

**Richard Evancho**  
**Lance Corporal**  
**MABS-36, MAG-36, 1ST MAW**  
**United States Marine Corps**  
**18 March 1948 - 26 March 1968**  
**Freeland, Pennsylvania**  
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PERSONAL DATA

Home of Record: Freeland, Pennsylvania  
Date of birth: Thursday, 03/18/1948

MILITARY DATA

Service: Marine Corps (Regular)  
Grade at loss: E3  
Rank: Lance Corporal  
ID No: 2279395  
MOS: 3531 MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR  
LenSvc: Between 1 and 2 years  
Unit: MABS-36, MAG-36, 1ST MAW

CASUALTY DATA

Start Tour: Not recorded  
Incident Date: Tuesday, 03/26/1968  
Cas Date: Tuesday, 03/26/1968  
Age at Loss: 20  
Remains: Body not recovered  
Location: Offshore, Military Region 1, South Vietnam  
Type: Non-hostile, died of other causes  
Reason: Air loss or crash at sea - Helicopter - Noncrew

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The HMM-363 Command Chronology for March 1968 contains the following entry:

"26 March 1968: The day was a tragic one for HMM-363. At approximately 0250H [2:50 am] Phu Bai came under a rocket attack. The first of the rockets to hit scored direct hits in the officers' areas. Heavy casualties were received. Among those wounded was LtCol ALLGOOD, the Commanding Officer of HMM-363. The squadron's physician examined him and reported his condition as grave. After the attack had ceased the medevacs were taken to "A" Med and examined, the night medevac crews were called to take those with head wounds to Da Nang for treatment. The section led by Major HARRISON launched with two medevacs aboard the lead aircraft and three in the chase [aircraft]. The weather was poor with a 500 foot ceiling and in an attempt to be clear of all mountains, the flight proceeded south over the water. At 0510H [5:10 am] the chase aircraft flown by Lt STEVENSON lost sight of the lead aircraft and then [lost] radio contact. Major HARRISON reported immediately that his wingman was down at the 090 degree radial Tacan Channel 69 at 30 miles. Major HARRISON, considering the severity of the medevacs' condition and the poor conditions for a search, continued to Da Nang. The SAR aircraft were immediately launched from Da Nang and the pilot Lt STEVENSON and co-pilot Lt RUCK were rescued. The crew, Cpl Larry E. GREEN 2175487 USMC crew chief, L/Cpl Ernest C. KERR 2203528 USMC gunner, the corpsmen HM3 William H. COOK 3919600 USN and HN Wayne J. FIELDING 9999186 USN, then medevacs Cpl Glenn MOWERY 2177279 USMC, LCpl Richard EVANCHO 2279395 USMC, and LtCol Frankie E. ALLGOOD 057335 USMCR the Commanding Officer of HMM-363 were not found. Major HOFFERT arrived from Quang Tri and assumed command."

The seven men lost in the crash of UH-34D BuNo 144654 were

- Aircrew and Corpsmen:
  - HM2 William H. Cook, Kennewick, WA, H&S Co, 3rd Med Bn
  - Cpl Larry E. Green, Mount Morris, MI, HMM-363
  - HN Wayne J. Fielding, Pittsburgh, PA, C Co, 3rd Med Bn
  - LCpl Ernest C. Kerr, Akron, OH, HMM-363
- Medevacs:
  - LtCol Frankie E. Allgood, Fort Scott, KS, HMM-363
  - Cpl Glenn W. Mowrey, Chillicothe, OH, H&S Co, 3rd Service Bn
  - LCpl Richard Evancho, Freeland, PA, MABS-36

The bodies of HM2 Cook and HN Fielding were subsequently recovered. The remains of the other five men were not found.