

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
 BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 5 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0635-0-01 (ACCNO 0782) Status: (F) DEAD BODY
 NOT RECOVERED
 Name: GOVAN, ROBERT ALLEN Date Status assigned:
 6 Mar 1978
 Nationality AMERICAN | Race CAUCASIAN | Blood Chit
 21248
 Service AIR FORCE | Sex MALE | Blood type O
 + Grade 04 | Hair BLOND | Complexion
 FAIR
 SSAN | Eyes HAZEL | Weapon .38
 CAL PISTOL
 Serial No 003036636 | Height 72 in / 1.83 mtrs | Weapon No
 K646042
 Birth date 27 Apr 1934 | Weight 193 lb / 87.4 kg | Duty pos
 PILOT
 Home State DIST OF COLUM | Religion PROTESTANT | PW Camp \$

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
 UTM: 48QXD021785
 Lat/Long: 165921N / 1060805E
 Country: LAOS
 Military Region: 3
 Mission Province: SAVANNAKHET
 (formerly): VIENTIANE
 Mission District: VILIBOURI
 Mission Date: 1 Apr 1967 2102L
 Mission Category: 2
 Local Analysis: Near populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Jun 92
 Investigations: Feb 93
 Surveys: Feb 93
 Site Identified: Feb 93
 Vessey Case: NO
 Case type: CRASH SITE
 Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the
 crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

REFNO 0635-0-02 (ACCNO 1196)	Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT
RECOVERED Name: WILLIAMS, DAVID RICHARD	Date Status
assigned: 1 Mar 1977 Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN
Blood Chit 21261	
Service AIR FORCE	Sex MALE Blood type A
+ Grade 04	Hair BROWN Complexion
FAIR	
SSAN	Eyes BROWN Weapon .38
CAL PISTOL	
Serial No 000030523	Height 66 in /1.68 mtrs Weapon No
K673839	
Birth date 8 Jul 1929	Weight 133 lb / 60.2 kg Duty pos
INSTPILOT	
Home State TENNESSEE	Religion PROTESTANT PW Camp \$

Vehicle Type: T28D
Crash Type: Enemy action

Serial: 1559
Engine Type: R182056S

Call Sign: ZORRO 42

1 Serial: 519706

Year: 49

2 Serial: \$

===== 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.

CASE: 0635

23 July 1975

ON 1 APR 67, MAJ ROBERT A. GOVAN, PILOT, AND MAJ DAVID R. WILLIAMS, INSTRUCTOR PILOT, WERE ABOARD A T28D (#491559) AIRCRAFT WHICH DEPARTED NAKHON PHANOM AIR BASE ON A NIGHT ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER LAOS. AFTER JOINING THE FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER (FAC) AT AN INTERDICTION POINT, THE FAC SIGHTED TWO TRUCKS GOING SOUTH ON ROUTE 911. THE FAC DROPPED A FLARE TO MARK THE TARGET, BUT MORE LIGHT WAS NEEDED BECAUSE THE TRUCKS SIGHTED WERE NO LONGER VISABLE. AT THIS TIME MAJ GOVAN DESCENDED TO AN ALTITUDE BELOW THE FAC AND ESTIMATED TO BE ONE TO TWO THOUSAND FEET ABOVE THE TERRAIN. AT THAT TIME, ANOTHER TRUCK WAS SEEN HEADING NORTH AND MAJ GOVAN DROPPED TWO FLARES, BUT THEY WERE OFF TARGET, AS THEY BURNED OUT, MAJ GOVAN'S AIRCRAFT WAS OBSERVED BY THE FAC ROLLING OUT ON A NORTHEAST HEADING. THE FAC DROPPED ANOTHER FLARE AND THEN OBSERVED NUMEROUS FLASHES WHICH APPEARED TO BE ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE, ABOUT SIX SECONDS LATER THE FAC OBSERVED A LARGE FIREBALL ON THE GROUND IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) XD 029 773, FOLLOWED BY NUMEROUS SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. THE FAC WAS UNABLE TO MAKE RADIO CONTACT WITH THE CREW OF THE T28. SAR EFFORTS WERE INITIATED, AND DURING THE SEARCH NO BEEPER SIGNALS WERE HEARD AND NO PARACHUTES OR SIGNS OF LIFE WERE OBSERVED. SEARCH EFFORTS WERE SUSPENDED AT 1300 HOURS, 2 APRIL 67, DUE TO ENEMY ACTIVITY. (REF 1 & 2)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. MAJ GOVAN AND MAJ WILLIAMS ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, REMAINS NOT RECOVERED.

23 July 1975

REFERENCES: <1> (U) MSG, 634TH CSG NKP, 020810Z APR 67. <2> (U) RPT, 56TH AIR COMMANDO WING, AF FORM 484 W/STATEMENTS, 8 APR 67. <3> DETAILED REPORT OF SURVEY, CASE 0635, 300721Z MAR 93.

MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE 18 August 1975
INCIDENT/LAST KNOWN LOCATION CHANGED FROM XD012765 TO XD029773
BASED ON AF FORM FORM 484, 56 AIR COMMANDO WING, 8 APR 67.
== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===17 May 1993
ON 8 MARCH 1993, A JOINT U.S./LAO INVESTIGATION/RECOVERY TEAM (IRT)
INVESTIGATED THIS CASE AND SURVEYED THE CRASH SITE AT GRID
COORDINATE (GC) XD0207878540, VILIBOURI DISTRICT, SAVANNAKHET
PROVINCE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO VILLAGERS AT BAN HOUAI DANG, GC
XD030786. ONE VILLAGER, WHO HAD FOUND THE CRASH SITE, REPORTEDLY
REMOVED A BURNED WATCH AND THREE COINS FROM THE CHARRED COCKPIT
AREA, BUT DID NOT RECALL SEEING ANY REMAINS. HE ALSO SAID THE
WINGS AND TAIL WERE SEPARATED FROM THE COCKPIT AREA. BOTH
VILLAGERS INTERVIEWED REPORTED THEY HAD SEEN SOME CHARRED BONE
FRAGMENTS IN THE AREA WHILE SALVAGING ALUMINUM, BUT HAD NOT REMOVED
THEM. A SURVEY OF THE SITE YIELDED ONLY SMALL PIECES OF WRECKAGE
AND PERSONAL EFFECTS, WHICH INCLUDED A GREEN SHIRT BUTTON, SEAT
HARNES BUCKLE, AND A PIECE OF BURNED PLASTIC. AT THE VILLAGE, THE
TEAM WAS GIVEN AN ENGINE DATA PLATE THE VILLAGERS HAD REMOVED FROM
THE WRECKAGE WHICH POSITIVELY IDENTIFIES THIS AS THE CRASH SITE FOR
THIS CASE. THE SITE IS RECOMMENDED FOR RECOVERY. (REF 3)