

## Armory Explosion

*and death of*  
**A1C Robert  
Edward  
Pascoe**

**by Fred Krisch,  
633rd SPS,  
Pleiku  
1966-1967**

Photo L/R: A1C  
Miles, A3C  
McSpadden, A1C  
Pascoe, *Unknown*  
*behind Pascoe*, A1C  
Crawley, A2C Krish.  
(Pascoe died the day  
after the photo was  
taken).  
Note French bunker  
(upper left): Bunker  
19.  
*Right/Click right to  
see original photo.*



*Photos by Fred Krisch and Courtesy MyHeritage.com*

### **633rd Security Police Squadron, Pleiku, 1966-1967**

**The October 1997 issue of Guardmount and read Steve Ray's column (Guardmount Pass-on's). Yes, A1C Robert Edward Pascoe was indeed a Security Policeman at Pleiku AB. He had arrived**



in Pleiku about May of 1967. If I can recall correctly, he left a wife and two children. Pascoe was on "C" Flight and we had just got off duty and were turning in our weapons at our SPS Armory. The time was probably 0700 to 0730 hours. At that time, the policy was for an AIC to check all the incoming weapons to be stored. Also, the hand grenades AND the hand flares were stored together in ammo boxes.

When I arrived to turn in my weapon, there were maybe three or four guys cleaning their weapons prior to turning them in to Airman Pascoe, who was working in the Armory that day. I was exhausted and did not want to clean mine (and I never skipped weapon's cleaning!) so I walked past Pascoe and put my weapon on its respective rack and walked out. It was no more than thirty-seconds passing when three terrific explosions came from the Armory. The guys who had been cleaning their weapons were injured, but there was no remains left of Robert Pascoe.

Pleiku Air Base had to receive an emergency shipment of weapons and ammo, since we had none with the exception of those on duty and on the reserve team.

A service was held for Pascoe at Pleiku Base Chapel (below left photo):

Fred "Lurch" Krisch,  
9-1966 - 8-1967, Pleiku

Robert Edward Pascoe, HS 1961 Photo



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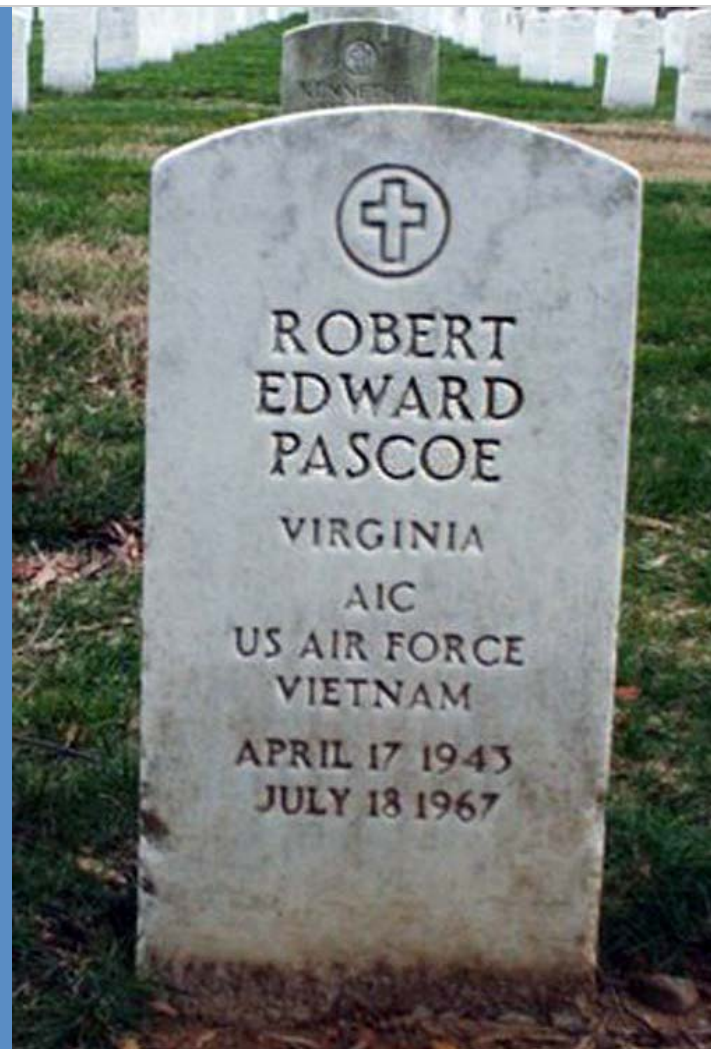
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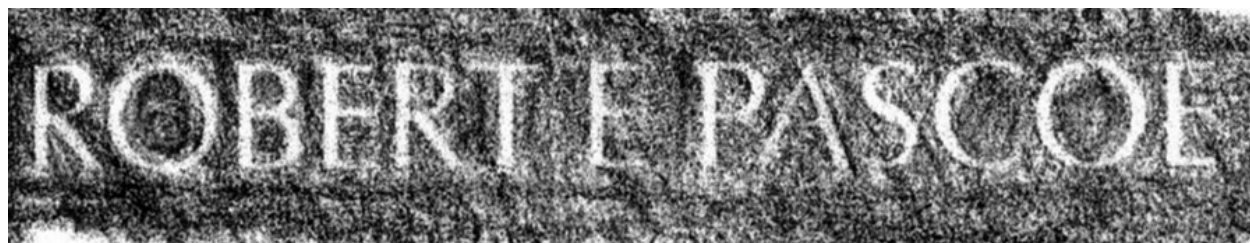






PASCOE, ROBERT EDWARD  
A1C - Air Force - Regular  
24 year old Married, Caucasian, Male  
Born on Apr 17, 1943  
From ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA  
Length of service 3 years.  
His tour of duty began on May 31, 1967  
Casualty was on Jul 18, 1967  
in PLEIKU, SOUTH VIETNAM  
Non Hostile, GROUND CASUALTY  
OTHER ACCIDENT  
633d APS, Pleiku AB  
Body was recovered  
Panel 23E - Line 88  
Circumstances (Non Hostile):  
Accidental Grenade/Armory Explosion





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