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CW2 John B. Konek, Retired

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Dear Mr. Konek

This is in response to your 10 August 1998 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (#98-0773) asking for records pertaining to the final status/report of death of Sergeant William R. Pearson.

Attached is a Loss Information Sheet on Sergeant Pearson (Atch 1).

Also attached is a copy of his final DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty) (Atch 2). Personal information on other individuals (social security number, address, etc.) is deleted from all documents to protect their privacy. This information doesn't pertain to your request per Air Force Instruction 37-132, Chapter 4, paragraph 4.4.4.

Sincerely

George E. Atkinson
GEORGE E. ATKINSON
Chief, Casualty Matters Division
Personnel Accountability Directorate

Attachments:

1. Loss Information Sheet
2. DD Form 1300

Info removed by VNCA

NAME: William R. Pearson

RANK: Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 06 Apr 72

COUNTRY OF LOSS: South Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 Apr 51

HOME OF RECORD: Warner NH

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: 37 Air Rescue/Recvry Sq, DaNang AB VS

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Pearson was the pararescueman on an HH-53 helicopter which was on a rescue mission when he was reported killed in action. The helicopter was struck by ground fire, crashed and burned. The remains of Sergeant Pearson were repatriated on 5 August 1992/8 June 1994. Positive identification was approved by the Armed Forces Identification Review Board on 26 September 1997.

REPORT OF CASUALTY		DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE WASHINGTON D.C. 20330-5000		REPORT CONTROL SYMBOL DD-FM&P (AR) 1664
1. REPORT NUMBER NOT USED		2. REPORT TYPE Corrected Final		3. DATE PREPARED 15 Oct 97
4. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION				
a. NAME (Last, First, Middle and Suffix) PEARSON, William Roy		b. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED]	c. GRADE/RANK/RATE Sgt	d. OCCUPATION CODE A92350
e. COMPONENT Regular		f. BRANCH USAF	g. ORGANIZATION 37th Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Squadron APO San Francisco 96337	
5. CASUALTY INFORMATION				
e. TYPE Hostile	b. STATUS Deceased	c. CATEGORY KIA	d. DATE OF CASUALTY 6 Apr 72	e. PLACE OF CASUALTY South Vietnam
6. CAUSE AND CIRCUMSTANCES Hostile Action: (HH-53C Rescue Helicopter - crewmember). While participating in a rescue operation the helicopter was hit by ground fire, then crashed and on impact, burst into flames.				
g. DUTY STATUS Active Duty/On Duty			h. FLIGHT STATUS Aircrew	i. BODY RECOVERED *Yes
7. BACKGROUND INFORMATION				
a. DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]	b. PLACE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]	c. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP NOT USED		
d. RACE Caucasoid	e. ETHNIC GROUP NOT USED	f. SEX Male	g. RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE Protestant	
8. ACTIVE DUTY INFORMATION				
a. PLACE OF ENTRY Manchester NH	b. DATE OF ENTRY 24 Mar 70	c. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY Warner NH		
d. DATE TOUR COMMENCED 1 Jun 71		e. PRIOR SERVICE INFORMATION FR 003387424		f. RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA FORM DATE 26 Mar 70
9. PAY INFORMATION				
a. PAY GRADE OE-4	b. BASIC PAY N/A	c. INCENTIVE ADDITIONAL PAY (State type) N/A		
10. REMARKS (Continue on separate sheet if necessary) *The remains of Sergeant William R. Pearson were repatriated on 5 Aug 92/8 Jun 94. Positive identification was approved by the Armed Forces Identification Review Board (AFIRB) on 26 September 1997. Item #9 has been changed as indicated by +. SGLI: Devolve Lump Sum \$15,000				
11. REPORTING INFORMATION				
a. COMMAND AGENCY N/A		b. DATE RECEIVED N/A		
12. DISTRIBUTION [REDACTED]		b. SIGNATURE ELEMENT  WILLIAM R. FRAMPTON Senior Liaison Officer, Missing Persons Branch		

