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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 (#98-0771) asking for records pertaining to the final status/report of death of Technical Sergeant Roy D. Prater.

Attached is a Loss Information Sheet on Technical Sergeant Prater (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: Roy D. Prater

RANK: Technical Sergeant

DATE OF LOSS: 06 Apr 72

COUNTRY OF LOSS: South Vietnam

DATE OF BIRTH: 01 Jul 36

HOME OF RECORD: Tiffin OH

CURRENT STATUS: Killed in Action

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

CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS: Sergeant Prater was the flight engineer 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 Armed Forces Identification Review Board approved the group remains identification recommendation on 26 September 1997.

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| 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) PRATER, Roy Dewitt | | b. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [REDACTED] | | c. GRADE/RANK/RATE TSgt | d. OCCUPATION CODE A43170C |
| a. COMPONENT Regular | b. BRANCH USAF | g. ORGANIZATION 37th Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Squadron APO San Francisco 96337 | | | |
| 5. CASUALTY INFORMATION | | | | | |
| a. TYPE Hostile | b. STATUS Deceased | c. CATEGORY KIA | d. DATE OF CASUALTY 6 Apr 72 | e. PLACE OF CASUALTY South Vietnam | |
| f. 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 *No |
| 6. 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 Baptist | | |
| 7. ACTIVE DUTY INFORMATION | | | | | |
| a. PLACE OF ENTRY Albrook AFB CZ | b. DATE OF ENTRY 30 Aug 68 | c. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY Tiffin OH | | | |
| d. DATE TOUR COMMENCED 15 Oct 71 | e. PRIOR SERVICE INFORMATION AFSN: AF14909408; USMC 1563581 | | | f. RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA FORM DATE 2 Aug 71 | |
| 8. PAY INFORMATION | | | | | |
| a. PAY GRADE OE-6 | b. BASIC PAY N/A | c. INCENTIVE ADDITIONAL PAY (State type) N/A | | | |
| 9. INTERESTED PERSONS (Name, Address, and Relationship) [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Son Daughter Daughter Mother | | | | | |
| 10. REMARKS (Continue on separate sheet if necessary) *The Armed Forces Identification Review Board approved the group remains identification recommendation on 26 Sep 97. Changes in item #9 are indicated by a +. SGLI: By Law Lump Sum \$15,000 | | | | | |
| FOOTNOTES FOR ITEMS 9 AND 10 1. Adult next of kin 2. Beneficiary for gratuity pay in event there is no surviving spouse or child - as designated on record of emergency data. 3. Beneficiary for unpaid pay and allowances - as designated on record for emergency data. | | | | | |
| 11. REPORTING INFORMATION | | | | | |
| a. COMMAND AGENCY N/A | b. DATE RECEIVED N/A | | | c. APPROVAL [REDACTED] | |
| 12. DISTRIBUTION | | b. SIGNATURE ELEMENT WILLIAM R. FRAMPTON Senior Liaison Officer, Missing Persons Branch | | | |