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Hai Phong

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FROM: JCRC-LNB

Reference: HK86-098
31 December 1981

SUBJECT: Body of One Crew Member Buried in Hai Phong

Ref: HK86-095 (report by same Source)

1. Source/admin data:

- a. Name: Nguyen Van Mien
- b. DPOB: 20 Oct 36, Vinh Niem (V), An Hai (D), Hai Phong
- c. Occupation: Fisherman
- d. Present location: Hei Ling Chau, Hong Kong
- e. ID data: I.D. 5730, Boat LM 2251
- f. DOI: July 1967
- g. Map used: Sheet 6350-2, Series L7014
- h. Interview date: 3 Dec 86.
- i. Interviewer: Mr G E Bell, GS-13, DOD
- j. Other: Source arrived HK on 31 Aug 86.

2. Summary: Source, a 50 YOA male VM refugee, provided limited firsthand information concerning the burial of one U.S. pilot near the bank of the Cua Van Uc River in Vinh Quang Village (XH 7686), Tien Lang (D), Hai Phong (P). End summary.

3. Information: Source stated that during July 1967, while fishing in his boat in the area of the Cua Van Uc River estuary, he found the body of one U.S. pilot. Source stated that the body was floating in the water and was badly bloated. Source tied a rope to the body and pulled it to shore near Vinh Quang Village. Source buried the body approx 50 to 60 meters from the bank of the river in a sandy area with numerous seapine trees. (Source estimated the location vic XH7686). Source stated that he and another fisherman carried the body to the gravesite on a wooden board and that the board was buried with the body. The grave was not marked.

Source stated that at the time he buried the body he did not inform anyone because there were no residents in the area. Source could not describe the body except that the man was caucasian with light brown or blonde hair. Source recalled that the man was wearing a one piece uniform with a zipper down the front and no headgear. Source did not observe any personal effects or identification media associated with the body. Source also did not observe any aircraft wreckage associated with the body. Source was not able to provide further information concerning the incident. Source declined interviewer's request for a sketch of the area.

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REFUGEE REPORT RE-EVALUATION


REFUGEE REPORT NUMBER & DATE: ~~HK86-098~~, 31 December 1986
ANALYST: MSG D. W. Atherton
CROSS REFERENCE(S): None

CATEGORY DATA: Casualty and Grave Site/Firsthand Account

FINDINGS: Re-analysis of the above report reveals a probable
correlation to REFNO 0822-1-01. This is not a final evaluation.

CORRELATE DATA: REFNO 0822: On 31 August 1967, Lieutenant Commander Richard C. Perry was flying an A4E attack bomber. The aircraft, serial number 151991, was hit by a surface-to-air-missile and crashed in the gulf of Tonkin, in the vicinity of grid coordinates XH800900, approximately six kilometers south-southwest of Do Son, Haiphong Province, Vietnam. Commander Perry, who parachuted from his aircraft, was located in the water by a pararescueman and confirmed dead. His body could not be recovered because it was entangled in the parachute lines. On 26 November 1986, the Vietnamese government repatriated Commander Perry's remains. This is a resolved incident.

BACKGROUND COMMENTS: Although the location reported by the source is generally consistent with Commander Netherland's (0677) loss, recent refugee reporting indicates that the pilot whose body the Vietnamese recovered from the ocean and which they buried in this location had a gold tooth. This is consistent with Commander Perry's dental records and with the remains which the Vietnamese repatriated as those of Commander Perry. The U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii confirmed this identity. Therefore, the report concerning the recovery of a pilot's body from the sea and the burial on the beach correlates to Commander Perry.

for 
JOE B. HARVEY
Lieutenant Colonel, USA
Commander

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REFUGEE REPORT & PRELIMINARY EVALUATION


SOURCE DATA: NGUYEN VAN MIEN
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NUMBER & DATE: HK86-098, 31 December 1986
ANALYST: SSGT J. A. Cupp, III
CROSS REFERENCE(S): None.

CATEGORY DATA: Casualty and Grave Site/First Hand Account

FINDINGS: Analysis of information provided by Source reveals a probable correlation to REFNO 0677-0-01.

CORRELATE DATA: REFNO 0677: On 10 May 1967, Commander Roger M. Netherland was flying an A4C Attack Bomber in a flight of two aircraft. The aircraft, serial number 149509, crashed in the vicinity of grid coordinates XH 822907, approximately five kilometers west of Do Son, Hai Phong Province, Vietnam. No parachute was sighted and no electronic beacon signals were heard. Other aircrews in the area heard a brief radio communication from the area of the crash site warning them to leave the area. This communication is believed to have been from Commander Netherland. Commander Netherland is carried in the presumptive status of dead, body not recovered. A folder detailing the circumstances of Commander Netherland's case was presented to officials of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam by JCRC during a POW/MIA Technical Meeting held in August 1984.

BACKGROUND/COMMENTS: The date and location provided by Source correlate with Commander Netherland's incident.


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