

## BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 01 MAY 1986

ACCNO 5340

\*\*\*\*\* BIOGRAPHIC SECTION \*\*\*\*\*

FNO; 0788-0-01  
 ME; CHERRY ALLEN SHELDON  
 NATIONALITY UNITED STATES  
 SERVICE AIR FORCE  
 GRADE O3  
 SSAN DATA  
 SERIAL NO 003082436  
 BIRTH DATE 14 SEP 36  
 CREAT DATE 12 NOV 71  
 DUTY POS PILOT  
 UNIT ASGD 602 TAC FTR SQD  
 PW CAMP \$  
 PD 2

STATUS: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
 DATE STATUS ASSIGNED; 09 AUG 67

RACE CAUCASIAN  
 SEX MALE  
 HAIR BLOND  
 EYES BROWN  
 HEIGHT 72 INS 1 82 MTRS  
 WEIGHT 166 LBS 75.1 KILOS  
 COMPLEXION \*  
 BLOOD TYPE A +  
 RELIGION OTHER  
 HOME STATE MICHIGAN  
 GRAVE CORR

MED RECORD YES  
 DEN RECORD YES  
 DEN XRAY NO  
 DD1300 YES  
 PHOTO NO  
 DIA FILE NO \*  
 PERS AUTH NO \*\*\*\*  
 BLOOD CHIT NO 42075  
 WEAPON TYPE \*  
 WEAPON SERIAL \*

## \*\*\*\*\* SITE SECTION \*\*\*\*\*

## \*\*\* VEHICLE DATA \*\*\*

## \*\*\* SITE DATA \*\*\*

## INCIDENT LOCATION

SITE NUMBER 0788-0-00  
 GRID ZONE DESG 480  
 UTM VG099470  
 COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM  
 MILITARY REGION 4  
 PROVINCE NGHE AN  
 MISSION DATE 09 AUG 67

SITE TYPE  
 CATEGORY 2  
 NUMBER MIS/BNR 01  
 NUMBER RECOVERED 00  
 NUMBER POS ID 00  
 JCRC SEARCH NO  
 JCRC INSPECTION NO  
 OTHER INSPECTION NO  
 WITNESS STATEMENT NO  
 BOARD ACTION NO

MISSION NAME  
 CALL SIGN  
 CRASH TYPE  
 VEHICLE TYPE  
 YEAR  
 SERIAL 132678  
 ACCY  
 SVC  
 ENGINE TYPE  
 1 SERIAL  
 2 SERIAL

RECCE  
 FIREFLY 18  
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 A1E  
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 R3350

LAST KNOWN LOCATION SAME AS INCIDENT LOCATION

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REFNO; 0780-0-01 NAME; CHERRY ALLEN SHELDON

CD DATE BLK COMMENTS

001 16 JAN 76 01 ON 9 AUGUST 1967, CAPT ALLEN S. CHERRY WAS FLYING AN A1E AIRCRAFT, (#52132678, CALL SIGN FIREFLY 16), ON AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE MISSION OVER NVN WHERE HE ATTACKED A TRUCK PARK. HIS WINGMAN WATCHED AS CAPT CHERRY STARTED HIS DIVE, STRAFING RUN FROM 13,000 FEET AS IT APPEARED THAT THE PLANE WAS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO PULL OUT OF ITS DIVE, THE WINGMAN CALLED FOR CAPT CHERRY TO BAIL OUT. HE RECEIVED NO RESPONSE AND THE PLANE CONTINUED TO DIVE INTO THE GROUND. THE DIVING AIRCRAFT WAS IN ALMOST CONTINUAL OBSERVATION FROM THE START OF THE ATTACK RUN UNTIL IMPACT, AND NO PARACHUTE WAS SIGHTED AT ANY TIME.

001 16 JAN 76 02 THERE WERE NO BEEPER SIGNALS HEARD. THE WINGMAN CIRCLED THE AREA BUT COULD NOT MAKE CONTACT WITH THE DOWNED AIRMAN. THE LOCATION OF LOSS IS IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES VG 099 470. (REF 1)

001 16 JAN 76 03 DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. CAPT CHERRY IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

001 29 NOV 84 30 SOURCE OBSERVED THE CRASH OF A T-28 AIRCRAFT VICINITY OF MUANG SEN (V) (VG1045). SOURCE SAW THE AIRCRAFT BEGIN TO DIVE FROM A HIGH ALTITUDE AND DIVED ALMOST STRAIGHT DOWN INTO A RICE STORAGE AREA. VILLAGE OFFICIALS ALLEGEDLY TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CRASHSITE AND DAMAGED AREA. THIS PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CPT ALLEN S. CHERRY. (REF 2)

002 29 NOV 84 40 REFERENCES USED; 1. , MSG, 432 TFW, 091200Z AUG 67. 2. REFCOM , T84-208, 10 OCT 84.

001 28 FEB 86 45 A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON ALLEN S. CHERRY WAS PASSED DURING THE 27-28 FEB 86 JCRC/VNOSMIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

0997 27 JAN 76 55 CHANGE INCIDENT LOCATION FROM VGD89414 TO VG099470 BASED ON 432 TUOC UDORN AB THAI 091030Z AUG 1967.