

Dear Mr. Bell,

Since hearing your talk at the Danbury forum I felt that I had to send you the enclosed documents pertaining to my brother's shootdown over Laos on May 18, 1966. He was an observer in an O-1 aircraft with Capt. Harley on that day. There has been no information since then and both are listed as MIA.

My brother is SM Sgt Audrie R. Guillet working in the Air Force with Combat Controllers.

The first report I have enclosed is the official one filed by Capt. Thomas C. Morris stating he observed burning wreckage on the ground. Also note the obvious panic in the report. You will find the Air Command Newsletter account written by Jim Stanford who was on a mission the same day and flew over the site shortly after Audrie and Capt. Harley were downed.

I have also included 4 other eyewitness accounts gathered by Paul Parkowick, a friend of Audrie's.

The most obvious discrepancy is that only the official report mentions burning wreckage.

Since there was no fire the possibility of survival or the identification of remains is possible.

I would be most grateful if you could add any comments you may have about recovery of Andre.

My family and I cannot put him to rest until our questions are answered. We are still being denied the photos of the crash site that I found in his DIA file in Arlington. I am told by George Atkinson of Air Force Casualty that it is JTF-FA in Laos that will not release the photos of the site nor will they give me the dates of the photos. I'm still working on obtaining them.

Any help or information you can find would be gratefully accepted.

I realize the great service you are providing for Veterans and their families and I thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Kloris H. Maitland
sister of Andre R. Shultz

Jan. 8, 1994

Dear Mr. Bell,

I am enclosing
some new information
that was sent to me
about my brother
MIA André Roland Guillet.
I appreciate your efforts
and your concern.

Sincerely,

Cloris Guillet Maitland



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To: Headquarters, Air Force Military Personnel Center
Attn: DPMCB, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-6001

Subj: TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENT - REFNO 0343

Encl: (1) Information Report Preliminary Evaluation VN94-028
of 29 Aug 94 (2 Copies)

1. Enclosure (1) is provided for release to the next of kin of ANDRE R. GUILLET and LEE D. HARLEY (REFNO 0343-0-01 and 02).
2. The JTF-FA has sanitized the enclosed document by deleting U.S. personnel and source names per Executive Order 12812, 22 Jul 94, and Title 5, U.S. Code 552a (Privacy Act). In no instance has substantive material been removed.

Charles R. Marineau, Jr.
CHARLES R. MARINEAU, JR.
By direction

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INFORMATION REPORT PRELIMINARY EVALUATION

INFORMATION REPORT NUMBER & DATE: VN94-028, Dated 29 Aug 94

ANALYST: Mr. [REDACTED]

CROSS REFERENCE(S): None

CATEGORY DATA: Crash Site - Burial Site/Firsthand Account

FINDINGS: Analysis of the information contained in the letter from the Vietnamese source indicates a probable correlation to REFNO 0343.

CORRELATE DATA: REFNO 0343: On 18 May 1966, Airman Second Class Andre R. Guillet was the observer and Captain Lee D. Harley was the pilot of an O1F light observation aircraft which was in a flight of two aircraft that had been controlling a strike mission along Route 912 (PAVN route 20) in Khammouan Province, Laos. The aircraft was calling in a bomb damage assessment when the transmission abruptly ended. The wingman turned and sighted the aircraft's wreckage, but came under heavy fire and had to leave the area. Search and Rescue forces heard an emergency beeper in the area, but when aircraft went to check the area, they received ground fire and it was determined this was probably an attempt to lure rescue aircraft into a trap. Reportedly the wreckage was removed by the following day. This incident has not been investigated by a joint team.

BACKGROUND COMMENTS: The information provided by the source generally correlates to the REFNO 0343 incident. The source indicates the aircraft was an L19 (O1) and the incident occurred on PAVN route 20 in Khammouan Province at the beginning of the 1966 rainy season. The REFNO 0343 O1F is the only light observation aircraft loss involving an unaccounted for individual along PAVN route 20 in Khammouan Province. The source indicated the aircraft was in a flight of two and the REFNO 0343 incident involved a flight of two O1 aircraft. Inconsistencies in the report are the source's statement that there was only one crewmember in the aircraft and the aircraft was shot down by a 37MM weapon. There were two crewmembers in the REFNO 0343 aircraft; the group 559 document indicates the aircraft was hit by a 12.7MM weapon.

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DETACHMENT TWO/US MIA OFFICE
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From: DET 2, JTFFA
To: Commander, JTFFA
Attn: J2

JTFFA RPT VN94-028
29 August 1994

Subj: Alleged U.S. Aircraft Loss and Burial Location in Laos

Encl: Letter received at Detachment 2 on 24 August 1994

1. Source/administrative data:

- a. Name: [REDACTED] ([REDACTED])
- b. DOB: Unknown
- c. Present position: Unknown
- d. Current location: Sub-Hamlet 2 (Xoms 2), Do Nha Hamlet (Thoong Do Nha), Tan Tien Village (Xax Taan Tieens), An Hai District, Hai Phong Municipality
- d. Date of interview: N/A
- e. Date of information: 24 August 1994

2. Summary. In a letter dated 10 June 1994, the source provided information on an American pilot and aircraft loss in southern Laos. The source claims to know the pilot's burial location. This information possibly correlates to one unresolved case and tentatively correlates to another.

3. Information.

a. In the letter, the source provided information on the loss circumstances for an L-19 aircraft in Khammouan Province, southern Laos. The source wrote he was stationed in an engineer battalion in 1966 responsible for opening the Ho Chi Minh Trail in that region on Route 20A. In the beginning of the rainy season in 1966, he observed a 37mm AAA unit shoot down one L-19 aircraft and damage another. The two aircraft were possibly reconnoitering Route 20A.

b. The source claimed the pilot was in the aircraft at the time of impact and a later investigation at the crash site revealed that the pilot was an American captain. The source did not recall the pilot's name or age. However, he claimed to remember the pilot's burial location and offered his assistance in finding it.

4. Comments:

a. This information possibly correlates to unresolved case 0305 based on aircraft type, incident location, and incident date. This case involves a 19 April 1966 O-1F loss in Boulapha District, Khammouan Province, Laos. A pilot of another U.S.

aircraft flying in the area observed the O-1F receive enemy fire and crash. The O-1F pilot was a captain and was probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash.

b. This information tentatively correlates to unresolved case 0261 based on aircraft type, incident location, and incident year. This case involves a 2 March 1966 O-1E loss in Boulapha District, Khammouan Province, Laos. The aircraft collided in mid-air with an F-105. The O-1E pilot was a captain and was in the aircraft at the time of the crash.

c. We will forward a copy of ~~this report~~ to the VNOSMP.

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LTC, USA
Commanding

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