

GUMPHREY

***** BIOGRAPHIC SECTION *****

REFNO: 0788-0-01 STATUS: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED, DATE STATUS ASSIGNED 09 AUG 67

NAME: CHERRY ALLEN SHELTON	RACE: CAUCASIAN	MED RECORD: YES
NATIONALITY: UNITED STATES	SEX: MALE	DEN RECORD: YES
SERVICE: AIR FORCE	HAIR: BLOND	DEN XRAY: NO
GRADE: O2	EYES: BROWN	DD1300: YES
SSAN: DATA	HEIGHT: 72 INS 1.82 MTRS	PHOTO: NO
SERIAL NO: 003082436	WEIGHT: 166 LBS 75.1 KILOS	DIA FILE NO: #
BIRTH DATE: 14 SEP 36	COMPLEXION: #	PERS AUTH NO: ****
CREAT DATE: 12 NOV 71	BLOOD TYPE: A +	BLOOD CHIT NO: 42075
DUTY POS: PILOT	RELIGION: OTHER	WEAPON TYPE: #
UNIT ASGO: 602 TAC FTR SQD	HOME STATE: MICHIGAN	WEAPON SERIAL: #
PA CAMP: 6	GRAVE CORR:	
RPD: 2		

***** SITE SECTION *****

INCIDENT LOCATION *** SITE DATA ***

SITE NUMBER: 0788-0-00	SITE TYPE: CRASH SITE	MISSION NAME: RECCE
GRID ZONE DESS: 48A	CATEGORY: 2	CALL SIGN: FIREFLY 16
UTM: VGM99470	NUMBER MIS/BM: DT	CRASH TYPE: 3
COUNTRY: NORTH VIETNAM	NUMBER RECOVERED: 00	VEHICLE TYPE: 41E
MILITARY REGION: 4	NUMBER POS ID: 00	YEAR: 52
PROVINCE: NGHE AN	JCRC SEARCH: NO	SERIAL: 132678
MISSION DATE: 09 AUG 67	JCRC INSPECTION: NO	ACCY: AF
	OTHER INSPECTION: NO	SVC: AF
	WITNESS STATEMENT: NO	ENGINE TYPE: R3350
	BOARD ACTION: NO	1 SERIAL
		2 SERIAL

LAST KNOWN LOCATION SAME AS INCIDENT LOCATION

JCRC DATE PLC COMMENTS

AD01 15 JAN 76 01 ON 9 AUGUST 1967, CAPT ALLEN S. CHERRY WAS FLYING AN A1E AIRCRAFT, (#52132478, 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 DESCEND TO 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.

AD01 15 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)

AD01 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.

AD01 29 NOV 84 30 SOURCE OBSERVED THE CRASH OF A T-28 AIRCRAFT VICINITY OF MUANG SEM (V) (VG1045). SOURCE SAW THE AIRCRAFT BEGIN TO DIVE FROM A HIGH ALTITUDE AND DIVER ALMOST STRAIGHT DOWN INTO A RICE STORAGE AREA. VILLAGE OFFICIALS ALLEGEDLY TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CRASH SITE AND DAMAGED AREA. THIS PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CAPT ALLEN S. CHERRY. (REF 2)

AD02 29 NOV 84 60 REFERENCES USED: 1. MSG, 432 TFN, 091200Z AUG 67. 2. REFCOM T34-208, 10 OCT 84.

AD01 23 FEB 86 45 A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON ALLEN S. CHERRY WAS PASSED DURING THE 13-16 AUG 86 JCRC/VNOSMIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

Z927 27 JAN 76 55 CHANGE INCIDENT LOCATION FROM VG089414 TO VG199470 BASED ON 432 TUOC UDORN AR THAI 091030Z AUG 1967.