

REFNO: 1706-0-01	STATUS: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED	ACNO 5226
NAME: BERG GEORGE PHILLIP	DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 26 APR 71	
NATIONALITY UNITED STATES	RACE CAUCASIAN	MED RECORD YES
SERVICE ARMY	SEX MALE	DEN RECORD YES
GRADE W1	HAIR BROWN	DEN XRAY NO
SSAN	EYES GREEN	DD1300 YES
SERIAL NO 11772029	HEIGHT 67 INS 1 70 MTRS	PHOTO NO
BIRTH DATE 16 JUL 46	WEIGHT 146 LBS 66.1 KILOS	DIA FILE NO #
CREAT DATE 05 NOV 72	COMPLEXION FAIR	PERS AUTH NO \$
DUTY POS ACFT CMDR	BLOOD TYPE # #	BLOOD CHIT NO \$
UNIT ASGD CO A 101ST AVN BN 101ST ABN DIV	RELIGION PROTESTANT	WEAPON TYPE #
PW CAMP \$	HOME STATE NEW JERSEY	WEAPON SERIAL #
RPD 2	GRAVE CORR	

***** SITE SECTION *****		*** SITE DATA ***		*** VEHICLE DATA ***	
INCIDENT LOCATION					
SITE NUMBER	1706-D-00	SITE TYPE	CRASH SITE	MISSION NAME	CBT SPT
GRID ZONE DESG	48Q	CATEGORY	1	CALL SIGN	#
UTM	YC481785	NUMBER MIS/BNR	06	CRASH TYPE	A
COUNTRY	SOUTH VIETNAM	NUMBER RECOVERED	00	VEHICLE TYPE	UH1H
MILITARY REGION	1	NUMBER POS ID	00	YEAR	68
PROVINCE	THUA THIEN	JCRC SEARCH	NO	SERIAL	15255
MISSION DATE	18 FEB 71	JCRC INSPECTION	NO	ACCY	ACCURATE
		OTHER INSPECTION	YES	SVC	AR
		WITNESS STATEMENT	YES	ENGINE TYPE	T53
		BOARD ACTION	YES	1 SERIAL	#

AO01 05 MAR 75 01 (U) ON 18 FEBRUARY 1971 WO GEORGE P. BERG, AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, SP4 GARY L. JOHNSON, GUNNER, SP4 WALTER E. DEMSEY JR., CREW CHIEF, AND WO GERALD E. WOODS, PILOT, WERE FLYING A UH1H HELICOPTER, (#68-15255), IN A FLIGHT OF FOUR ON AN EMERGENCY PATROL EXTRACTION MISSION ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE A SHAU VALLEY IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

AO01 05 MAR 75 02 (U) DURING THE ATTEMPT TO RECOVER THE PATROL, WHICH INCLUDED CPT RONALD L. WATSON, SGT ALLEN R. LLOYD, AND SFC SAMUEL HERNANDEZ, BY USE OF STABLE EXTRACTION RIGS, THE HELICOPTER CAME UNDER FIRE AND HAD TO LEAVE THE PICK-UP ZONE WITH THE THREE MEN ATTACHED TO THE THREE STABLE RIGS. WHILE IN FLIGHT, SFC HERNANDEZ' ROPE BROKE, AND HE FELL ABOUT 30 TO 40 FEET, LANDING IN DOUBLE CANOPY JUNGLE. (HE WAS RESCUED THE FOLLOWING DAY.) THE HELICOPTER CONTINUED A SHORT DISTANCE AND WAS THEN HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE, CRASHED, AND BURNED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YC 481 785.

AO01 05 MAR 75 03 (U) ON 19 FEBRUARY A SPECIAL FORCES RECOVERY TEAM WAS INSERTED AT THE CRASH SITE TO SEARCH FOR AND RECOVER THE BODIES OF THE CREW AND THE PATROL. BOTH PILOTS WERE FOUND DEAD IN THEIR SEATS. THE GUNNER'S BODY WAS FOUND IN A TREE. ONE LEG OF THE CREW CHIEF WAS FOUND IN THE BURNED CARGO COMPARTMENT. (THE CREW CHIEF WAS IDENTIFIED BY THE JUNGLE BOOT ON THE FOOT. HE WAS THE ONLY CREWMAN WEARING JUNGLE BOOTS.) ALL REMAINS WERE PUT INTO BODY BAGS, AND THE BAGS WERE PLACED ON TOP OF THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE FOR EXTRACTION.

AO01 05 MAR 75 04 (U) WHILE THE SEARCH TEAM WAS MOVING AWAY FROM THE AIRCRAFT WRECKAGE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITION, THEY FOUND THE BODIES OF CPT WATSON AND SGT LLOYD ABOUT 50 FEET DOWN A CLIFF, WITH THEIR SLING ROPES HANGING IN THE TREES AT THE TOP OF THE CLIFF. IT APPEARED AS THE HELICOPTER WAS CRASHING, CPT WATSON AND SGT LLOYD WERE THROWN THROUGH THE AIR AGAINST THE SIDE OF THE CLIFF.

AO01 05 MAR 75 05 (U) BECAUSE OF THE RUGGED TERRAIN AND APPROACHING DARKNESS, THE SEARCH TEAM LEADER DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MORNING TO ATTEMPT TO RECOVER THOSE REMAINS. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING MORNING THE SEARCH TEAM CAME UNDER INTENSE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, SO THE TEAM LEADER DECLARED AN EMERGENCY AND HAD THE SEARCH TEAM EXTRACTED. ALL REMAINS FROM THIS INCIDENT HAD TO BE LEFT BEHIND. (REF 1)

AO01 05 MAR 75 06 (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. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THIS INCIDENT ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.