

NAME: Lucius L. Heiskell

RANK: Major

DATE OF LOSS: 06 Feb 67

COUNTRY OF LOSS: North Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 06 Feb 40

HOME OF RECORD: Memphis TN

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 38 Air Rescue/Recyry Sq, Nakhon Phanom AB TH

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Major Heiskell was the pilot of an O-1F aircraft which was on a visual reconnaissance mission with another O-1F when he was reported missing in action. His aircraft was struck by hostile fire forcing him to bail out. His parachute was followed to the ground and voice contact with him indicated that immediate rescue was not feasible due to enemy troops in the area. Beeper signals continued and later an HH-3 helicopter was dispatched to attempt rescue. Major Heiskell was hoisted aboard the helicopter and, as it was departing the area, it was hit by ground fire causing it to explode and crash. The helicopter pararescueman survived and was treated for burns. The status of Major Heiskell was unknown; therefore, he was continued in a missing status until 4 November 1974 when his status was administratively changed to killed in action. Since his remains have not been recovered and returned, he is listed by the Department of Defense as unaccounted for in Southeast Asia.