

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 02 OCT 1986

REFNO; 1478-0-01

***** BIOGRAPHIC SECTION *****

ACCNO 5492

NAME; JANOUSEK RONALD JAMES

STATUS; (A) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED

DATE STATUS ASSIGNED; 15 MAR 74

NATIONALITY UNITED STATES

RACE CAUCASIAN

MED RECORD YES

SERVICE MARINE

SEX MALE

DEN RECORD NO

GRADE 02

HAIR BROWN

DEN XRAY NO

SSAN

EYES BROWN

DD1300 YES

SERIAL NO 0101176

HEIGHT 71 INS 1.80 MTRS

PHOTO NO

BIRTH DATE 21 JUL 45

WEIGHT 185 LBS 83.8 KILOS

DIA FILE NO \$

CREAT DATE 09 AUG 69

COMPLEXION RUDDY

PERS AUTH NO #

DUTY POS COPILOT

BLOOD TYPE # #

BLOOD CHIT NO #

UNIT ASGD HML 367 MAG 36 15TMAW FMFPAC

RELIGION CATHOLIC

WEAPON TYPE #

PW CAMP \$

HOME STATE ILLINOIS

WEAPON SERIAL #

RPD 4

GRAVE CORR

***** SITE SECTION *****

INCIDENT LOCATION

*** SITE DATA ***

*** VEHICLE DATA ***

SITE NUMBER 1478-0-00

SITE TYPE

CRASH SITE

MISSION NAME

DUTY

GRID ZONE DESG 48Q

CATEGORY

3

CALL SIGN

0

UTM XD960180

NUMBER MIS/BNR

02

CRASH TYPE

A

COUNTRY LAOS

NUMBER RECOVERED

00

VEHICLE TYPE

UH1E

MILITARY REGION 3

NUMBER POS ID

00

YEAR

\$

PROVINCE SAVANNAKHET

JCRC SEARCH

NO

SERIAL

155339

MISSION DATE 09 AUG 69

JCRC INSPECTION

NO

ACCY

ACCURATE

OTHER INSPECTION

NO

SVC

MA

WITNESS STATEMENT

YES

ENGINE TYPE

T53

BOARD ACTION

YES

1 SERIAL #

2 SERIAL \$

LAST KNOWN LOCATION SAME AS INCIDENT LOCATION

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JCD DATE BLK COMMENTS

A001	25 MAR 76	01	(U) ON 9 AUGUST 1969 1LT RONALD J. JANOUSEK, CO-PILOT, CPL BRUCE E. KANE, GUNNER, MAJ THOMAS B. HILL, PILOT, AND LCPL JOHN O. DEAN, CREWCHIEF, WERE CREW MEMBERS ABOARD A UH1E HELICOPTER GUNSHIP, (BUNO #155339), AS FLIGHT LEADER FOR A FLIGHT OF SEVERAL HELICOPTERS ON AN EMERGENCY EXTRACTION MISSION IN LAOS. THE AIRCRAFT WAS MAKING AN APPROACH TO A 3,400 FOOT RIDGE WHEN IT RECEIVED INTENSE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. WITH THE ENGINE FAILING, THE PILOT COMMENCED AUTOROTATION FOR A VALLEY FLOOR.
A001	25 MAR 76	02	PASSING THRU ABOUT 1500 FEET, A SEVERE EXPLOSION OCCURRED AND THE CABIN AND COCKPIT WERE IMMEDIATELY ENGULFED IN FLAMES, WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE FIRE IN THE CO-PILOT'S SIDE OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE CO-PILOT WAS ON FIRE AND IN EXTREME PAIN. MAJ HILL HEADED THE AIRCRAFT FOR A POOL IN A SWIFT FLOWING MOUNTAIN RIVER. THE AIRCRAFT LANDING WAS MADE ON THE WATER ESTIMATED TO BE TWELVE FEET DEEP WITH CURRENT SO SWIFT THAT IT IMMEDIATELY PULLED THE AIRCRAFT BACKWARDS AND ROLLED INVERTED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XD 960 180, IN LAOS.
A001	25 MAR 76	03	MAJ HILL EXITED THE AIRCRAFT AND MADE IT ASHORE. AT THAT TIME HE SAW THREE PEOPLE IN THE WATER, BUT THEY COULD HAVE BEEN ARMY PERSONNEL FROM THE HELICOPTER THAT FOLLOWED THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT. CPL KANE JUMPED FROM THE AIRCRAFT JUST PRIOR TO IMPACTING THE WATER AND SOMEHOW MADE IT ASHORE. HOWEVER, AS THE PILOT CAME TO SURFACE THE FIRST TIME, HE SAW CPL KANE RE-ENTER THE WATER TO ASSIST THE REMAINING CREW MEMBERS. MAJ HILL AND LCPL DEAN WERE RESCUED BUT NEVER SAW CPL KANE AGAIN. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, BECAUSE OF MODERATE ENEMY SMALL ARMS FIRE, THE OTHER ARMY HELICOPTER LIFTED AND SEARCHED THROUGHOUT THE AREA, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS.
A001	25 MAR 76	04	FURTHER SEARCH OF THE AREA UNDER VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE WAS CONDUCTED FOR THIRTY MINUTES BY TWO DIFFERENT HELICOPTERS, BUT FOUND NOTHING. A DETERMINATION OF DEATH WAS MADE ON 9 AUGUST 1969. (REF 1 & 2)
A001	25 MAR 76	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. CPL KANE AND 1LT JANOUSEK ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE STATUS OF DEAD, REMAINS NONRECOVERABLE.
A002	25 MAR 76	40	REFERENCES USED: 1. (U), MSG, CG 1ST MAW, 130405Z AUG 69. 2. (U), RPT, HQ USMC CSPR BR, DD FORM 1300S, 15 & 19 SEP 69.
Z499	25 MAR 76	50	ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: RONALD J. JANOUSEK 1478-0-01, AND BRUCE E. KANE 1478-0-02.

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