

REFUGEE REPORT & PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

SOURCE DATA:

REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NR & DATE: T84-208, 10 October 1984

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ANALYST: SFC R. R. HILL

CROSS REFERENCE (S): T84-207, T84-209.

CATEGORY DATA: Crash site/first hand account.


FINDINGS: Review of data supplied by the source reveals a probable correlation to REFNO 0788.

CORRELATE DATA: REFNO 0788 concerns the loss on 9 August 1967 of CPT Allen S. Cherry^{BB}, USAF, as a pilot of an A1E aircraft, on an Armed Reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam. His wingman observed CPT Cherry starting his dive over a target, on a strafing run from 13,000 feet. It soon appeared that the aircraft was not going to be able to pull out of its dive, and the wingman called for CPT Cherry to eject. No response was received and the plane continued to dive into the ground, vicinity of VG 099470. No parachute was sighted or beeper signals heard. CPT Cherry is currently carried in the presumptive status of Dead, Body Not Recovered.

CHERRY, ALLEN S.

(BB)

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: The description of the incident matches exceptionally well with REFNO 0788. Both the T-28 and the A-1 aircraft have very similar features and could very easily be confused, especially, in flight or to the untrained observer. Even though there is a discrepancy in the year reported, the time of the incident correlates exactly. REFNO 0788 is the only propeller aircraft loss within the vicinity of Muang Sen (VG1045), according to JCRC files and All Loss Records.


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