

REFUGEE REPORT & PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

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SOURCE DATA: TRUONG VAN DIEN, 27
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NUMBER & DATE: ~~186-0267~~ 24 SEP 86
ANALYST: MSG D. W. Atherton
CROSS REFERENCE(S): None.

CATEGORY DATA: None.

FINDINGS: Review of information provided by Source reveals a probable correlation to REFNO 1170.

CORRELATE DATA: REFNO 1170: On 12 May 1968, Major Bernard L. Bucher, Staff Sergeant Frank M. Helper, Major John McElroy, First Lieutenant Stephen C. Moreland, and Airman Second Class George W. Long, were crew members aboard a C130 aircraft evacuating Captain Warren R. Orr and an undetermined number of Vietnamese civilians from the Kham Duc Special Forces Camp, grid coordinates ZC 000080. The aircraft, serial number 60-0297, was hit by ground fire during take off, exploded in midair, and crashed in a fireball in the vicinity of grid coordinates ZC 031110, approximately two and a half kilometers northeast of Kham Duc, Quang Nam-Da Nang (formerly Quang Tin) Province, Vietnam. No rescue effort was attempted because of hostile forces in the area. All Personnel on board the aircraft are currently carried in the presumptive status of Dead, Body Not Recovered.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: Source has accurately reported the 1968 battle at Kham Duc. Although three C130 aircraft were lost during the evacuation of this site, Source's report probably correlates to the loss of REFNO 1170 as the All Loss Report shows that the other two C130 aircraft were not lost in the nearby mountains as reported by Source.

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