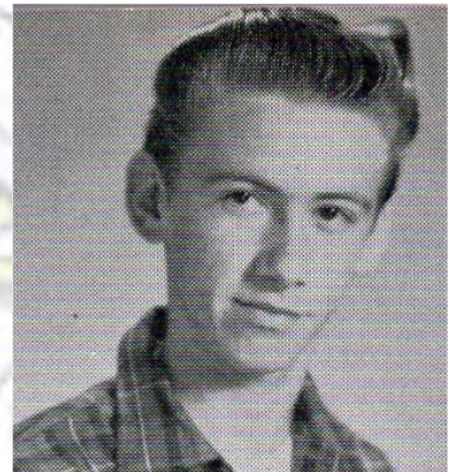


Thomas Jefferson Chandler, Jr., T-62

1 July 1943 – 15 March 1966

(aged 22)



Specialist 4-C Thomas J. Chandler, Jr., 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Chandler of 559 East.

The Defense Department said Specialist Chandler was killed by Viet Cong small arms fire in a combat assault mission near Pleiku, Tuesday. A member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, he had been in Vietnam since December.

Even in his most recent letters home, said his mother, "He said he didn't regret what he had to do. He didn't mind going. He knew it was something that had to be done and somebody had to do it."

Specialist Chandler, who was born and reared in Memphis, attended Tech High School, where his favorite sport was baseball. Before being drafted in December 1964, he was employed at Master Kraft Mfg. Company at 303 East Brooks Road.

He was scheduled to return home this winter.

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