

SOURCE DATA: NGUYEN VAN MEN, 23
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: T84-134, 26 June 1984
ANALYST: SFC R. R. HILL
CROSS REFERENCE(S): T84-065, T84-090, T84-141, HK83-032.

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CATEGORY DATE: Identification media data, crash sites with remains, remains dealers/first, second hand accounts.

FINDINGS: Review of data supplied by the source reveals a potential correlation to REFNOs 1262 0856 and a probable correlation to REFNO 0746. — Thua Thien-Hue

CORRELATE DATA: REFNO 1262 concerns the loss on 24 August 1968 of Maj Charles H. W. Read Jr. and 1LT Melvin E. Ladewig, who were crewmen aboard a F4D shotdown during a night armed reconnaissance mission over NVN vicinity of XD456547. No parachutes were sighted and no beeper signals were heard. Both Maj Read and 1LT Ladewig are currently in the presumptive status of Dead Remains Not Recovered. REFNO 0856 concerns the loss on 8 October 1967 of LTJG Andrew G. Bissu, LTJG Donald F. Wolfe, LTJG Norman L. Roggow, ATC Roland R. Pineau and JOSN Raul A. Guerra. They were aboard an ElB inbound to Da Nang when the aircraft crashed in the vicinity of AT875905. The crash site was in hazardous terrain (3700 foot level of a mountain slope) that precluded a helicopter landing or sending a ground party to the site. All personnel are carried in the status of Dead, Remains Not Recovered. REFNO 0746 concerns the loss of CPT John A. House II, pilot, and four members of a reconnaissance patrol, LCPL John D. Killen III, M3 Michael B. Judd (corpsman), LCPL Merlin R. Allen, and CPL Glyn L. Runnels Jr., who were aboard a CH-46A helicopter, shotdown in South Vietnam vicinity of YC896956. In the insertion attempt the helicopter was hit, burst into flames, and made a crash landing in tall jungle canopy after attempting to fly to safety. A few people were able to escape and the helicopter soon became engulfed totally in flames and exploded. All five men in this incident are currently carried in the status of Dead, Body Not Recovered.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: Only a potential correlation is given to REFNO 1262 based on location data provided by source. The aircraft crash site 35KM northwest of Da Nang as relayed by source, has a potential correlation to REFNO 0856. REFNO 0856 is however, only 15KM northwest from Da Nang. Identification media data that was provided on Allen, M. R. and Runnels G. L. Jr correlate to the loss of REFNO 0746. Hanks, Danny D. was KIA and his remains were recovered. Magan, C. F. is not listed as unaccounted-for. Coughlin, K. J. is alive and he has been reported before. Reeves, Luckett M. Jr.; Dominguez, Johnny; Gadson, Gilbert W. are not listed as unaccounted-for.

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