



JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER
LIAISON OFFICE
AMERICAN EMBASSY
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96346

UNCLASSIFIED

Good Report; Perfectly correct
6/7

FROM: JCRC-LNB
TO: Commander, JCRC

REF: RPT #HK86-100
12 January 1987

SUBJ: JCRC RPT HK86-100, Crash Site and Death of Pilot

REF: HK86-093 (by husband of Source; different incident)

1. Source/administrative data:
 - a. Name: Hoang Thi Ha (f)
 - b. DPOB: 16 April 1953; Benh Vien Village, Hong Bang District, Hai Phong
 - c. Profession:
Pre -1975: Student
Post-1975: Carpet weaver in Hai Phong
 - d. Present location: Hut 7, Zone D, Argyle Refugee Camp, Hong Kong
 - e. Identification data: Boat LM 2227
 - f. Educational level: 10 years
 - g. Languages spoken: Vietnamese (native), Chinese
Cantonese (limited), English (basic)
 - h. Religion: Buddhist
 - i. Status: Refugee
 - j. Date of information: Summer of 1966 or 1967
 - k. Interview data: Source was interviewed at Argyle Refugee Camp, Hong Kong on 5 December 1986 by Thomas R. Mckay, CW2, USA.
 - l. Other: Her final address in Vietnam was 47 Dinh Tien Hoang, Hai Phong. She departed Mong Cai, Quang Ninh on 10 July 1986 and arrived at Argyle on 21 July 1986. Source has no relatives who have resettled abroad.
 - m. Maps used: Scale: 1:50,000, Series: L7014, Sheet: 6350-3
2. Incident summary: Source provides firsthand information concerning the crash of an American aircraft which resulted in the death of the pilot which occurred near Dai Loc Hamlet, Dai Hop Village, An Thuy District, Hai Phong (vicinity XH 795901) sometime in the summer of 1966 or 1967.

UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFIED BY: JCRC-LNB
DECLASSIFY ON: OADR

REGRADED UNCLASSIFIED
BY AUTHORITY OF JCS 271945Z JUL 92
ON [REDACTED] APR 1993

UNCLASSIFIED

3. Information: The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact. At approximately 1000 or 1100 hours during the summer of either 1966 or 1967 (exact date not recalled by Source), Source and her elementary grade school class (grade 6) were located near fields in an area called Lang Sen by the local populace. The Lang Sen area lies within the boundaries of Dai Loc Hamlet, Dai Hop Village, An Thuy District, Hai Phong Province (vicinity XH 795901). Source and her class were acting as lookouts and could see well in the direction of Hai Phong (north) and towards the rice fields (west). Upon hearing the alarm, all students ran into the trenches which surrounded the school. Shortly after, fellow classmates outside the trenches called the others (including Source) out to see an American aircraft which had been hit and was burning in the air. The burning aircraft was coming from the direction of Hai Phong (from the north) and was a jet (NFI). The aircraft crashed into an area of rice paddies in the Lang Sen area approximately 400-500 meters from the school. The aircraft was headed in the direction of the sea when it crashed. Source did not see anyone parachute out of the aircraft and all present assumed the pilot had gone down with the aircraft and had perished in the crash. Source estimated from memory that the location of the crash site was from 200 to 300 meters outside the hamlet boundary in the direction of Hai Phong (north).

Source and fellow students ran down to the crash site to find that the aircraft had broken into many small pieces upon impact. The village Public Security forces and militia arrived and began cleaning up pieces of wreckage and pieces of flesh. Source saw no body as such, or even a head or skull. Local adults carted off the pieces which were to be put on display in the Hai Phong Museum. The pieces of flesh that were gathered in the process were buried nearby the crash site. Because there was human flesh involved, Source stated that she and the other children were not allowed to participate in the work. Source never saw the actual location of burial but heard from the adults at the scene that the pieces were buried near the site.

Source stated that due to her young age at the time of the incident, she could not recall any further pertinent details. Source's husband, Truong Si Tan also reported information of interest to JCRC (see Reference).

Paul D. Mather

PAUL D. MATHER
LT COL, USAF
JCRC Liaison Officer

UNCLASSIFIED

REFUGEE REPORT & PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

SOURCE DATA: HOANG THI HA (F)
REFUGEE REPORT INTERVIEW NUMBER & DATE: HK86-100, 12 January 1987
ANALYST: SSGT J.A. Cupp, III
CROSS REFERENCE(S): None.

CATEGORY DATA: Crash Site/First Hand Account

FINDINGS: Analysis of information provided by Source reveals a possible 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 XH822907, approximately five kilometers west of Do Son, Haiphong 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 time, date, and location provided by the Source correlate to Commander Netherland's incident. Only a possible correlation is made because Commander Netherland is believed to have parachuted from his aircraft prior to the crash.


JOE B. HARVEY
LTC USA
Commander

CLASSIFIED BY: CDR, JCRC
DECLASSIFY ON: OADR

THIS IS A PRELIMINARY ANALYTICAL POSITION AND NOT A FINAL EVALUATION. THIS EVALUATION AND THE ATTACHED REFUGEE REPORT MAY BE RELEASED TO THE NOK UPON DELETION OF ALL SOURCES NAMES AND IDENTIFICATION DATA.

DISPOSITION: JCRC LIAISON OFFICE, BANGKOK
OASD/ISA, PW-MIA AFFAIRS
DIA/VO-PW

JCRC REFNO FILE(S): 0677-0-01
NMPC N64

UNCLASSIFIED
BY AUTHORITY OF JCS 271945Z JUL 92
ON

6 APR 1993