., George	CPT	302nd Tactical Airlift Wing	Pilot	October 1980 (FT Sill, OK)	Columbus, Ohio
Griffith, Donald	LTC	302nd Tactical Airlift Wing	Navigator	October 1980 (FT Sill, OK)	Clarion, Pennsylvania
Hass, Robert	SRA	302nd Tactical Airlift Wing	Loadmaster	October 1980 (FT Sill, OK)	Dayton, Ohio
Snodgrass, Michael	TSG	302nd Tactical Airlift Wing	Flight Mechanic	October 1980 (FT Sill, OK)	Blanchester, Ohio