

JCRC BIOGRAPHIC REPORT AS OF 01 MAY 1986

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- A001 11 AUG 75 01 (U) ON 3 JUNE 1967, CAPT STEPHEN P. HANSON, PILOT, 1LT JOHN G. GARDNER, CO-PILOT, SGT TIMOTHY R. BODDEN, CREW CHIEF/DOOR GUNNER, LCPL FRANK E. CIUS, DOOR GUNNER, SFC BILLY R. LANEY, SFC RONALD J. DEXTER, SFC CHARLES F. WILKLOW, PASSENGERS, AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ARVN PERSONNEL WERE ONBOARD A CH46A HELICOPTER (#150955) ON AN EXTRACTION MISSION IN LAOS. THE AIRCRAFT RECEIVED EXTENSIVE AUTOMATIC SMALL ARMS FIRE UPON TAKEOFF FROM THE LANDING ZONE (LZ). THE AIRCRAFT TOOK NUMEROUS HITS AND CRASHED 350 METERS FROM THE LZ IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES (GC) XD 795 050. THE HELICOPTER DID NOT BURN ON IMPACT AND CONTINUED TO RECEIVE INTENSE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. (REF 1)
- A001 11 AUG 75 02 (U) THREE ARVN TROOPS WERE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE LZ WHERE THE REMAINING TROOPS WERE EXTRACTED THE FOLLOWING DAY. DUE TO THE HOSTILE AREA A SEARCH OF THE CRASH SITE BY THE TROOPS AT THE LZ WAS IMPOSSIBLE. AIR SEARCHES IN THE AREA DID SEE THE SURVIVORS, BUT THE SURVIVORS COULD NOT BE EXTRACTED. THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL THAT WAS LATER SIGHTED AND IN A POSITION TO BE EXTRACTED WAS SFC WILKLOW. HE GAVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PERSONNEL ONBOARD THE AIRCRAFT. (REF 1)
- A001 11 AUG 75 03 (U) SFC DEXTER APPEARED UNINJURED AND LEFT THE WRECKAGE WITH A LARGE GROUP OF ARVN TROOPS. SFC WILKLOW SAW CAPT HANSEN WOUNDED AND OUTSIDE THE HELICOPTER BUT CAPT HANSEN STATED HE HAD TO RETURN TO GET HIS CARBINE. WHEN LAST SEEN, ALL THE OTHER AMERICANS WERE STILL IN THE WRECKAGE, AND THE VC WERE TOSSING GRENADES INSIDE THE HELICOPTER WITH NO ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE THE TRAPPED PERSONNEL. A SHORT TIME AFTER SFC WILKLOW LEFT THE CRASH SITE, THE GUN FIRE SUDDENLY STOPPED. SFC WILKLOW CONTINUED TO EVADE THE ENEMY AND WAS PICKED UP THREE DAYS LATER. (REF 1)
- A001 11 AUG 75 04 (S) LCPL CIUS WAS CAPTURED AND UPON HIS RELEASE GAVE THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED TO THE AMERICAN PERSONNEL ONBOARD THE HELICOPTER. CAPT HANSEN WAS WOUNDED AND 1LT GARDNER WERE ALIVE AND LYING BESIDE EACH OTHER IN THE COCKPIT AREA. SGT BODDEN AND ANOTHER MAN PROBABLY SFC LANEY WERE BELIEVED TO BE DEAD. HE DID NOT MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT SFC WILKLOW. SFC DEXTER, THE TEN ARVN TROOPS, AND LCPL CIUS DEPARTED THE CRASH SITE AND WERE LATER CAPTURED. ON THEIR WAY TO HANOI, SFC DEXTER BECAME SICK AND DIED ON 30 JULY 1967. SFC DEXTER'S BODY WAS CARRIED AWAY BY NVN SOLDIERS AND BELIEVED BURIED AT A LOCATION IN OR NEAR THE VILLAGE OF HAU LOC AT GRID COORDINATES (GC) WH 901 006. (REF 2 & 3)
- A001 11 AUG 75 05 (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 THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. CAPT HANSEN, 1LT GARDNER, SFC DEXTER, SFC LANEY AND SGT BODDEN, ARE ALL CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED. LCPL CIUS IS A RETURNEE.
- A001 17 AUG 83 30 (S) SOURCE PROVIDED THE NAMES OF JAMES RONALD DEXTER AND FRANK. THIS CORRELATES TO SFC DEXTER (DEAD F) AND LCPL FRANK E. CIUS (RES T). (REF 4)
- A001 10 FEB 84 31 (C) SOURCE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE CAPTURE OF TWO AMERICANS IN LAOS AND THE SUBSEQUENT DEATH AND BURIAL OF ONE AMERICAN AT THANH HOA. THIS DEFINITELY CORRELATES TO LCPL FRANK E. CIUS (RES T) AND SFC RONALD J. DEXTER. (REF 5)