

**Anthony John Tencza****ON THE WALL: Panel 1E Line 11**

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## PERSONAL DATA:

Home of Record: Wallington, NJ

Date of birth: 05/13/1919

## MILITARY DATA:

Service Branch: Army of the United States

Grade at loss: O5

Rank: Posthumous Promotion as indicated

Promotion Note: None

ID No: O81278

MOS: 71542: Infantry Unit Commander  
(Airborne Qual)

Length Service: 20

Unit: ADV TEAM, 22ND ARVN DIV, MAAGV  
ADVISORS, MAAGV

## CASUALTY DATA:

Start Tour: Not Recorded

Incident Date: 07/15/1962

Casualty Date: 07/15/1962

Status Date: Not Applicable

Status Change: Not Applicable

Age at Loss: 43

Location: Kontum Province, South Vietnam

Remains: Body recovered

Repatriated: Not Applicable

Identified: Not Applicable

Casualty Type: Hostile, died outright

Casualty Reason: Helicopter - Noncrew

Casualty Detail: Air loss or crash over land

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Field Title	Value	Meaning
<a href="#">SERVICE NUMBER</a>	O81278	O81278
<a href="#">MEMBER COMPONENT CODE</a>	R	Regular
<a href="#">PERSON TYPE NAME CODE</a>	K	ACTIVE - REGULAR
<a href="#">PERSON TYPE NAME</a>	ACTIVE - REGULAR	ACTIVE - REGULAR
<a href="#">MEMBER NAME</a>	TENCZA ANTHONY JOHN	TENCZA ANTHONY JOHN
<a href="#">MEMBER SERVICE CODE</a>	A	Army
<a href="#">MEMBER SERVICE NAME</a>	ARMY	ARMY
<a href="#">MEMBER RANK OR RATE</a>	COL	COLONEL
<a href="#">MEMBER PAYGRADE</a>	O05	OFFICER
<a href="#">MEMBER OCCUPATION CODE</a>	71542	71542
<a href="#">MEMBER OCCUPATION NAME</a>	PARACHUTIST, INFANTRY UNIT COMMANDER	PARACHUTIST, INFANTRY UNIT COMMANDER
<a href="#">MEMBER BIRTHDATE</a>	19190513	05/13/1919
<a href="#">MEMBER'S GENDER</a>	M	Male
<a href="#">HOME OF RECORD CITY</a>	WALLINGTON	WALLINGTON
<a href="#">HOME OF RECORD COUNTY</a>	BERGEN	BERGEN
<a href="#">HOME OF RECORD COUNTRY CODE</a>	US	UNITED STATES
<a href="#">HOME OF RECORD STATE CODE</a>	NJ	NEW JERSEY
<a href="#">STATE OR PROVINCE NAME</a>	NEW JERSEY	NEW JERSEY
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<a href="#">YEAR OF DEATH [OR INCIDENT]</a>	1962	1962
<a href="#">WAR OR CONFLICT CODE</a>	V	Vietnam Conflict
<a href="#">OPERATION INCIDENT TYPE CODE</a>	C	COMBAT
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<a href="#">CASUALTY TYPE NAME</a>	DECEASED	DECEASED
<a href="#">CASUALTY CATEGORY</a>	KILLED IN ACTION	KILLED IN ACTION
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<a href="#">CASUALTY CAT. SHORT NAME</a>		
<a href="#">REMAINS RECOVERED</a>	Y	Body Remains Recovered
<a href="#">CASUALTY CLOSURE NAME</a>	BURIED - UNKNOWN DISP	BURIED - UNKNOWN DISP
<a href="#">VIETNAM WALL ROW AND PANEL INDICATOR</a>	01E 011	01E 011
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<a href="#">INCIDENT CASUALTY CATEGORY DATE</a>		

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<a href="#">INCIDENT HOSTILE OR INCIDENT NON-HOSTILE DEATH</a>		
<a href="#">INCIDENT AIRCRAFT TYPE</a>		

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## Fairfax Officer Killed in Crash

Lt. Col. Anthony J. Tencza, of Fairfax, was among the military personnel killed when a reconnaissance helicopter was shot down by Communist guerrillas in Viet Nam. Col. Tencza was a native of Passiac, N.J., and entered the army in 1941. He received a lieutenant's commission in 1942 and in 1946, he was promoted to major. After the war, he was stationed at numerous military posts, including Fort Myer. He is survived by his wife, and three children, Barbara, Linda and Tony Tencza.

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# THE WALL OF FACES



HONORED ON PANEL 1E, LINE 11 OF THE WALL  
**ANTHONY JOHN TENCZA**

WALL NAME  
**ANTHONY J TENCZA**

PANEL / LINE  
**1E/11**

DATE OF BIRTH  
**05/13/1919**

CASUALTY PROVINCE  
**PR & MR UNKNOWN**

DATE OF CASUALTY  
**07/15/1962**

HOME OF RECORD  
**WALLINGTON**

COUNTY OF RECORD  
**Bergen County**

STATE  
**NJ**

BRANCH OF SERVICE  
**ARMY**

RANK  
**COL**