

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 02 OCT 1986

REFNO: 1478-0-01
 NAME: JANOUSEK RONALD JAMES
 NATIONALITY UNITED STATES

***** BIOGRAPHIC SECTION *****
 STATUS: (A) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
 DATE STATUS ASSIGNED: 15 MAR 74
 RACE CAUCASIAN

ACCCNO 5492

SERVICE MARINE
 GRADE C2
 SSAN [REDACTED]
 SERIAL NO 0101176
 BIRTH DATE 21 JUL 45
 CREAT DATE 09 AUG 69
 DUTY POS COPILOT
 UNIT ASGD HML 367 MAG 36 15TMAW FMFPAC
 PW CAMP \$
 RPD 4

SEX MALE
 HAIR BROWN
 EYES BROWN
 HEIGHT 71 INS 1.80 MTRS
 WEIGHT 185 LBS 83.8 KILOS
 COMPLEXION RUDDY
 BLOOD TYPE # #
 RELIGION CATHOLIC
 HOME STATE ILLINOIS
 GRAVE CORR

MED RECORD YES
 DEN RECORD NO
 DEN XRAY NO
 DD1300 YES
 PHOTO NO
 DIA FILE NO \$
 PERS AUTH NO #
 BLOOD CHIT NO #
 WEAPON TYPE #
 WEAPON SERIAL #

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	@
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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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 C. DEAN, CREWCHIEF, WERE CREW MEMBERS ABOARD A UH1E HELICOPTER GUNSHIP, (BUNO #155339), AS FLIGHT LEADER FOR A FLIGHT OF SEVERAL HELICOPTERS IN 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 DOWNDRAFT 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 CSPA 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.