

28 Feb 1995

Dear Bill Bell,

Enclosed is a letter I forwarded to you Oct 17, 1994 regarding two MIA's I am working on for the families.

Recently, I talked with Capt. Red McDaniel and Ted Sampley who suggested I contact you again.

I would sincerely like to locate Carroll Edward Flora, Jr. who was former POW that returned in 1973. I would be more than happy to mail the letter to a third party to forward to Mr. Flora if necessary. Mr. Flora correlates to the SFC Leo E Seymour (sighting) of which you have copies.

In January I received another possible sighting of Leo from the DOD files. It seems this sighting was in 1967 as well but appears to be a different Source reporting this sighting. The location of the sighting may possibly be the same. However, if I were to talk to Mr. Flora I could determine if this POW was Leo or Mr. Flora and it would help us tremendously.

Also I was told to ask you about the 559 group. What is this group and does it relate to SFC Leo Seymour?

I have enclosed a copy of my previous letter. Could you please let me know if you have any knowledge of either of these MIA's or where I could obtain help.

Thank you for your help. "HOME ALIVE IN 95"

Kindest Regards,


Gail Karschner

17 Oct 1994

Dear Bill Bell,

I am a POW/MIA activist and my main purpose is to promote POW/MIA awareness and the possibility that are men are still held in captivity today. I work with a number of families and I try to help them anyway I can in obtaining information on their loved one. I devote all my free time to the issue. I subscribe to a number of newsletters, Heart of Illinois, National Alliance of Families, For-Get-Me Nots of CT, Stars & Stripes and Ted Sampley's Veteran Dispatch.

I have been involved with the issue for a number of years and I organize programs, do guest speaking, local radio and TV broadcasts and write articles and editorials for several local papers. Without the help of our local Veterans I would truly be at a loss. They have supported me and the issue 100% and I am very proud of them. They served their Country well and they deserve so much more than we Americans give them.

I wholeheartedly believe we left men behind in SEA and that some are alive today and held against their will. I try to read most all Gov't documentation, reports and memos regarding our POW/MIA's. I have received information from Sen. Smith's office on numerous occasions and I feel he is doing an outstanding job in achieving an accounting of our men. He truly does CARE!

Anyway, the reason I am writing is because I have been working on several POW/MIA cases from my area for the past 2 years. They are SFC William Boyle and SSG Leo E Seymour. I have enclosed material regarding both SFC Boyle and SSG Seymour.

I work closely with both families and have established working relationship. Both families have obtained the Casualty Files and made copies for me. Also, both families have requested that I do whatever I can to obtain information on these men. They have granted permission to me to forward all or any part of their file to anyone who is trustworthy and can help.

I have enclosed material relating to both SFC Boyle and SSG Seymour. I think you will concur both cases are rather compelling. I personally believe there is more info on both men that is classified or not being released to the families. Both cases generate many unanswered questions. I have taken the liberty of incorporating a memo regarding the incidents as we know them from eyewitnesses that we have talked to regarding these men's losses along with some stats and background

information on each man.

If there is anything you can do to help us further our investigation or refer us to someone who can we would be very grateful. Our men deserve to come home and there times such as these that I am ashamed to say I am an American.

Thanks so much for your help and please, keep up the fight our men are worth it!

All My Best,

Gail Karschner

SSG LEO E SEYMOUR

Leo served in the US Marine Corp. and served one tour of duty in Vietnam while in the Marine Corp.

Leo was wounded in Vietnam April 22, 1966, Lac Thien RVN

Leo joined the US Army 6-29-66 and commenced his second tour of duty in Vietnam that same year.

Leo is single and never married. Received GED while in the military.

Leo's parents divorced when he was 18 months old and he never saw his mother again according to his statement in this military file.

Leo was raised by his grandparents. Both his grandparents and father are deceased and his sister. His mother is now PNOK.

Leo was a member of the Green Berets and the 5th SF

Note: according to Leo's file an individual was seen several months after his loss at a Way Station and the USG is correlating this POW with Leo or POW Carroll Flora (he came home in Operation Homecoming in 1973).

I have been able to locate three members of the 170th Assault Helicopter Group that made the attempt to rescue Leo. According to Greg Waltz-pilot, Fred Fritz - copilot and Robert Goosey -crew chief it was their mission to go in and rescue Leo. They indicated that radio communication was not available therefore the orange panel was used. They indicated the code was changed daily for security reasons. They indicated due to triple canopy their only means of rescuing Leo was by way of a McGuire Rig. They indicated this was a rather dangerous maneuver for the GI since he would be exposed to enemy fire. However, for Leo there was no other choice. As they lowered the rig they began to take on heavy enemy fire. Approx. 35-40 rounds hit the chopper causing great concern to the pilot and crew. As they were lowering down both pilot, co-pilot and crew chief state they saw the orange panel flashing the CORRECT CODE. They are positive the individual flashing the code was Leo, however, they could not see him due to jungle cover. They also noticed enemy in the area and about then starting taking hits. One round hit the door gunner in the chest however, he wore a protective vest. The pilot and co-pilot made the decision to leave the area as they were positive Leo was being used as a decoy to destroy their chopper. They immediately left the area and landed a short distance away as their craft was losing all operating functions including fuel. They were rescued by another chopper and then air strikes were called in and bombed the area.

I asked all of them if they thought that the enemy could have flashed the panel and they indicated "no". There was no doubt that Leo was alive at that time flashing the panel. The crew chief indicated that many, many times the enemy had bunkers and tunnels in the area. Also SF were valuable and they had bounties on them. It seems Leo could have been a valuable commodity to them and may have decided to move him to a more safer area. All three individuals stated that many times when air strikes were called they didn't always hit the proper target, the enemy removed themselves from that area. They all indicated the enemy were more intelligent than we gave them credit for and they would have been smart enough to know that possible air strikes could occur and to move to a safer area.

It appears that the JTF-FA have investigated the loss sight and were unable to make any further determinations. (They have never notified the family of any this - Leo's mother just recently got the Cas. File)

Leo was on Gen. Vessey's and Sen. Smith's discrepancy lists.

I have been trying to locate Carroll Flora to determine if that was him at the Way Station. The POW spoke fluent Vietnamese and Leo spoke fluent Vietnamese. There're several inconsistencies as the Source states the Am. PW was a LT - both Flora and Leo were E-6's. Flora was on a night mission and missed getting aboard the chopper. Flora was lost 7-21-67.

Recently Judge Hamilton Gayden contacted me with a photo of what may appear to be Leo in 1969. The photo is a collage of men in captivity released by the Soviet TV in 1969. The DOD has had this collage for some time. The Judge has told me which photo maybe Leo and I have had the photo analyzed by an expert who concurs that photo appears to be Leo.

I am now in the processing of finding two more eyewitnesses, Henderson and Phillips. I would like their testimony as to what happened that day.

It is possible Leo died 3 July 1967 and possible he survived.

Carroll Edward Flora Jr RA# 13664724

SFC WILLIAM BOYLE

Bill was attached to the 5th Special Forces, MACV-SOG, based out of Kontum, SVN. Bill was recently divorced (days before his loss) and had one son, John, who was approximately 3 years old at the time of his loss. Bill also has a Mother who lives in a Nursing Home.

Bill was presently on his third tour of duty.

We have been able to contact two eyewitnesses to Bill's loss: Lt. Kinnard and SFC Brinkmeier. SF4 Lambert is deceased.

According to telephone conversations with both Lt. Kinnard and SFC Brinkmeier this is their best recollections of that incident.

It appears LT. Kinnard was in command of a unit atop a 50' hilltop in Attepau Province, Laos. This was a 5th SF operation including indigenous personnel. It seems the unit was trapped on this hilltop and had been there for approx. 5 days. At this point they were out of food, water and ammo and had wounded indig. personnel that needed evacuating. The team was in the process of being overrun by NVA and were in dire need. LT Kinnard contacted Dak-To and requested help. A CH-34 manned by an ARVN team left Dak-To with supplies - as they approached the area and attempted to land at the LZ they took on heavy fire and were shot down, LT Kinnard then called for another chopper and another CH-34 was sent along with an ARVN team, they too, met the same fate. (I might add the pilot to one of these CH-34's was Major An, his story appeared on the TV program The Crusaders several months ago - he now lives in San Francisco, CA and we have been in touch, however, since he had both arms blown off in this incident he does not recall Bill.) Another chopper was called for and Bill happened to be in Dak-To that day and volunteered to help. Bill boarded a CH-34 along with an ARVN team. Bill was the only American on board. The decision was made to land the chopper on top of the 50' hilltop, drop supplies, take on wounded and leave immediately as Lt. Kinnard was attempting to get air strikes or help to relieve them of this situation. Lt. Kinnard indicated it was a rather confusing, frightening and busy time as they were sure they were going to be overrun and killed. He was in deep concern for his men and their safety. Bill's chopper landed quickly, Bill was seen kicking off supplies and loading wounded. As the chopper was approx. 10' off the ground it was hit with a B-40 rocket. The rocket sliced thru the cargo door (which was open) and out the other side. This separated the aircraft into two parts allowing enough time for the pilot, co-pilot to escape thru the cabin area. The door gunner was standing beside Bill and he was blown out of the chopper. Several of the paramilitary were also blown out of the chopper (some of them were already dead). The pilot and gunner were unjured and the co-pilot had

a broken arm. The chopper then caught on fire and burned up. Lt. Kinnard said they were unable to search for Bill at that time and assumed he was dead. When they were able to search quite some time later they could not find anything. He stated they were able to hold their defenses for several more days at which time air support arrived and placed Napalm in the area enough for the unit to descend down the hilltop to a safe LZ. At which time they were rescued. Both Kinnard and Brinkmeier are uncertain if Bill could of survived.

Joyceen Boyle (Bill's ex-wife, never remarried) has talked to Brinkmeier on several occasions, however, he was to meet her at her home last Christmas and never showed up. We have to this date been unable to locate him or has he contacted us. We have his address and phone # however, he is no longer there-puzzling?

There are several discrepancies in the narrative as you will read. The Source indicates Bill was a on a Caribou, however, in my investigation I cannot find where any Caribou when down in SEA. Also they indicate a different date and different location. I am not sure if the Source is mixed-up or if it came from Bill and after 17 years of captivity if he could recall all info exactly? Or it could very well be another serviceman.

If you will note the Source requests the JCRC reps to return to his home for info on Bill, however, they failed to do this. We have asked the JTF-FA why and they do not respond.

Also note at the end of the narrative the forget to censor the name: LOH THARAPHANT. I am wondering if he is the Source all along or not - the letters censored match the exact number of letters in his name. I have read about LOH and that he was a leader of the Laotian Freedom Fighters, helped the USAF during the War, worked for Exxon in Bangkok and was of great help to Bo Gritz and Chuck Patterson during their rescue attempts in the early 1980's. I have unsuccessfully attempted to try to locate Loh.

I have also unsuccessfully attempted to obtain information on a Ta-Oy community (ethnic group) in Laos. No one seems to have heard of this group.

I have send this information recently to Major Mark Smith however I have not received a response.

Rather this narrative pertains to SFC Boyle or not it appears to pertain to a US serviceman.

The narrative indicates the Source's source lied however, why would the Source want the JCRC reps come to his home for info on Bill? I wonder if the Source's source was scared, frightened or threatened for some reason?

The Casualty Office has indicated to me that this crash site will be investigated in 1995. And they have passed info on Bill to the Laotian Gov't June 1992. Yet their contention to the family is that Bill died 2-28-70 and there is no body to recover because it burned up and nothing is left. So why pay the Laotians thousands of US money to investigate a crash site when they are saying there is nothing left of Bill Boyle or the chopper for that matter? He was the only American lost that day.

Well the pieces don't seem to fit 100% - what do you think?



**SEYMOUR
LEO E**

LAST KNOWN ALIVE (LKA)

Those cases in which the U.S. has information that the individual survived the loss incident and fell into enemy hands. In the case of air incidents, this includes cases in which the crew members are believed to have successfully exited their aircraft and to have been alive on the ground. In the case of ground incidents, this includes cases in which the individuals were last known alive, were not gravely wounded, and were in proximity to enemy forces.

REFNO	NAMES	DATE	STATUS
0070	Baker, Arthur D.	650407	XX
	Lewis, James W.	65040	XX
0233	Wood, Don C.	660116	XX
0253	Mauterer, Oscar	660215	XX
0275	Holmes, David H.	660315	XX
0297	Gates, James W.	660406	XX
	Lafayette, John W.	660406	XX
0323	Mullen, William F.	660429	XX
0370	Smith, Warren P., Jr.	660622	XX
0480	Echevarria, Raymond	661003	XX
	Jones, James E.	661003	XX
	Williams, Eddie L.	661003	XX
0536	Bott, Russell P.	661202	XX
0606	Carlock, Ralph L.	670304	BB
0720	Bodden, Timothy R.	670603	XX
	Dexter, Ronald J.	670603	KK
	Gardner, John G.	670603	XX
	Hanson, Stephen P.	670603	XX
	Laney, Billy R.	670603	XX
0750	Seymour, Leo E.	670703	XX
0947	Fors, Gary H.	671222	XX
0984'	Cohron, James D.	680112	XX
1063	Palmer, Gilbert S. Jr.	680227	XX
	Wright, Thomas T.	680227	XX

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JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 19 June 1992

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

REFNO: 0750-0-01 (ACCNO 0261)
Name: SEYMOUR, LEO EARL

Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 21 Apr 1976

National: UNITED STATES	Race: CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit:
Service: ARMY	Sex: MALE	Survive:
Grade: E6	Hair: BROWN	Grave corr:
SSAN:	Eyes: BLUE	Weapon:
Serial No: 13789193	Height: 70 Inches 1.78 mtrs	Weapon Ser.: #
Birth date: 14 May 1942	Weight: 170 lbs. 77.0 kilos	Partial Rsvld:

Duty pos: TEAM LDR	Complexion: FAIR
FW CAMP:	Blood Type: B #
Religion: PROTESTANT	Home State: PENNSYLVANIA

Case type: DISCREPANCY

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

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 48PYB575326
Lat/Long: 144522N1072332E
Country: LAOS
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: ATTOPEU
Mission Date: 3 Jul 1967
Mission Category: 3
Location Analysis: Unknown location.

***** J.C.R.C. ACTIVITY SUMMARY *****

Negotiation Folders Passed: Jun 92, Nov 89, Oct 89

*** VEHICLE DATA ***

Vehicle Type: GRND
Crash Type:
Call Sign: \$
Year: \$
Serial: \$
Engine Type: \$
1 Serial: \$
2 Serial: \$

CASE 0750: SSG LEO E. SEYMOUR

FACTS: On 3 July 1967, a Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol became engaged in a fire fight approximately 200 meters north of the Dak Xou and 75 meters north of Route 16 in Attapeu Province, Laos. The patrol split up and ran in different directions. When the patrol regrouped for extraction it was determined that one American, SSG Leo E. Seymour, U.S. Army, was missing.

DETAILS:

Sergeant Seymour was the team leader of a joint U.S. and indigenous reconnaissance patrol when it was discovered by two sizable enemy columns entering the area. Upon engagement of the enemy force in an intense fire fight, the patrol split into several elements, broke contact, and moved from the area in different directions. When the patrol regrouped for extraction, it was noticed that Sergeant Seymour was missing. Staff Sergeant Seymour was last seen in the area of YB 575326, Attapeu Province, Laos. In 1967, the area of this incident was located within Binh Tram 36 in Attapeu Province, Laos; former military personnel assigned to this Binh Tram in mid-1967 may have further information about the capture or death of Staff Sergeant Seymour.

During the 29-30 Oct 89 meeting in Hanoi Gen Vessey passed a narrative on this case to the Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach.

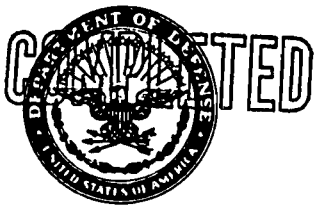
During the 1-3 Nov 89 meeting in Vientiane, Laos DAS Lambertson passed a narrative on this case to LPDR government officials.

LAO CASES PASSED TO VIETNAMESE BY GEN VESSEY

1. 0250 CAPTAIN RUSSELL P. HUNTER, JR.
CAPTAIN ERNST P. KIEPEL, JR.
2. 0253 MAJOR OSCAR MAUTERER
3. 0275 CAPTAIN DAVID H. HOLMES
4. 0297 CAPTAIN JAMES W. GATES
CAPTAIN JOHN W. LAFAYETTE
5. 0370 CAPTAIN WARREN P. SMITH, JR.
6. 0480 MSGT RAYMOND L. ECHEVARRIA
SFC JAMES E. JONES
SFC EDDIE L. WILLIAMS
7. 0524 PFC ALAN D. PIITTMANN
8. 0536 SFC WILLIE E. STARK
SSG RUSSELL P. BOTT
9. 0720 CPT STEPHEN P. HANSON
SGT TIMOTHY R. BODDEN
SFC BILLY R. LANEY
1LT JOHN G. GARDNER
MSG RONALD L. DEXTER
10. 0750 SGT LEO E. SEYMOUR
11. 0947 CPT GARY S. FORS
12. 0984 SSG JAMES D. COHRON
13. 1062 LT COL PAUL L. MILIUS
SGT JOHN F. HARTZHEIM
14. 1108 MSG GEORGE R. BROWN
SGT CHARLES G. HUSTON
SGT ALAN L. BOYER
15. 1191 SFC GLEN O. LANE
SSG ROBERT D. OWEN
16. 1347/
1348 MAJOR CHARLES R. BROWNLEE
A1C CHARLES D. KING
17. 1405 LT COL CARTER P. LUNA

18.	1437	MAJOR WILLIAM J. BRASHEAR 1LT HENRY G. MUNDT, II
19.	1522	SSG RONALD E. RAY SGT RANDOLPH B. SUBER
20.	1535	CAPTAIN BENJAMIN F. DANIELSON
21.	1573	1LT DENNIS G. PUGH
22.	1669	SSG PETER J. WILSON
23.	1683	1LT THOMAS A. DUCKETT MAJOR OWEN G. SKINNER
24.	1698	LT COL ROBERT L. STANDERWICK
25.	1719	LT COL SHELDON J. BURNETT W1 RANDOLPH J. ARD
26.	1724	CAPTAIN BARTON S. CREED
27.	1730	W1 FREDERICK L. CRISTMAN SGT RICARDO M. GARCIA W1 JON M. SPARKS
28.	1782	LT COL SCOTT W. MCINTIRE
29.	1824	1LT SCOTT D. KETCHIE

MFR: SUMMARIES PREPARED 22/23 OCT 89; TO
BE PASSED TO VIETNAMESE BY GEN
VESSEY WEEK OF 30 OCT 89.



JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER
NAS BARBERS POINT, HAWAII 96862

CASE 0750-0-01

NARRATIVE

ON 3 JULY 1967, STAFF SERGEANT LEO E. SEYMOUR WAS THE LEADER OF A RECONNAISSANCE PATROL WHICH BECAME ENGAGED IN A FIREFIGHT WITH A HOSTILE FORCE IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YB575326, APPROXIMATELY 15 KILOMETERS WEST OF THE VIETNAM AND LAO BORDER AND 200 METERS NORTH OF THE XOU RIVER, ATTAPU PROVINCE, LAOS. SINCE THEY WERE OUTNUMBERED, THE PATROL MEMBERS BROKE CONTACT WITH THE HOSTILE FORCES AND SEPARATELY EXFILTRATED TO THE RALLYING POINT. SERGEANT SEYMOUR DID NOT ARRIVE AT THE RALLYING POINT. THE SURVIVING PATROL MEMBERS COULD NOT RECALL SEEING SERGEANT SEYMOUR AFTER THE INITIAL CONTACT AND DID NOT HEAR HIM AT ANYTIME FOLLOWING THE ENGAGEMENT.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: SEYMOUR, LEO EARL
RANK: STAFF SERGEANT, U.S. ARMY
DATE OF BIRTH: 14 MAY 1942
RACE: CAUCASIAN
HEIGHT: 1.78 METERS
WEIGHT: 77.0 KILOGRAMS
HAIR: BROWN
EYES: BLUE

Case Narrative passed to the VNOSMP during the
28 - 30 August 1989 Technical Meeting in Hanoi

JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER
CASUALTY DATA DIVISION

ACCNO: 0261

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 29 September 1989

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

REFNO: 0750-0-01

NAME : SEYMOUR, LEO EARL

STATUS: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED

DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 21 Apr 1976

NATIONALITY	UNITED STATES	RACE	CAUCASIAN	CASE TYPE	DISCREPANCY
SERVICE	ARMY	SEX	MALE	SURVIVABILITY	6
GRADE	E6	HAIR	BROWN	RPD	4
SSAN	PDNA	EYES	BLUE	GRAVE CORR	
SERIAL NO	13789193	HEIGHT	70 INS 1.78 MTRS	MATERIAL EVD.	
BIRTH DATE	14 May 1942	WEIGHT	170 LBS 77.0 KILOS	NAME ASSOC.	
DUTY POS	TEAM LDR	COMPLEXION	FAIR	PARTIAL RSVLD	
W CAMP	\$	BLOOD TYPE	B #	REPORT OF INV.	
		RELIGION	PROTESTANT	FOLDER PASSED	Jun 88
		HOME STATE	PENNSYLVANIA	WEAPON TYPE	#
		BLOOD CHIT	\$	WEAPON SERIAL	#

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

INCIDENT LOCATION

*** SITE DATA ***

*** VEHICLE DATA ***

SITE NUMBER	0	SITE TYPE	GROUND SITE	CALL SIGN	\$
GRID ZONE DESC.	48P	CATEGORY	3	CRASH TYPE	\$
UTM	YB575326	LOCATION ANALYSIS	0	VEHICLE TYPE	GRND
LAT/LONG	144522N/1072332E	NUMBER MIS/BNR	01	YEAR	\$
COUNTRY	LAOS	NUMBER RECOVERED	00	SERIAL	\$
MILITARY REGION	4	JCRC SEARCH		ENGINE TYPE	\$
PROVINCE	ATTOPEU	OTHER INSPECTION	YES	1 SERIAL	\$
MISSION DATE	3 Jul 1967			2 SERIAL	\$

SEPARATED FROM BIOGRAPHIC NARRATIVE

CASE: 0750

Circumstances of loss - 31 July 1975

ON 3 JUL 67, SSG LED E. SEYMOUR WAS THE TEAM LEADER OF A JOINT US AND INDIGENOUS RECONNAISSANCE PATROL ON A COMBAT MISSION IN LAOS. DURING THE MISSION, THE PATROL STOPPED ON A SMALL HILL FOR A BREAK. DURING THIS BREAK, THE PATROL OBSERVED A NUMBER OF ENEMY FORCES MOVING DOWN A TRAIL 25 METERS FROM THEIR POSITION. SSG SEYMOUR THEN DIRECTED AN AIR STRIKE ON THE SUSPECTED ENEMY LOCATION. FOLLOWING THE AIR STRIKE, SSG SEYMOUR DECIDED TO SEND UP AN AMBUSH ON A SMALL SECONDARY TRAIL. WHILE SSG SEYMOUR WAS READYING THE PATROL FOR THE AMBUSH, TWO SIZEABLE ENEMY COLUMNS CONVERGED AT THE TRAIL JUNCTION AND NOTICED A PSYWAR POSTER WHICH HAD BEEN TACKED ON A

NEARBY TREE BY A MEMBER OF THE PATROL. REALIZING THAT THE POSTER WAS NOT THERE BEFORE, THE ENEMY FORCES BEGAN SEARCHING AND SPOTTED THE FORWARD SECURITY MAN OF THE PATROL. THE SECURITY MAN OPENED FIRE, AND AN INTENSE FIRE FIGHT FOLLOWED. THE PATROL SPLIT INTO SEVERAL ELEMENTS AND BROKE CONTACT WITH ENEMY FORCES. UPON RALLYING, THE PATROL COULD NOT LOCATE SSG SEYMOUR. NO TEAM MEMBER COULD RECALL SEEING SSG SEYMOUR AFTER THE INITIAL CONTACT (THUS IT IS NOT KNOWN IF HE WAS WOUNDED), NOR DID THEY HEAR HIM AT ANYTIME. IF HE DEPARTED THE AREA, HIS DIRECTION OF TRAVEL WAS UNKNOWN. (REF 1)

DURING LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER 1967, A SOURCE REPORTED THAT HE OBSERVED A SPECIAL FORCES 1ST LIEUTENANT PW, WHO WAS WOUNDED IN THE RIGHT ARM DURING A FIRE FIGHT WHILE HIS UNIT WAS CONDUCTING A NIGHT OPERATION IN LAOS. THE PW WAS BEING TAKEN TO BO TRACH DISTRICT, QUANG BINH PROVINCE TO AWAIT TRANSPORTATION TO HANOI. (INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO SSG SEYMOUR) (REF 2)

ON 28 MAY 1974, A REPORT INDICATED SSG SEYMOUR'S LAST KNOWN LOCATION IN THE VICINITY OF COORDINATES YB 575 326 (NFI). (REF 3)

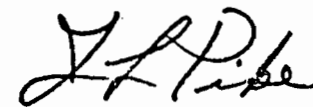
DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITE INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WAS TURNED OVER TO FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. SSG SEYMOUR IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

References - 31 July 1975

REFERENCES USED: 1. RPT, FOB 2, USMACV, W/STATEMENTS, 3 SEP 67. 2. RPT HQ 649TH SAG, IR 1516-0514-70, 4 MAY 70. 3. RPT, ADJUTANT GENERAL U.S. ARMY, DD FORM 1300, 28 MAY 74.

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22332

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REPORT OF CASUALTY		1. REPORT NUMBER AND TYPE A 0362 FINDING OF DEATH LA 00150		2. DATE PREPARED 23 April 1976	
3. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION (Name, Social Security Number, Grade or Rate, Component, Branch and Organization), (MOS/ NJC) SEYMOUR, LEO EARL; DATA SFC; RA; C DET, 5TH SFG, VIETNAM 11C4S					
4. CASUALTY STATUS ☒ BATTLE ☐ NON-BATTLE b. COMMENCED TOUR DATE: 20 December 1965					
c. STATUS: ☐ DEATH ☒ KIA ☐ MISSING ☐ MISSING IN ACTION ☐ CAPTURED ☐ OTHER					
d. DATE: 21 April 1976 e. PLACE: Laos (Specify)					
f. cause & circumstances: See item 13.					
5. a. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 14 May 1942, Bradford County, PA		b. RACE Caucasian		c. SEX Male	
d. RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE Baptist					
6. DATE AND PLACE OF LAST ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN CURRENT STATUS AND HOME OF RECORD AT TIME 29 June 1966, Vietnam Towanda, PA					
7a. PAY GRADE E-7		b. BASIC PAY DATA		c. INCENTIVE/ADDITIONAL PAY ☒ YES ☐ NO	
d. CHECK IF APPLICABLE ☐ CREW ☐ PASSENGER					
8. DUTY STATUS ACTIVE: ON DUTY					
9. INTERESTED PERSONS (Name, Address, Relationship)				DATE OF RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA FORM: Undated	
Nelson H. Seymour, DATA Father 1				Mother	
Madeline R. Kaminski, DATA				Grandfather 2(50%) 3(50%)	
Mr. Leo B. Seymour, DATA				Grandmother 2(50%) 3(50%)	
Mrs. Leo B. Seymour, address same as above,					
10. REPORT FOR VA TO FOLLOW ☐ YES ☒ NO		11. REPORTING COMMAND AGENCY AND DATE REPORT RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT HQ DA, WASH, D. C. 21 April 1976			
12. PRIOR SERVICE DATA ☒ YES ☐ NO RA 13 789 193					
13. REMARKS Ref 4f: Under the provisions of Section 555, Title 37, United States Code, and upon direction and delegation of authority by the Secretary of the Army, The Adjutant General finds SFC Leo E. Seymour, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action on 3 July 1967, while on a combat operation engaged in a firefight with a hostile force. As provided by, and for purposes of Sections 551-558, Title 37, United States Code, death is presumed to have occurred on 21 April 1976. Remains not recovered. Replaces 5TH CORRECTED MISSING IN ACTION REPORT issued 28 May 1974. EM was a SSG E-6 with base pay of DATA when he became missing. YB 575 326 LAOS					
FOOTNOTES: 1. Adult next of kin. 2. Beneficiary for gratuity pay in event there is no surviving wife or child—as designated on record of emergency data. 3. Beneficiary for unpaid pay and allowances—as designated on record of emergency data.					
14. DISTRIBUTION B-2-6 IGMR DEVENS		15. SIGNATURE ELEMENT BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:  Adjutant General LA			

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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3 November 1971

SUBJECT: SSG Leo E. Seymour (Missing in Action)

HQDA (DAAG-PSC-R)
WASH D C 20315

1. Reference. a. Board of Inquiry pertaining to SSG Leo E. Seymour,
RA 13 769 173, dated 3 September 1967.

b. Department of Defense Intelligence Information Report, Subject:
Observation of US PW in Quang Binh Province, dated 4 May 1970.
Source: JPRC, Hq MACV.

2. The attached intelligence report was obtained from SSG Seymour's
file at JPRC. The information contained in this report appears to
describe SSG Seymour; however, the report only received an evaluation
of F6. Request a check of records be made of missing personnel during
this period of time who match this description and speak fluent Vietnamese.

3. Request this document be added to the board of inquiry as additional
evidence; however, recommend that his status be continued as missing in
action pending receipt of further information.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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 Activities Group

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OBSERVATION OF A US PW IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE, NVN

2. Circumstances of Observation: During the latter part of September or first part of October 1967, Source was assigned to an NVA infantry training unit which was training in the vicinity of Station 20 (Exact location unknown), Quang Binh Province, NVN. After the unit completed a training exercise, all personnel were given a rest period. During the rest period, Source observed four NVA soldiers, acting as guards, and one US PW approaching the unit area. These individuals stopped at Station 20 and remained there for approximately two hours.

3. Description of the PW:

a. Conditions: The American officer had been wounded in the right arm during a fire fight which led to his subsequent capture. The PW was able to walk and appeared to suffer only minor discomfort from the wound.

b. Treatment: During the first hour of the layover at Station 20, the guards allowed the PW to eat a meal and to rest. Shortly thereafter, a number of NVA soldiers (including Source) approached the captive and began to speak with him in Vietnamese. Source was somewhat surprised that the American could speak fluent Vietnamese. The conversation with the captive was allowed to continue for approximately one hour, and Source advised that he was within one meter of the American officer for that period of time. Source stated the PW was friendly to the NVA soldiers and that they in turn treated him with respect and kindness. The curious NVA soldiers gave the American water and cigarettes.

c. Clothing: The US PW was dressed in black pajamas and HO CHI MINH type rubber sandals. Source observed no other clothing or equipment.

d. Physical Description of the PW:

Name: unknown.

Rank: 1st lieutenant.

Branch of Service: US Army.

Nationality: American.

Race: Caucasian.

Age: 27 to 28 years.

Height: 1.80 meters.

Weight: 80 to 90 kilograms.

Eyes: blue green.

Hair: dark brown, medium length.

Facial features: beard (estimated four to five days growth).

Scars or distinguishing marks: none.

Tattoos: none.

Jewelry: none observed.

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c. Description of the Interrogator: (Source furnished the following information to an interpreter after the interrogator left the room):

QUESTION	ANSWER	ACTUAL
Height:	1.90 meters.	1.92 meters.
Weight:	86 kilograms.	80 kilograms.
Eyes:	brown.	brown.
Hair:	brown.	brown.
Age:	24.	28.

(S) Circumstances of Capture: Source learned through conversation with the guards that the lieutenant had been part of an American Special Forces unit that had attempted to conduct night operation in Laos. Source heard the unit was transported by helicopters, but had been ambushed immediately upon landing. Source was told the other members of the unit (exact number unknown) had been killed in the action which had taken place approximately seven to ten days prior to the date of observation.

5. Additional Information: Source could not recall the details of his conversation with the American officer. Source remembered that the captive mentioned that he was married and had two children. Source provided no information regarding the final destination or ultimate disposition of the PW, but indicated that he was told the lieutenant was being taken to Bo Trach District, Quang Binh Province, NVN to await further transportation to an unknown location in HANOI.

COMMENTS OF THE COLLECTOR

6. (U) Source appeared to be of average intelligence and was cooperative throughout the interrogation. Control questions revealed no attempts at deception. The interrogator felt Source was truthful in his answers and related all facts to the best of his ability.

7. (U) This report partially satisfies the requirements of SICR D-7GX-20000 and 7th AF ICP IA4d(1).

8. (U) Collection action on Source is terminated. He has no other information of interest to air intelligence.

9. (U) The information in this report was laterally disseminated to the S-2, C Co, 5th Special Forces Group, DANANG, RVN.

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MISSING PERSONNEL STATUS WORKSHEET

NAME: LEO E. SEYMOUR		DATE PREPARED: 3 June 1968
GRADE: SSG E6	SN: RA 13 789 193	UNIT: C&C Det. 5th SFG. APO SF 96240
1. Circumstances of Initial Missing Status: Individual last seen on a combat patrol which engaged a hostile force and then withdrew from contact.		
2. Last Status Reported Through Casualty Channels: Board of Inquiry for Missing Person, dated 3 Sep 67.		
3. Intelligence Channels Reports: Negative reports pertaining to possible captured status have been received.		
4. Actions Taken to Determine Subject's Status: a. Search efforts have been negative. b. The mortuaries in RVN have confirmed that they do not have believed to be remains for this individual.		
5. Comments Furnished by Intelligence Sources (USMACV J2): No additional information was available concerning possible disposition of this individual.		

6. Discussion:

No evidence has been discovered which would assist in determining the current status of this individual. Search efforts have been negative with no remains recovered. Intelligence reports have provided no additional information.

7. Conclusion(s):

1. There is no conclusive evidence of death of this individual.
2. Possibility does exist that he is alive and is presently being detained by hostile forces.

8. Recommendation(s):

That SSG Seymour be continued in missing hostile action status.

FORWARD OPERATIONAL BASE NUMBER TWO
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
APO U.S. Forces 96499

3 September 1967

SUBJECT: Board of Inquiry for Missing Person

THRU: Commanding Officer
Command and Control Detachment
APO U.S. Forces 96337

TO: Commanding Officer
5th SFG (Abn), 1st SF
ATTN: AVGB-JA
APO U.S. Forces 96240

1. A Board of Inquiry for Missing Person was convened pursuant to Special Orders Number 239, Headquarters, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, APO San Francisco 96240, dated 28 August 1967.
2. The Board of Inquiry consisted of Major Alfred H. Paddock Jr, 091 483, Member; Captain John T. Morzenti, 05 324 828, Member and First Lieutenant James M. Kinnebrew, 05 329 371 Member and Recorder.
3. The afore mentioned board convened at 0900 hours, 3 September 1967 to determine the status of Staff Sergeant Leo E. Seymour, RA 13 789 173, HHC (C&C), 5th SFG (Abn), 1st SF, APO 96240, missing in action as of 3 July 1967. All members were present.
4. According to witness interviews and written statements, inclosed, Staff Sergeant Seymour, while leading a joint US/indigenous reconnaissance patrol signaled a break near a well used trail. While resting, the patrol watched a number of enemy (conflicting opinions on the exact number) move past them and halt within ear shot. Staff Sergeant Seymour then directed an air strike on the suspected enemy location. Following the air strike Staff Sergeant Seymour directed the team to move into the area for a BDA, but changed his mind and set up an ambush on a small secondary trail instead. While he was readying the patrol for the ambush, two (2) sizable enemy columns converged on the trail junction and noticed the propaganda poster tacked on a nearby tree by a patrol member. Realizing it was not there before, they began searching and spotted

the forward security man of the team. He opened fire, and a sharp exchange followed. The team split into several elements and broke contact. Upon rallying, the team could not find Staff Sergeant Seymour. No team member could recall seeing him after the initial contact, nor did they hear him at anytime. He was not seen to be wounded, and his direction of travel, if he departed the area at all, was unknown.

5. It is the conclusion of the board that there is no evidence to substantiate the status of Staff Sergeant Seymour as other than Missing In Action.

6. The following individuals on the reconnaissance team were not available for questioning, having left FOB 2 since that time:

Staff Sergeant Joe W. Phillips, RA 17 412 087, currently assigned MACV Recondo School, 5th SFG (Abn), 1st SF, APO 96240.

Ha Van Tuong, AWOL since 15 July 1967.

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Alfred H. Paddock Jr
ALFRED H. PADDOCK JR
Major, Infantry
Member

John T. Morzenti
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Captain, Infantry
Member

James M. Kinnebrew
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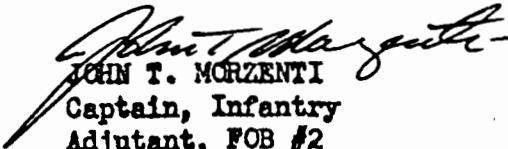
S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

12 October 1967

On July 3rd 1967, I was the co-pilot on the 170th Helicopter which went in to extract a lone man flashing a panel. As we went into his position to extract him with a McGuire Rig, I saw him drop the panel and pick up a gun. At this time we received intense fire which had to be almost directly underneath us. The man was definitely oriental. As far as considering that individual friendly, I say that either he was friendly and forced to lure us in or he was an enemy. I don't think the enemy could have gotten that close to him without him knowing it and from the direction of the fire, they were very close to the man with the panel. Needless to say, after we took 34 hits we immediately left and that is all I can say about this incident.

/s/Fred J. Fritz
FRED J. FRITZ
W-1 USA
170th Hel Asslt Co

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


JOHN T. MORZENTI
Captain, Infantry
Adjutant, FOB #2

FNCC: 9

19 September 19 67

~~S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T~~

At approximately 1230 hours, 3 July 1967 while on a Recon Mission SSG Seymore placed me up to the rear of an ambush site we were sitting up. That was the last time I saw SSG Seymore.

JOE W. PHILLIPS
RA 17 412 087
SFC, Recardo School, MACV

INCL 7

~~S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T~~

W On 3 July 1967, while on a classified mission supporting 5th Special Forces at Kontum, I was instructed by Major Long to make an extraction of one CIDG that had been separated from his team. The man was in a small field approximately 100 meters from the rest of the group. The extraction was to be made by McGuire rig. As I terminated my approach at 100 feet above the man, I received heavy ground fire and was forced to leave the area. As I passed over the man, I saw that he was dressed in the standard uniform and waving a signal panel. This was the only person I saw in or around the Landing Zone. *W*

Gregory Waltz
GREGORY WALTZ, WO1, AVN, W3154722
170th Assault Helicopter Company
Aircraft Commander

INCL: 8

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

3 September 1967

On 3 July 1967 I was a member of RT Texas, at this time we were on a mission in our OA, we were moving in an easterly direction and we stopped on a small hill for a break. During this halt we heard voices and saw approximately seventeen enemy forces moving down a trail approximately 25 meters from our position. SSG Seymour called the FAC for an airstrike on the enemy. An airstrike was delivered within 30 minutes and then another air strike was delivered in the area where the enemy was thought to be. Approximately 10 minutes after the second air strike, SSG Seymour then decided to move on the trail for a BDA. We moved on to the trail and proceeded in the direction that the enemy had taken. We came upon a secondary trail and I put up a PsyWar poster, SSG Seymour then decided to set up an ambush. During the preparation of the ambush, the original 17 enemy came back to the trail junction and met up with a larger group, believed to be a company size unit. At this time one of the enemy saw the PsyWar poster and said something about it, which I later found out he said, this poster was not here 1 hour ago, theres enemy in the area. Upon saying this two of the enemy either proceeded on the secondary trail or saw myself and SSG Seymour lying on the trail and attempted to fire at us. Sgt Nguyen Cong-Cu the VN Team Sergeant. At this time shot the two enemy and a fire fight broke out. As the team started withdrawing, I believe I ran into SSG Seymour, I was on his left flank and was the last to leave other than Seymour. As I was moving down the trail someone bumped into my left side knocking me down. I got up not noticing who it was and proceeded to move towards the team. As I caught up to the team I asked if anyone saw Seymour, and one of the members said that he saw Seymour hit and running and another said he saw he saw Seymour hit and fall, these statements were retracted later. The team moved approximately 400 meters and we came upon a large deadfall, I decided to move the team into this deadfall to wait until the enemy left the area at this time myself and two indigenous were crawling in the deadfall and the rest of the team was hit from the rear and a second fire fight broke out and the team split up. After approximately 1 hour I moved out towards a large river in our area, upon getting to the river, I was joined by another American, SSG Phillips and one indigenous. While waiting for an extraction, we recieved word that there was a lone man approximately 150 meters to our rear and he would be extracted first. During the attempted extraction the helicopter received ground fire from the vicinity of this lone individual and an order was given for the A1Es to bomb the area. It is my belief that this lone man was SSG Seymour and he was KIA during the bombing.

Charles W. Henderson Jr
 CHARLES W. HENDERSON
 SSQE6, RA 12 550 108
 FOB #2, APO U.S. Forces 96499

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

3 September 1967

On the 3rd day of the operation we discovered noise of the enemy moving. They move from northwest to southeast after the advisor call air strike. After words everything quiet. The advisor give us order to eat chow, after finish chow we get order to move to the direction of the Viet Cong. Then we meet one group of Viet Cong strength about a company. They are moving in front of us. In the mean time we get order to set up ambush. The ambush prepared and we lay quite, waiting for enemy and open fire. But the VC discover us in the same time, Sgt Cu open fire first. The reason enemy have heavy fire power so we have to withdraw, after we fire back. We contact and move to the northeast, about 400 meters then stay and set up perimeter. We have commo contact to call choppers. In the mean time inspect is missing one US Advisor team leader, but myself I don't know when we lost him.

We make contact with enemy after 10 or 15 minutes later. We all scratched up running. Each man ran different direction. Since that time we contact with each other, except myself and Mr Nga running together. After two days we move up to Heavy Drop and a chopper picks us up.



TRAN DUC AN

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

3 September 1967

On the 3rd day of the operation we stopped and took a break near the trail, which we didn't know was there until one group of enemy passed by. Many groups of enemy passed by our position. The first group estimated at about 40 men, the second group and third group had 30 men and the fourth group had approximately 6 men. Two men in front of this group seemed to be sick they didn't look to healthy. The enemy moved on the trail about 200 meters from us. Then stop and cut tree. After a few minutes air strikes come. When air strike over the advisor told us to eat. After finish eating, give order to move down the trail and cross trail about 15 meters then the US tell us in line in ambush to capture a prisoner. Mean while we sitting about 3 minutes we see the enemy coming down the hill and some come up the hill. They break down into groups to look for us. When they arrive in front of us they meet each other and stay there talking and discover us. When we crossed the trail we left foot prints. In the same time both sides open fire. The enemy group is too large for us, so we turn back and check. We found missing one US Team Advisor, but still keep running. We run nearly one kilometer and arrive at one trail. In that one time one group of VC moving on the trail. They ask who's there, no answer, they open fire. Mean while they open fire we've got to cross one tree that had fallen down. We heard the VC yelling assault and capture us. In that time we spread out each man go different direction. I was running myself. About half an hour (30 minutes) I meant US Advisor carrying the radio and I follow him and move to river side, until 1800 hours we were picked up by chopper.

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TRAN VAN TIM

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

3 September 1967

We make contact with the enemy at 1100 hours on the 3rd day of operation. Whole team was stopped at hill side. We saw about one company moving on the trail in front of us. At the time SSG Seymour team leader US Advisor call the air strike. SSG Seymour is given order to team to move down and recon situation. After we move down the trail that the enemy took before the air strike. About 100 meters we came upon a secondary trail. The US Advisor SSG Seymour gave order to prepare ambush and capture prisoner. The US Advisor stayed with the ambush and the team went to find a place to hide, but we did not have enough time because the enemy was returning. The enemy returned and stood in front of us taking and one of them has discovered us. Sgt Cu shoot down two VC. We have few men open fire on them and run during the running we made contact one more time and this time we get scratched from running in jungle. I and one other man of the team Tran Duc An were lost for 3 days. On 6 July we moved up to Heavy Drop where we were picked up by helicopter and taken to Dakto. From Dakto we were taken to FOB 2.



TRAN VAN NGA

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

3 September 1967

The 3rd day of mission at 0700 hours we move from the first hill to second hill we get the order to take rest. After few minutes we saw about one company of VC. The moving on the trail from northwest to southeast. US team leader told us keep the place we take rest and call air strike. Air strike until 1200 hours. We eat chow at 1215 hours after that we move down the trail to observe. I am point man. I get order from US team leader move on the trail which VC had moved before. We move to the junction of the trail we set ambush. US team leader told us we divide team for two small group (one group set up ambush and the other go to catch prisoner). We still talk about the ambush we hear some noise, we keep silence. We saw a group of VC move back on the trail they stop at the junction and they saw us so that Sgt Cu shoot them, 2 VC get killed. We keep firing and keep moving. We run about one kilometer we saw the second group of VC they have to many men, they attack us so that team broken, we run off each man follow each way. I follow (11) US Advisor. My advisor have radio so that the contact with L-19 at 1800 hours chopper cam to pick up us.

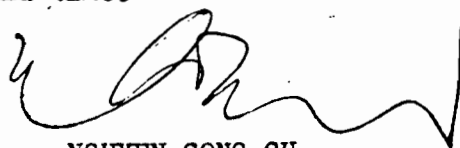
Thats what I see and know.


DUONG VAN BAC

S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

3 September 1967

The 3rd day of mission while team take rest on the hill, we saw about one company of VC. They keep moving on the trail from northwest to southeast. 10 US team leader call air strike until 1200 hours. After we ate chow US team leader told with team move down the trail which VC had moved. When we moving on the trail US team leader want to set ambush at junction of trail. After 10 minute we saw a group of VC move back on the trail. This time they saw us so that I start to shoot and 2 VC get killed. They attacked us we withdrawing to the south about one kilometer we saw one more group of VC. They attack us again because they have to many men we can not keep firing so that all team broken. We missing some people at the second time.



NGUYEN CONG GU

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UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 VIENTIANE 00336

STATE FOR EAP/VLC

E.O. 12356: N/A

TAGS: MOPS, LA, KPOW

SUBJ: DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION: CASE 0750

DIA: PASS TO DOD POW/MIA CENTRAL DOCUMENTATION OFFICE
FROM CJTFFA DET THREE, VIENTIANE

REF: VIENTIANE 00321/JTFFA DET 3 091021Z FEB 93

MAP: (L7015 (6438 I) (3)) DAK PALOUAT

ASSEMBLED VILLAGERS IF THEY HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE REFNO 0750 INCIDENT. MR AT EXPLAINED THAT THEY DID NOT KNOW OF THE INCIDENT BECAUSE DURING THE WAR YEARS THE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE LIVED IN THE MOUNTAINS APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS WALK TO THE NORTHEAST, CLOSE TO THE VIETNAMESE BORDER. IN 1975, THE VILLAGERS RETURNED TO THE XE XOU RIVER AREA AND REESTABLISHED BAN HOUAYKEO A FEW KILOMETERS TO THE WEST. IN 1978 THEY MOVED TO THEIR PRESENT LOCATION TO ESTABLISH BAN KA-OUAN.

- C. WITHOUT NEW INFORMATION, THE JOINT TEAM SURVEYED THE AREA SURROUNDING SSG SEYMOUR'S LAST KNOWN REPORTED LOCATION. THE TEAM FLEW TO A SANDBAR IN THE XE XOU RIVER AT GRID COORDINATES YB575323, 300 METERS SOUTH OF SSG SEYMOUR'S LAST KNOWN LOCATION. THE TEAM JOINT TEAM MEMBERS THEN SEARCHED THE AREA SURROUNDING SSG SEYMOUR'S LAST KNOWN LOCATION, BORDERED BY HILLS ON THE EAST AND WEST, THE XE XOU RIVER ON THE SOUTH, AND A SMALL STREAM ON THE NORTH. THE TEAM BEGAN BY WALKING IN A SKIRMISH LINE FROM THE SURVEY'S STARTING POINT AT GPS GRID COORDINATES YB575325, TOWARD THE NORTH BETWEEN THE TWO SMALL HILLS TO GPS GRID COORDINATES YB575326. THE TEAM THEN WALKED NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE BASE OF THE EASTERN HILL TO ANOTHER SMALL STREAM AT APPROXIMATELY GRID COORDINATES YB576327. FROM THERE, THE TEAM MOVED SOUTHWEST TO THE BASE OF THE WESTERN HILL AT GPS GRID COORDINATES YB574326, AND FINALLY SOUTHEAST TO THE SURVEY'S STARTING POINT AT YB575325. IN THIS DENSELY FORESTED AREA, THE TEAM SAW SEVERAL TRAILS IN THE AREA AND THREE BOMB CRATERS. NO REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, GRAVE SITE, OR PHYSICAL EVIDENCE WERE FOUND.

4. MATERIAL EVIDENCE: NONE

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1. SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION: REF IS THE SUMMARY REPORT FOR JFA 93-3L, WHICH INCLUDED OPERATIONS IN XEKONG AND ATTAPU PROVINCES. ON 24 JAN, 1993 A JOINT U.S.-LAO TEAM INVESTIGATED CASE 0750 AND SURVEYED THE AREA SURROUNDING THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF SSG SEYMOUR, THE UNACCOUNTED FOR INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THE TEAM OBTAINED NO INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CASE FROM LOCAL VILLAGERS AND FARMERS. THE TEAM WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS, A GRAVE SITE, OR ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. RECOMMEND THIS CASE BE MOVED TO INACTIVE STATUS.

2. JOINT TEAM MEMBERS:

- A. U.S.: MR [REDACTED], TEAM LEADER
- MAJ [REDACTED], LSI
- SMSGT [REDACTED], ANALYST
- SSG [REDACTED], GRREG
- SSG [REDACTED], EOD
- HMC [REDACTED], IDT

B. LAO: LT CHANTHOUY, MND

3. DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

- A. ON THE MORNING OF 24 JAN 1993, MR [REDACTED], MR SOULINTHA, ATTAPU PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE AND MR BALANG, PHOUVONGXAI DISTRICT CHIEF, TRAVELLED TO BAN KA-OUAN VILLAGE (YB520313), PHOUVONGXAI DISTRICT, ATTAPU PROVINCE, TO INTERVIEW RESIDENTS CONCERNING CASE 0750. NONE OF THE RESIDENTS OR LOCAL FARMERS HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE CASE. BAN KA-OUAN (AKA BAN XON) IS THE ONLY VILLAGE WITHIN A 10 KILOMETER RADIUS OF GRID COORDINATES YB575326, SSG SEYMOUR'S LAST KNOWN REPORTED LOCATION.

- B. AT BAN KA-OUAN, THE TEAM TALKED WITH ASSISTANT VILLAGE CHIEF, MR AT, AND ASKED HIM AND OTHER

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E.O. 12356: N/A

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SUBJ: DETAILED REPORT OF INVESTIGATION; CASE 0750

5. SURVEY RESULTS: NO REMAINS, PERSONAL EFFECTS,
GRAVE SITE, OR PHYSICAL EVIDENCE WERE LOCATED.

6. PERTINENT DATA OR LOCATION CHANGES: NONE

7. AREAS OR CASE FILE INFORMATION NOT INVESTIGATED:
WITH NO WITNESSES AVAILABLE, THE TEAM WAS ONLY ABLE
TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION AREA.

8. ANALYST COMMENTS: NO INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED
FROM LOCAL VILLAGERS AND FARMERS LIVING IN BAN KA-
OUAN CONCERNING THIS CASE. BESIDES BAN KA-OUAN,
THERE ARE NO OTHER VILLAGES NEAR SSG SEYMOUR'S LAST
KNOWN POSITION. NO EVIDENCE WAS FOUND DURING THE
SEARCH OF THE AREA.

9. SEARCH AND RECOVERY SPECIALIST COMMENTS: NONE

10. TEAM CHIEF COMMENTS: FOLLOW-UP BY CHECKING
VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SOURCES CONCERNING
THIS INCIDENT. *

11. JTF-FA/DET 3 COMMANDER RECOMMENDATIONS: MOVE
CASE 0750 TO INACTIVE STATUS. ~~SECRET~~

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FROM: JUDGE HAMILTON GAYDEN
KATHY BORAH DUEZ

March 12, 1994

THE PHOTOS TELL THE STORY

In December, 1969, the Soviet Union broadcast an eleven minute propaganda documentary aimed at discrediting the United States and U.S. pilots in the Vietnam and Laos War. In the film there was shown a collage or composite of captured American pilots in "Vietnam, Laos, and China".

The Defense Department has acknowledged that the eleven minute film was produced by the Soviet Union and shown on Soviet television in 1969. The Defense Department has responded to a handful of family members who believe their next-of-kin may be on the composite, by unilateral conclusions that the particular "head-shot" is of a returnee. None of the inquiring families have been given a Defense Department analysis of the particular photo in question.

The Defense Department acknowledges that the collage has ninety-three (93) identifiable images of American POWs. DOD claims eighty-eight (88) are identified as returnees from captivity in either South or North Vietnam (none from Laos or other countries). DOD acknowledges that five (5) identifiable men's remains were returned; DOD does not name these returned remains.

In the backdrop of Dr. Stephen Morris's discovery of the "1205 document", a memorandum compiled by the North Vietnamese Chief of Staff General Quang in 1972, acknowledging a total of twelve hundred and five (1205) American POWs as compared to the release of five hundred and ninety-one (591) in 1973 during Operation Homecoming; several family members, activists, and interested photographic consultants decided to undertake our own comprehensive analysis of the 1969 collage of American POWs shown on Soviet television.

After months of concentration, photo comparison, family input, and photographic consultations, a group of several have compiled our own impartial analysis. The results are bittersweet: thirty-three (33) men have been identified on the collage as men who were not returned in 1973; another twenty-nine (29) are very good possibilities as being on the composite yet not repatriated at Homecoming.

We have identified six (6) men whose remains were returned; and these remains only returned in recent years, tending to prove the Vietnamese maintained a warehouse of remains or these men were alive in 1973 and died in captivity after 1973.

We are able to identify twenty-six (26) men who were, in fact, repatriated and who are on the collage, a few in coats and/or ties!

Our group also has evidence that the collage was only a part of other photos, probably hundreds more.

Out of the ninety-four (94) identifiable images, sixty-two (62) are possibly still MIA/POW, accepting a slight margin of error. Comparing our results to the 1205 minus 591 (returnees): between 50-60% were retained after 1973!

PHOTOS TELL THE STORY continued...

The thirty-three (33) men we believe are probably on the collage are: Leo Boston (CO), John Bischoff (SC), George Mims (SC), Randolph Suber (MO), Samuel Adams (FL), Kenneth Plumadore (NY), Leo Seymour (PA), Albert Pitt (NY), Richard Hawthorne (NY), Raymond Paul Salzarulo (WV), Ned Herrold (NJ), Michael Masterson (WA), Robert McMahan (IL), James Grace (LA), Raymond Echevarria (NY), Albert Page Jr. (NH), Clifford Cushman (SD), Roger B. Innes (IL), John Held (IN), Lucius Heiskell (TN), Thomas Allen (OK), Alexander Palenscar (NY), Joseph Davies (VA), Ronald Packard (CO), Wayne Eckley (OR), Michael Estocin (PA), Robert Pearson (WA), Courtney Weissmueller (FL), Ronald Dexter (TX), Lavern Reilly (MN), Kenneth Backus (NY), John O'Grady (NY), and John Graf (NJ).

The twenty-nine (29) that are possibly on the composite are: Brent Davis (CA), Billy Laney (FL), Walter Kosko (VA), Peter Stewart (FL), John Robertson (WA), Robert Coady (LA), Ronald Wayne Dodge (CA), Lawrence Helber (OH), David Williams (TN), Gerald Joseph Crossan (NY), Gordon Wenaas (ND), William Stroven (MI), Jack McCrary (TN), Larry Stevens (CA), Michael McEchanon (TX), Walter Moon (AR), Larry Jordan (CA), Michael Dunn (IL), Robert Govan (DC), Martin Massucci (MI), Joseph Karins (NY), William Glasson (CA), Charles Meldahl (WA), Glenn McCubbins (KS), Willie Stark (NE), John Worcester (MI), William Foreman (MN), Lee Nordahl (MI), and Stephen Kott (SC).

Also, there are several photos still under study and several "unknown" photos, eight or so.

The six (6) men we identified whose remains were returned will be kept to ourselves pending a DOD response, if any is forthcoming.

We also have identified thirteen (13) men captured in Laos, two (2) in China, and one (1) returnee held prisoner for five years in Beijing (and repatriated) but captured in North Vietnam.

Also in the film there is shown actual movies of Americans being captured. At least two (2) are tentatively identified as Richard Michael Allard (MI) and Luther Rose (TX).

A first generation copy of the collage plus mailing is available at cost. Send fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to Hamilton Gayden, 106 Commons Drive, Nashville, TN 37203 /5

If you know any family members and are comfortable in discussing this analysis with them, please do so.

Also, this analysis and the collage would make a very good magazine or book pictorial expose that the American public can see with their own eyes. There is no copyright or any other superior rights to the collage or analysis. It is the product of over a hundred combined activists, family members, and photographic consultants. If you would like to contact magazine publishers, please do.

Hamilton V. Gayden, Jr.

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GARNETT BELL
... Says the U.S. knows the Vietnamese continue to lie about U.S. POWs.

Garnett Bell will be speaking in DANBURY, CT, May 24 - POW/MIA CT Forget-Me-Nots Forum and in WASHINGTON, D.C. on July 14 - National Alliance of Families Forum. See page 17 for FORUM details.



PHOTOS TELL THE STORY continued...



SFC WILLIAM BOYLE

Bill was attached to the 5th Special Forces, MACV-SOG, based out of Kontum, SVN. Bill was recently divorced (days before his loss) and had one son, John, who was approximately 3 years old at the time of his loss. Bill also has a Mother who lives in a Nursing Home.

Bill was presently on his third tour of duty.

We have been able to contact two eyewitnesses to Bill's loss: Lt. Kinnard and SFC Brinkmeier. SF4 Lambert is deceased.

According to telephone conversations with both Lt. Kinnard and SFC Brinkmeier this is their best recollections of that incident.

It appears LT. Kinnard was in command of a unit atop a 50' hilltop in Attapau Province, Laos. This was a 5th SF operation including indigenous personnel. It seems the unit was trapped on this hilltop and had been there for approx. 5 days. At this point they were out of food, water and ammo and had wounded indig. personnel that needed evacuating. The team was in the process of being overrun by NVA and were in dire need. LT Kinnard contacted Dak-To and requested help. A CH-34 manned by an ARVN team left Dak-To with supplies - as they approached the area and attempted to land at the LZ they took on heavy fire and were shot down, LT Kinnard then called for another chopper and another CH-34 was sent along with an ARVN team, they too, met the same fate. (I might add the pilot to one of these CH-34's was Major An, his story appeared on the TV program The Crusaders several months ago - he now lives in San Francisco, CA and we have been in touch, however, since he had both arms blown off in this incident he does not recall Bill.) Another chopper was called for and Bill happened to be in Dak-To that day and volunteered to help. Bill boarded a CH-34 along with an ARVN team. Bill was the only American on board. The decision was made to land the chopper on top of the 50' hilltop, drop supplies, take on wounded and leave immediately as Lt. Kinnard was attempting to get air strikes or help to relieve them of this situation. Lt. Kinnard indicated it was a rather confusing, frightening and busy time as they were sure they were going to be overrun and killed. He was in deep concern for his men and their safety. Bill's chopper landed quickly, Bill was seen kicking off supplies and loading wounded. As the chopper was approx. 10' off the ground it was hit with a B-40 rocket. The rocket sliced thru the cargo door (which was open) and out the other side. This separated the aircraft into two parts allowing enough time for the pilot, co-pilot to escape thru the cabin area. The door gunner was standing beside Bill and he was blown out of the chopper. Several of the paramilitary were also blown out of the chopper (some of them were already dead). The pilot and gunner were unjured and the co-pilot had

a broken arm. The chopper then caught on fire and burned up. Lt. Kinnard said they were unable to search for Bill at that time and assumed he was dead. When they were able to search quite some time later they could not find anything. He stated they were able to hold their defenses for several more days at which time air support arrived and placed Napalm in the area enough for the unit to descend down the hilltop to a safe LZ. At which time they were rescued. Both Kinnard and Brinkmeier are uncertain if Bill could of survived.

Joyceen Boyle (Bill's ex-wife, never remarried) has talked to Brinkmeier on several occasions, however, he was to meet her at her home last Christmas and never showed up. We have to this date been unable to locate him or has he contacted us. We have his address and phone # however, he is no longer there-puzzling?

There are several discrepancies in the narrative as you will read. The Source indicates Bill was a on a Caribou, however, in my investigation I cannot find where any Caribou when down in SEA. Also they indicate a different date and different location. I am not sure if the Source is mixed-up or if it came from Bill and after 17 years of captivity if he could recall all info exactly? Or it could very well be another serviceman.

If you will note the Source requests the JCRC reps to return to his home for info on Bill, however, they failed to do this. We have asked the JTF-FA why and they do not respond.

Also note at the end of the narrative the forget to censor the name: LOH THARAPHANT. I am wondering if he is the Source all along or not - the letters censored match the exact number of letters in his name. I have read about LOH and that he was a leader of the Laotian Freedom Fighters, helped the USAF during the War, worked for Exxon in Bangkok and was of great help to Bo Gritz and Chuck Patterson during their rescue attempts in the early 1980's. I have unsuccessfully attempted to try to locate Loh.

I have also unsuccessfully attempted to obtain information on a Ta-Oy community (ethnic group) in Laos. No one seems to have heard of this group.

I have send this information recently to Major Mark Smith however I have not received a response.

Rather this narrative pertains to SFC Boyle or not it appears to pertain to a US serviceman.

The narrative indicates the Source's source lied however, why would the Source want the JCRC reps come to his home for info on Bill? I wonder if the Source's source was scared, frightened or threatened for some reason?

The Casualty Office has indicated to me that this crash site will be investigated in 1995. And they have passed info on Bill to the Laotian Gov't June 1992. Yet their contention to the family is that Bill died 2-28-70 and there is no body to recover because it burned up and nothing is left. So why pay the Laotians thousands of US money to investigate a crash site when they are saying there is nothing left of Bill Boyle or the chopper for that matter? He was the only American lost that day.

Well the pieces don't seem to fit 100% - what do you think?

*BOYLE, WILLIAM

Name: William Boyle
Rank/Branch: E7/US Army Special Forces
Unit: CCC/MACV-SOG, 5th Special Forces Group
Date of Birth: 26 November 1938 (Brooklyn NY)
Home City of Record: Watrous PA
Date of Loss: 28 February 1970
Country of Loss: Laos
Loss Coordinates: 143753N 1072404E (YB586188)
Status (in 1973): Killed/Body Not Recovered
Category: 2
Aircraft/Vehicle/Ground: CH34
Other Personnel in Incident: (none missing)

REMARKS:

SYNOPSIS: SFC William Boyle was assigned to MACV-SOG (Military Assistance Command, Vietnam Studies and Observation Group). MACV-SOG was a joint service high command unconventional warfare task force engaged in highly classified operations throughout Southeast Asia. The 5th Special Forces channeled personnel into MACV-SOG (although it was not a Special Forces group) through Special Operations Augmentation (SOA), which provided their "cover" while under secret orders to MACV-SOG. The teams performed deep penetration missions of strategic reconnaissance and interdiction which were called, depending on the time frame, "Shining Brass" or "Prairie Fire" missions.

On February 28, 1970, SFC Boyle was a passenger in an ARVN CH34 Sikorski helicopter (serial #554324), call sign "King Bee". The CH34 was a huge gas powered aircraft that sat high on two great wheels in front, making the pilots appear to be sitting 2 stories above the ground, and tapering down in back. The aircraft was an outstanding transport vehicle. The ARVN used the CH34 before they acquired "Huey" helicopters from the U.S.

Boyle's aircraft was on a resupply/medivac mission in the tri-border area in Attapeu Province, Laos, when it was hit by enemy ground fire. SFC Boyle had just completed loading wounded personnel when an enemy rocket hit the helicopter, causing an explosion and subsequent fire. SFC Boyle was observed just prior to rocket impact standing inside the helicopter and was apparently trapped inside the aircraft and burned with it.

The wrecked remains of the helicopter and surrounding area were checked thoroughly, but no bodies could be found after the fire. No other U.S. Army personnel were lost in the crash of the aircraft. William Boyle was listed as killed in Action - Body Not Recovered.

Because no remains were found for SFC Boyle, he is listed with honor among the missing. Unlike Boyle, the fates of other missing Americans are not as simple. Many were alive and well the last time they were seen. Some were photographed or known to have been captives, yet simply disappeared from the prison system. In all, there are nearly 2500 still missing, prisoner, or unaccounted for in Indochina.

When American involvement in the Indochina war ended in 1975, refugees began to flood the world, bringing with them stories of Americans still held captive. Since that time, nearly 10,000 reports have been received regarding missing Americans. Most authorities believe Americans are still alive. Few agree on how to bring them home.



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. TOTAL ARMY PERSONNEL COMMAND
ALEXANDRIA, VA

22331-0482

February 10, 1993



POW/MIA Affairs
Division

Mrs. Joyceen Boyle
2420 William Street
Augusta, GA 30904

Dear Mrs. Boyle:

Enclosed are copies of documents provided by the Joint Task Force - Full Accounting which relate to your husband, Sergeant First Class William Boyle.

This information is being sent to you in keeping with our policy of providing all information we obtain which relates to your loved one. If I may be of further assistance in explaining the attached documents, please call me collect at (703) 325-5305.

Sincerely,

Enclosure

Samuel E. Faires
Major, U. S. Army
Deputy Chief, POW/MIA Affairs



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To: Department of the Army, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command
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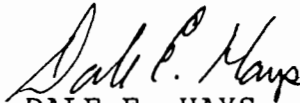
Subj: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION TO THE NOK
OF REFNO 1564-0-01

Ref: (a) CDRPERSCOM/TAPC-PED-P Ltr of 11 Jan 93

Encl: (1) Biographic/Site Report as of 18 Jun 92
(2) Photocopy of 3 x 5 Photo of Aircraft Similar to Loss
(3) Photocopy of 1:50,000 Scale Map of Ban Phiadouang,
Laos; Cambodia, SN L701564382***02
(4) Map of Indochina
(5) Narrative, Case 1564-0-01, Passed to the Lao at 1-2
Jun 92 Consultative Meeting
(6) JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 270502Z JAN 87
(7) JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 041136Z FEB 87
(8) JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 180908Z FEB 87
(9) CDR JCRC BARBERS PT HI 262002Z MAR 87
(10) JCRC LIAISON BANGKOK TH 180529Z DEC 87

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (10) are provided for release to the next of kin of Sergeant First Class William Boyle (REFNO 1564-0-01).

2. JTF-FA has sanitized the enclosed documents by deleting U.S. personnel and source names, administrative markings, and classification per Executive Order 12812, 22 Jul 92, Executive Order 12356 and Title 5 of U.S. Code 552a (Privacy Act). In no instance has substantive material been removed.


DALE E. HAYS
By direction

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JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 18 June 1992

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

REF ID: 1564-0-01 (ACCNO 6453)
Name: BOYLE, WILLIAM (NMN)

Status: (F) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 18 Apr 1970

National: UNITED STATES	Race: CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit: \$
Service: ARMY	Sex: MALE	Survive: 5
Grade: E7	Hair: BLACK	Grave corr:
SSAN:	Eyes: BROWN	Weapon:
Serial No: 23925659	Height: 70 Inches 1.78 mtrs	Weapon Ser.: #
Birth date: 26 Nov 1938	Weight: 170 lbs. 77.0 kilos	Partial Rsvld:
Duty pos: PASSENGER	Complexion: #	
PW CAMP: \$	Blood Type: # #	
Religion: CATHOLIC	Home State: PENNSYLVANIA	

Case type: CRASH SITE

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

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE
UTM: 48PYB586188
Lat/Long: 143753N1072404E
Country: LAOS
Military Region: 4
Mission Province: ATTOPEU
Mission Date: 28 Feb 1970
Mission Category: 1
Location Analysis: Near populated area.

***** J.C.R.C. ACTIVITY SUMMARY *****

Negotiation Folders Passed: Jun 92

*** VEHICLE DATA ***

Vehicle Type: CH34
Crash Type: Enemy action.
Call Sign: KING BEE
Year: 55
Serial: 4324
Engine Type: R1820
1 Serial:
2 Serial:

CASE: 1564

Circumstances of loss - 24 February 1976

(U) ON 28 FEB 70 SFC WILLIAM BOYLE WAS A PASSENGER ON A CH34 HELICOPTER, (#554324, CALL SIGN KING BEE), PERFORMING A RESUPPLY/MEDEVAC MISSION, WHEN IT WAS HIT BY ENEMY GROUND FIRE IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YB 586 188 IN LAOS. SFC BOYLE HAD JUST COMPLETED LOADING SEVERAL WOUNDED PERSONNEL WHEN AN ENEMY ROCKET HIT THE HELICOPTER, CAUSING AN EXPLOSION AND SUBSEQUENT FIRE. SFC BOYLE WAS OBSERVED JUST PRIOR TO ROCKET IMPACT STANDING INSIDE THE HELICOPTER, AND APPARENTLY WAS TRAPPED INSIDE THE ACFT AND BURNED WITH IT. THE WRECKED REMAINS OF THE HELICOPTER AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WERE CHECKED THOROUGHLY, BUT NO BODIES COULD BE FOUND AFTER THE FIRE.

(U) DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES 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. SFC BOYLE IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

References - 24 February 1976

(U) REFERENCES USED: 1. RPT (U), DA SOG 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), 1ST SPECIAL FORCES, 2 MAR 70. 2. RPT (U), PHU DUNG CASUALTY LOG, UNDATED.

Follow-up actions - 15 June 1992

(U) A CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LAO GOVERNMENT DURING THE 1-2 JUNE 1992 CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN VIENTIANE IN CONJUNCTION WITH DISCUSSIONS ON FY 1992 AND 1993 WORKPLANS.

CH-34 SIMILAR TO LOSS VEHICLE



