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Information: T85-237

The following information was related by Source to interviewer as fact. In December 75 or January 1976, Source was moved from his separate camp into the consolidated camp near Katum, Tay Ninh (P) (for full description, see T85-104A). While at the consolidated camp, Source was employed in the camp as a blacksmith. Once, Source and two fellow inmates were placed on a labor detail and were escorted by one cadre outside the camp to a location approximately 2 KM from the camp (direction unknown). Source could not locate the site, as he commonly did not leave the camp (due to his blacksmith work) and was therefore not familiar with the local area. The cadre knew the location and led them there, where Source saw the wreckage of a C-130 aircraft. The group was taken there to examine the wreckage for the possibility of scavenging metal.

Number of engines of the aircraft could not be determined by Source. Both large wings had been stripped of usable metal by inmates who had been brought there before. Source recalled the tail of the aircraft was still present, but he noticed no tail numbers. The wreckage looked as if the aircraft had originally been painted OD green. Whether or not it was painted in a camouflaged design was unknown to Source. The wreckage was not burned and Source could not determine if the aircraft had exploded. Many unexploded 105 mm cannon rounds and empty shell casings were around the site.

The accompanying cadre, Sgt Ly, told the three inmates that there were at one time the remains of the pilots at the site, but "those who are in charge of such matters" had already come and collected the remains (NFI). Source recalled seeing two flight helmets (no name tapes noticed) at the site but saw no remains. Poss 1461