

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20330 1506-01

REPORT OF CASUALTY		1. REPORT NUMBER AND TYPE 1139 Final	2. DATE PREPARED 23 Nov 77
3. SERVICE IDENTIFICATION (Name, Social Security Number, Grade or Rate, Component, Branch and Organization), (MOS/ NJC) HERRICK, James Wayne, Jr, DATA, Capt, Reserve, USAF, 602 Special Ops Sq, APO San Francisco 96310 AESC: 1115J			
4. CASUALTY STATUS a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE b. COMMENCED TOUR DATE: 15 May 69			
c. STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KIA <input type="checkbox"/> MISSING <input type="checkbox"/> MISSING IN ACTION <input type="checkbox"/> CAPTURED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify)			
d. DATE: * e. PLACE: LAOS			
f. CAUSE & CIRCUMSTANCES: Pilot A1H Aircraft			
5. a. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 28 Oct 44 - Beaver Township IA		b. RACE Caucasian	c. SEX Male
d. RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE Church of Christ			
6. DATE AND PLACE OF LAST ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY IN CURRENT STATUS AND HOME OF RECORD AT TIME 9 Dec 67 - Panora IA - Panora IA			
7a. PAY GRADE O-3	b. BASIC PAY	c. INCENTIVE/ADDITIONAL PAY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	d. CHECK IF APPLICABLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CREW <input type="checkbox"/> PASSENGER
8. DUTY STATUS Active Duty - On Duty			
9. INTERESTED PERSONS (Name, Address, Relationship)		DATE OF RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA FORM: 31 May 69	
Mr James W. Herrick, Sr DATA father (1,2,3)			
Mrs Ila V. Herrick same DATA mother			
10. REPORT FOR VA TO FOLLOW <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		11. REPORTING COMMAND AGENCY AND DATE REPORT RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT NOT USED - Section 555, Title 37, USC Applies	
12. PRIOR SERVICE DATA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO FV 3 210 190; AF 17731678			
13. REMARKS*Under the provisions of Section 555, Title 37, USC, and upon direction and delegation by the Secretary of the Air Force, the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel for Military Personnel finds this individual to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action on 27 Oct 69. He was continued in this status until 21 Nov 77, the date death is presumed to have occurred for the purpose of termination of pay and allowances, settlement of accounts, and payment of death gratuities as stated in Section 555, Title 37, USC. No further information has been received concerning the fate of this individual since the date of his missing status. DATA			
NOTE: THIS FORM MAY BE USED TO FACILITATE THE CASHING OF BONDS, THE PAYMENT OF COMMERCIAL INSURANCE, OR IN THE SETTLEMENT OF ANY OTHER CLAIM IN WHICH PROOF OF DEATH IS REQUIRED			
FOOTNOTES: 1. Adult next of kin. 2. Beneficiary for gratuity pay in event there is no surviving wife or child--as designated on record of emergency data. 3. Beneficiary for unpaid pay and allowances--as designated on record of emergency data.			
14. DISTRIBUTION NOT USED		15. BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE DEAN M. MURPHY, Lt Colonel, USAF Ch, Casualty Rptg & Survivor Assistance	

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REPLACES DD FORM 1300, 1 MAR 60, WHICH IS OBSOLETE.



21 NOV 1977

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Herrick, Sr.

DATA

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Herrick

It is with deep regret that I must officially notify you of the termination of the missing status of your son, Captain James W. Herrick, Jr., since he can no longer reasonably be presumed to be alive.

In accordance with your request that the status of Captain Herrick be reviewed, a select panel of officers at the Air Force Military Personnel Center considered the Summary of Facts and Circumstances pertaining to the case, a copy of which is attached, as well as the lapse of time during which no information concerning him has been received. Upon conclusion of the review the panel recommended that a finding of death be made and I approved that recommendation. Accordingly, under the provisions of Section 555, Title 37, United States Code, Captain Herrick's missing status has been terminated by a determination that he was killed in action, the presumed date of death being recorded as the date I have signed this letter. This is not considered to be the actual or probable date of death, but is established in accordance with the cited law for the purpose of terminating pay and settling accounts. An official report of the change in Captain Herrick's status has been issued by the Department of the Air Force.

We deeply appreciate how dear the memory of your son is to you and your family. Our government has made a commitment to you and other families that every possible resource will be utilized to obtain from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and its allies the fullest possible accounting for all of our men who have not returned and whose remains have not been reported as provided for in the Geneva Convention.

Let me assure you that if any information is received at any time in the future which would shed additional light on the circumstances surrounding your son's loss, or if his remains are recovered, you will be notified immediately.

Your base assistance personnel will assist you in obtaining all benefits allowable as the result of your son's death and will help in any other way they can. If you desire, our Mortuary Services Office in Washington, DC, will also assist you in arranging for a memorial service. You may call that office collect at area code 202, 767-4921.

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy and remember we stand ready to assist you in whatever way we can.

Sincerely

Signed

L. W. SVENDSEN, JR.
Major General, USAF
Asst DCS/Pers for Mil Pers

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Summary of Facts and
Circumstances

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IA WASHINGTON DC//JO-PA//

JCS WASHDC//J5/PA-MIA//

ECDEF WASHDC//JASD-ISA/PA-MIA//

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OBJ: JCRC RPT T89-098; FIRSTHAND SIGHTING OF AIRCRAFT
CRASHDOWN IN XIANGKHOUANG PROVINCE, LAOS

SOURCE/ADMIN DATA:

A. NAME: SC

B. ID DATA: NJNE

C. DPOB: SD

D. ADDRESS: SD

E. PROFESSION: SD

F. LANGUAGES: HMONG, LAO

G. STATUS: REFUGEE; STATUS NOT YET DETERMINED

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H. DATE OF INFORMATION: DATA

I. INTERVIEWED ON 22 JAN 88 BY W.R. GADDJURY,

MSGT, USAF. HMONG INTERPRETER: NAME

J. MAP REFERENCES: JOG NE 48-2; 50 SERIES

HEET 5748-2; SOVIET MAP SHEET E-48-16

K. OTHER: ENTERED THAILAND 11 DEC 85; RELOCATED

SD

SUMMARY: SOURCE REPORTS THE CRASH OF A PROPELLER
DRIVEN AIRCRAFT IN 1969, IN XIANGKHOUANG PROVINCE, LAOS
IN THE VICINITY OF JOG 8060. HE DID NOT VISIT THE SITE
BUT HEARD FROM VILLAGERS IN THE AREA THAT AN AMERICAN
PILOT WHO WAS FOUND DEAD WAS BURIED NEAR THE WRECKAGE.

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