

Circumstances of loss - 11 August 1975

(U) ON 29 DEC 67 MAJ CHARLES P. CLAXTON, PILOT, CAPT EDWIN N. OSBORNE JR, AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, CAPT GERALD G. VAN BUREN, 1ST PILOT, LT COL DONALD E. FISHER, CAPT GORDON J. WENAAS, CAPT FRANK C. PARKER III, NAVIGATORS, TSGT JACK MCCRARY, SSGT WAYNE A. ECKLEY, FLIGHT ENGINEERS, SSGT GEAN P. CLAPPER, RADIO OPERATOR, SSGT EDWARD J. DARCY AND SGT JAMES R. WILLIAMS, LOADMASTERS, WERE CREWMEMBERS ABOARD A C130E (#64-0547) AIRCRAFT WHICH DEPARTED NHA TRANG, RVN, AT 0030 HOURS, ON A SPECIAL MISSION OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THE MISSION PROGRESSED AS PLANNED AND A RADIO REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE ACFT AT 0430 HRS. THIS WAS THE LAST RADIO CONTACT WITH THE ACFT. (REF 1)

(U) WHEN THE AIRCRAFT FAILED TO RETURN TO BASE AS SCHEDULED, AN ORGANIZED SEARCH WAS INITIATED. IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE AIRCRAFT COULD BE LOCATED IN MOUNTAINOUS AREA CONTROLLED BY HOSTILE FORCES. THREE (3) PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS AND ONE ELECTRONIC SEARCH IN THE AREA WERE CONDUCTED WITHOUT SUCCESS. SEARCH EFFORTS WERE TERMINATED ON 29 JANUARY 1968 (NFI). BASED ON AVAILABLE INFORMATION, THE AIRCRAFT'S LAST KNOWN LOCATION IS AT GRID COORDINATES (GC) UK 315 501. (REF 1 & 2)

(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. THESE INDIVIDUALS' NAMES AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. ALL ELEVEN CREWMEMBERS ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

References - 11 August 1975

REFERENCES USED: <1> (U) RPT, 14TH AIR COMMANDO WG, AF FORM 484, 6 FEB 68. <2> (U) MSG, CINCPACAF, 040526Z JAN 67.

Associated individuals - 11 August 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: GEAN P. CLAPPER 0954-0-01, EDWARD J. DARCY 0954-0-02, CHARLES P. CLAXTON 0954-0-03, JACK MCCRARY 0954-0-04, DONALD E. FISHER 0954-0-05, WAYNE A. ECKLEY 0954-0-06, FRANK C. PARKER III 0954-0-07, EDWIN N. OSBORNE JR 0954-0-08, GERALD G. VAN BUREN 0954-0-09, GORDON J. WENAAS 0954-0-10, AND JAMES R. WILLIAMS 0954-0-11.

INCIDENT LOCATION

* * * SITE SECTION * * *

GZD/UTM 48QUK315501
LAT/LON 220859N/1032157E
COUNTRY NORTH VIETNAM
REGION 1
PROVINCE LAI CHAU
MISSION DATE 29 DEC 67
SITE TYPE CRASH SITE
CATEGORY 3
LOC ANALYSIS 0
NUMBER MIS/BNR 11
NUMBER RECOVERED 00
JCRC SEARCH
OTHER INSPECTION
CALL SIGN #
CRASH TYPE @
VEHICLE TYPE C130E
VEH. SERIAL (YR) 547(64)
ENGINE TYPE T56-A-7A
ENGINE SER 104094 /105504
SURVEY/EXCAV. /

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* * * BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION * * *

CASE: 0954-0-01 (0664)
NAME: CLAPPER, GEAN PRESTON

STATUS: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 1 MAY 78

NATIONALITY UNITED STATES
SERVICE AIR FORCE
GRADE E5
SSAN
SERIAL NO 013317235
BIRTH DATE 24 JUL 32
DUTY POS RADIO OPR
PW CAMP \$
RACE CAUCASIAN
SEX MALE
HAIR BROWN
EYES BLUE
HEIGHT 67 INS 1.70 MTRS
WEIGHT 156 LBS 70.7 KILOS
COMPLEXION FAIR
VESSEY TYPE

BLOOD TYPE O +
RELIGION OTHER
HOME STATE PENNSYLVANIA
BLOOD CHIT 12349
CASE TYPE CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN
SURVIVABILITY 3
GRAVE CORR
MATERIAL EVD.
NAME ASSOC.
PARTIAL RSVLD
REPORT OF INV.
FOLDER PASSED
WEAPON TYPE 14
WEAPON SERIAL #
DIED IN CAPTV

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* * * BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION * * *

CASE: 0954-0-11 (1198)
NAME: WILLIAMS, JAMES RANDALL

STATUS: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 24 JUN 77

NATIONALITY UNITED STATES
SERVICE AIR FORCE
GRADE E4
SSAN
SERIAL NO 014793709
BIRTH DATE 28 MAR 45
DUTY POS LODMASTER
PW CAMP \$
RACE CAUCASIAN
SEX MALE
HAIR BROWN
EYES HAZEL
HEIGHT 70 INS 1.78 MTRS
WEIGHT 185 LBS 83.8 KILOS
COMPLEXION FAIR
VESSEY TYPE

BLOOD TYPE A +
RELIGION OTHER
HOME STATE NORTH CAROLINA
BLOOD CHIT 12366
CASE TYPE CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN
SURVIVABILITY 3
GRAVE CORR
MATERIAL EVD.
NAME ASSOC.
PARTIAL RSVLD
REPORT OF INV.
FOLDER PASSED
WEAPON TYPE 14
WEAPON SERIAL #
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CASE: 0954-0-10 (1185)
NAME: WENAAS, GORDON JAMES

STATUS: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 9 JUN 78

NATIONALITY UNITED STATES
SERVICE AIR FORCE
GRADE O3
SSAN
SERIAL NO 003022746
BIRTH DATE 2 MAR 32
DUTY POS NAVIGATOR
PW CAMP \$
RACE CAUCASIAN
SEX MALE
HAIR BLACK
EYES BLUE
HEIGHT 66 INS 1.68 MTRS
WEIGHT 156 LBS 70.7 KILOS
COMPLEXION FAIR
VESSEY TYPE

BLOOD TYPE AB+
RELIGION OTHER
HOME STATE NORTH DAKOTA
BLOOD CHIT 12301
CASE TYPE CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN
SURVIVABILITY 3
GRAVE CORR
MATERIAL EVD.
NAME ASSOC.
PARTIAL RSVLD
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CASE: 0954-0-09 (1163)
NAME: VAN BUREN, GERALD GORDON

STATUS: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 29 AUG 77

NATIONALITY UNITED STATES
SERVICE AIR FORCE
GRADE O3
SSAN
SERIAL NO 003102346
BIRTH DATE 8 JUN 35
DUTY POS COPILOT
PW CAMP \$
RACE CAUCASIAN
SEX MALE
HAIR BROWN
EYES HAZEL
HEIGHT 68 INS 1.73 MTRS
WEIGHT 180 LBS 81.5 KILOS
COMPLEXION FAIR
VESSEY TYPE

BLOOD TYPE O +
RELIGION OTHER
HOME STATE OHIO
BLOOD CHIT 01073
CASE TYPE CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN
SURVIVABILITY 3
GRAVE CORR
MATERIAL EVD.
NAME ASSOC.
PARTIAL RSVLD
REPORT OF INV.
FOLDER PASSED
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WEAPON SERIAL #
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CASE: 0954-0-08 (1004)
NAME: OSBORNE, EDWIN NELMS JR.

STATUS: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 1 MAY 78

NATIONALITY UNITED STATES
SERVICE AIR FORCE
GRADE O3
SSAN
SERIAL NO 000054560
BIRTH DATE 1 MAY 33
DUTY POS ACFT CMDR
PW CAMP \$
RACE CAUCASIAN
SEX MALE
HAIR BROWN
EYES BLUE
HEIGHT 71 INS 1.80 MTRS
WEIGHT 189 LBS 85.6 KILOS
COMPLEXION FAIR
VESSEY TYPE

BLOOD TYPE O +
RELIGION OTHER
HOME STATE GEORGIA
BLOOD CHIT 12353
CASE TYPE CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN
SURVIVABILITY 3
GRAVE CORR
MATERIAL EVD.
NAME ASSOC.
PARTIAL RSVLD
REPORT OF INV.
FOLDER PASSED
WEAPON TYPE 14
WEAPON SERIAL #
DIED IN CAPTV

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CASE: 0954-0-07 (1013)
NAME: PARKER, FRANK CLAVELOUX III

STATUS: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 1 MAY 78

NATIONALITY UNITED STATES
SERVICE AIR FORCE
GRADE O3
SSAN
SERIAL NO 000080094
BIRTH DATE 2 MAR 40
DUTY POS NAVIGATOR
PW CAMP \$
RACE CAUCASIAN
SEX MALE
HAIR BLOND
EYES BLUE
HEIGHT 74 INS 1.88 MTRS
WEIGHT 161 LBS 72.9 KILOS
COMPLEXION FAIR
VESSEY TYPE

BLOOD TYPE B +
RELIGION OTHER
HOME STATE VIRGINIA
BLOOD CHIT 12345
CASE TYPE CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN
SURVIVABILITY 3
GRAVE CORR
MATERIAL EVD.
NAME ASSOC.
PARTIAL RSVLD
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WEAPON SERIAL #
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CASE: 0954-0-06 (0732)
NAME: ECKLEY, WAYNE ALVIN

STATUS: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 1 MAY 78

NATIONALITY UNITED STATES
SERVICE AIR FORCE
GRADE E5
SSAN
SERIAL NO 019467552
BIRTH DATE 22 MAY 36
DUTY POS FLT ENGR
PW CAMP \$
RACE CAUCASIAN
SEX MALE
HAIR BROWN
EYES BLUE
HEIGHT 73 INS 1.85 MTRS
WEIGHT 140 LBS 63.4 KILOS
COMPLEXION FAIR
VESSEY TYPE

BLOOD TYPE O +
RELIGION OTHER
HOME STATE OREGON
BLOOD CHIT 12338
CASE TYPE CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN
SURVIVABILITY 3
GRAVE CORR
MATERIAL EVD.
NAME ASSOC.
PARTIAL RSVLD
REPORT OF INV.
FOLDER PASSED
WEAPON TYPE 14
WEAPON SERIAL #
DIED IN CAPTV

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CASE: 0954-0-04 (0945)
NAME: MCCRARY, JACK (NMN)

STATUS: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 1 MAY 78

NATIONALITY UNITED STATES
SERVICE AIR FORCE
GRADE E6
SSAN
SERIAL NO 014470536
BIRTH DATE 30 NOV 34
DUTY POS FLT ENGR
PW CAMP \$
RACE CAUCASIAN
SEX MALE
HAIR BROWN
EYES BLUE
HEIGHT 66 INS 1.68 MTRS
WEIGHT 165 LBS 74.7 KILOS
COMPLEXION FAIR
VESSEY TYPE

BLOOD TYPE A +
RELIGION OTHER
HOME STATE TENNESSEE
BLOOD CHIT 12367
CASE TYPE CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN
SURVIVABILITY 3
GRAVE CORR
MATERIAL EVD.
NAME ASSOC.
PARTIAL RSVLD
REPORT OF INV.
FOLDER PASSED
WEAPON TYPE #
WEAPON SERIAL 38
DIED IN CAPTV

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CASE: 0954-0-05 (0750)
NAME: FISHER, DONALD ELLIS

STATUS: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 1 MAY 78

NATIONALITY UNITED STATES
SERVICE AIR FORCE
GRADE O5
SSAN
SERIAL NO 002221880
BIRTH DATE 19 MAY 24
DUTY POS NAVIGATOR
PW CAMP \$
RACE CAUCASIAN
SEX MALE
HAIR BLOND
EYES BLUE
HEIGHT 68 INS 1.73 MTRS
WEIGHT 191 LBS 86.5 KILOS
COMPLEXION FAIR
VESSEY TYPE

BLOOD TYPE O +
RELIGION OTHER
HOME STATE OREGON
BLOOD CHIT 12339
CASE TYPE CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN
SURVIVABILITY 3
GRAVE CORR
MATERIAL EVD.
NAME ASSOC.
PARTIAL RSVLD
REPORT OF INV.
FOLDER PASSED
WEAPON TYPE 14
WEAPON SERIAL #
DIED IN CAPTV

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CASE: 0954-0-03 (0671)
NAME: CLAXTON, CHARLES PETER

STATUS: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 1 MAY 78

NATIONALITY UNITED STATES
SERVICE AIR FORCE
GRADE O4
SSAN
SERIAL NO 003025663
BIRTH DATE 22 DEC 32
DUTY POS PILOT
PW CAMP \$
RACE CAUCASIAN
SEX MALE
HAIR BROWN
EYES BLUE
HEIGHT 68 INS 1.73 MTRS
WEIGHT 187 LBS 84.7 KILOS
COMPLEXION FAIR
VESSEY TYPE

BLOOD TYPE A -
RELIGION OTHER
HOME STATE ILLINOIS
BLOOD CHIT 12322
CASE TYPE CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN
SURVIVABILITY 3
GRAVE CORR
MATERIAL EVD.
NAME ASSOC.
PARTIAL RSVLD
REPORT OF INV.
FOLDER PASSED
WEAPON TYPE 14
WEAPON SERIAL #
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CASE: 0954-0-02 (0698)
NAME: DARCY, EDWARD JOSEPH

STATUS: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 1 MAY 78

NATIONALITY UNITED STATES
SERVICE AIR FORCE
GRADE E5
SSAN
SERIAL NO 021205372
BIRTH DATE 19 JUN 38
DUTY POS LODMASTER
PW CAMP \$
RACE CAUCASIAN
SEX MALE
HAIR BROWN
EYES BLUE
HEIGHT 68 INS 1.73 MTRS
WEIGHT 167 LBS 75.7 KILOS
COMPLEXION RUDDY
VESSEY TYPE

BLOOD TYPE O +
RELIGION OTHER
HOME STATE MAINE
BLOOD CHIT 12360
CASE TYPE CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN
SURVIVABILITY 3
GRAVE CORR
MATERIAL EVD.
NAME ASSOC.
PARTIAL RSVLD
REPORT OF INV.
FOLDER PASSED
WEAPON TYPE 14
WEAPON SERIAL #
DIED IN CAPTY

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CASE: 0954-0-01 (0664)
NAME: CLAPPER, GEAN PRESTON

STATUS: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 1 MAY 78

NATIONALITY UNITED STATES
SERVICE AIR FORCE
GRADE E5
SSAN
SERIAL NO 013317235
BIRTH DATE 24 JUL 32
DUTY POS RADIO OPR
PW CAMP \$
RACE CAUCASIAN
SEX MALE
HAIR BROWN
EYES BLUE
HEIGHT 67 INS 1.70 MTRS
WEIGHT 156 LBS 70.7 KILOS
COMPLEXION FAIR
VESSEY TYPE

BLOOD TYPE O +
RELIGION OTHER
HOME STATE PENNSYLVANIA
BLOOD CHIT 12349
CASE TYPE CRASH SITE - UNKNOWN
SURVIVABILITY 3
GRAVE CORR
MATERIAL EVD.
NAME ASSOC.
PARTIAL RSVLD
REPORT OF INV.
FOLDER PASSED
WEAPON TYPE 14
WEAPON SERIAL #
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