

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 9 JUNE 1993

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BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION  
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REFNO: 0233-1-01 (ACCNO 1205)  
Name: WOOD, DON CHARLES

Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Date Status assigned: 4 Mar 1980

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	33009
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	O3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No		Height	73 in / 1.85 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	11 Nov 1929	Weight	185 lb / 83.8 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	UTAH	Religion	OTHER	PW Camp	\$

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SITE INFORMATION  
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INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)

Site Type:	CRASH SITE	BURIAL SITE
UTM:	48QTG959751	48QUG177556
Lat/Long:	193944N / 1030311E	192918N / 1031546E
Country:	LAOS	
Military Region:	2	
Mission Province:	XIANGKHOANG	
(formerly):		
Mission District:	SOUY	PEK (XIANGKHOANG)
Mission Date:	16 Jan 1966	
Mission Category:	3	
Local Analysis:	None.	Unknown location.

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JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY  
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Folders Passed: Jun 92, Nov 89, Aug 78, Jul 76  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: DISCREPANCY  
Survivability: (3) Unknown

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VEHICLE DATA  
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Vehicle Type: F105D	Serial: 1719
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J7519
Call Sign: OLDS 05	1 Serial: P612352
Year: 59	2 Serial: \$

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SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY  
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# = Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.  
\$ = Item is not applicable to this case.  
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

16 April 1975

(U) ON 16 JAN 66 CAPT DON C. WOOD WAS FLYING AN F-105 (#59-1719) EQUIPPED AS A CAMERA SHIP IN THE NUMBER FIVE POSITION IN A FLIGHT OF FIVE F-105'S ON A MISSION OVER LAOS. THE FLIGHT ARRIVED OVER THE TARGET, (VICINITY GRID COORDINATES TG 954 627) AT ABOUT 1625 HOURS. THE LEAD AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING TWO TO THREE NAUTICAL MILES NORTH OF THE TARGET IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION WHEN AN F105 CROSSED IN FRONT OF HIM IN A NORTHERLY HEADING IN ABOUT A 20 DEGREE CLIMB PERFORMING AN AILERON ROLL. AT THIS TIME THE AIRCRAFT THE FLIGHT LEADER OBSERVED STILL SEEMED TO BE UNDER CONTROL SO HE WAS NOT CONCERNED. NUMBER FIVE HAD NOT BEEN CALLING "IN" OR "OFF" ON HIS RUNS, SO HE WAS ASSUMED TO BE HAVING TROUBLE.

WHEN THE FLIGHT LEADER CALLED TO FIND OUT WHO HAD PASSED IN FRONT OF HIM, THE PILOTS OF THE NUMBER TWO, THREE, AND FOUR INDICATED THAT THEY HAD NOT. SO IT WAS ASSUMED THAT THE NUMBER FIVE AIRCRAFT HAD. WHEN THE FLIGHT LEADER CALLED FOR REJOIN AFTER MAKING ONE MORE STRAFING PASS, THE NUMBER FIVE WAS NOT IN SIGHT. A SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED BY THE FOUR REMAINING AIRCRAFT OVER A 30 MILE RADIUS FROM THE TARGET WITHOUT SUCCESS. SEARCH AND RESCUE EFFORTS WERE CONTINUED UNTIL 21 JAN 66 BY USAF SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS WITHOUT SUCCESS. THE BEST ESTIMATE FOR CAPT WOOD'S LAST LOCATION IS IN THE VICINITY OF (GC) TG 959 751. (REF 1 & 2)

(U) PEKING RADIO JANUARY 18 1966 ANNOUNCED U.S. AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN AND PILOT CAPTURED IN PHOU KHOUT AREA (LAOS) ON JANUARY 16 BY (LAOTIAN PATRIOTIC FORCES). ANOTHER REPORT FROM VOICE OF LAO KINGDOM LOCALLY MONITORED STATED THAT THE PILOT WAS SEEN (PARACHUTING TO GROUND). THIS WAS CORRELATED TO CAPT WOOD. A LAOTIAN PROPAGANDA FILM OBTAINED IN JANUARY 1977 CONTAINED ONE SEQUENCE CLEARLY SHOWING CAPT WOOD'S ID CARD AND THAT OF ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL. ALSO SHOWN WERE BLOOD CHITS, REVOLVERS, AND HELMETS. NONE OF THESE ITEMS WERE DAMAGED. (REF 3 & 4)

(U) DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE LIMITED INFORMATION AVAILABLE PRECLUDED ANY EFFORTS TOWARD THE RESOLUTION OF THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. CAPT WOOD IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

(U) A SOURCE REPORTED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 1500 HOURS SOMETIME IN JUNE 1965 A JET AIRCRAFT WAS HIT BY AA FIRE AND CRASHED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID SQUARE UG 0065. AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT, WHICH THE SOURCE DISCOVERED TO BE THE PILOT, SEEMED TO PLUMMET FROM THE AIRCRAFT AND HIT THE GROUND. HE DID NOT SEE THE SEAT, PARACHUTE, OR ANYTHING ELSE TO EXPLAIN HOW THE PILOT MIGHT HAVE EJECTED. THE BODY WAS TAKEN BY TRUCK AND BURIED IN THE VICINITY OF UG 177556. THIS REPORT IS CORRELATED TO THIS INCIDENT.

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

14 April 1986

(U) SOURCE HEARD FROM AN INDIVIDUAL AT NA PHO CAMP ABOUT THE WRECKAGE OF AN AIRCRAFT AND REMAINS DISCOVERED IN THE AREA OF MUANG KHEUNG (TG 9971). THIS INDIVIDUAL ALLEGEDLY BURIED THE REMAINS NEAR THE CRASH SITE AND KEPT A DOG TAG ASSOCIATED WITH THESE REMAINS. THIS INFORMATION POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 0233 INCIDENT. (REF 6)

25 January 1991

(U) THE SOURCE PROVIDED A LOCATION OF A GRAVE SITE OF A PILOT IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES UG1352, WHICH POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 0233. (REF 7)

=== REFERENCES ===

14 April 1986

REFERENCES: <1> RPT (U), 355CSG (DP) AF FORM 484 W/STATEMENTS, 7 MAR 66. <2> MSG (U), 13AF 151428Z JAN 66. <3> MSG (U), CINCPACAF, 020324Z JAN 66. <4> LTR (U), JCRC-CDR, 17 FEB 77. <5> REPORT (C), USDAO/VIENTIANE, IR 2 237 0086 74 (EXTRACT), DTG 050341Z APR 74. <6> REFCON (C), T85-192. <7> T89-278, 14 JULY 1989.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

10 September 1976

(U) A NEGOTIATION FOLDER FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS PROVIDED TO THE US CONSULATE, VIENTIANE IN APRIL 1976 FOR POSSIBLE USE IN CASUALTY RESOLUTION NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LAO PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE PASSED FOLDERS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF WESTERN PACIFIC AFFAIRS (SOMBAT CHOUNLAMANY) ON 16 JULY 76. ANOTHER FOLDER WAS PASSED DURING THE WEEK OF 21 AUG 1978.

8 December 1989

(U) DURING THE 1 - 3 NOV 89 MEETING IN VIENTIANE, LAOS, USDAS LAMBERTSON PASSED A NARRATIVE ON THIS CASE TO LPDR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

22 April 1977

(U) BURIAL SITE OF UG177556 ENTERED BASED ON IIR 2 237 0086 74 (CORELATED TO REFNO 0233-1-01).

22 April 1975

(U) COORDS CHANGED FROM TG 956 811 TO TG 959 751 BASED ON RE-PLOT OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY AF FORM 484.

22 April 1977

(U) LAST KNOWN (BURIAL) LOCATION OF UG177556 ENTERED BASED ON IIR 2 237 0086 74.