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Case Summary Information:

Refno : 1180 Name : PADILLA, DAVID ESEQUIEL
Service : M LossRank : E3 Idate : 5/18/68 Status : BB
Ctry : VS Province : QUANG TRI
OffscopeCase : N PriorityCase : N FateDetermined : NA

Narrative :

On 18 May 1968, LCpl David Padilla was a member of an eight man reconnaissance patrol operating in the vicinity of XD800400, approximately four kilometers southwest of the Khe Sanh combat base, Quang Tri Province. While awaiting extraction by helicopter, a hostile force attacked the patrol with intense small arms fire and mortars. During the ensuing firefight, LCpl Padilla was observed to suffer a direct hit from an incoming mortar round. A large explosion occurred where he had been sitting which produced a 12-15 inch diameter hole. An immediate search of the area revealed small pieces of his utility jacket and and belt, but no remains.

U.S. Government Information:

WartimeLivesight : N SpecialReporting : N
WartimeCrashGrave : N WartimeMediaRpts : N
DogtagRpts : N PostwarMediaRpts : N
UncorrelatedRpts : N SignifUsgrInfo : N
RemainsReportedPrior : N

Narrative :

Information in this case is limited to that provided by US eyewitnesses.

Joint Investigations Information:

NumberofInvestig : 1.00 JTFWitness : N
FoundCrashsite : Y SignifInfoJointInvest : N
PotentialLocations : N

Narrative :

On 12 July 1993, during the 24th JFA, a sub-element of a joint team investigated Case 1180 in Lang Bu Village, Huong Hoa District, Quang Tri Province. No witnesses could be located with information in this case. The team searched the exact loss location where the individual was sitting at the time of the explosion and conducted a site survey with negative results. No remains, material evidence, or personal effects were obtained during this investigation.

Unilateral Information:

Unilinfo : N CtryProvidedFilm : NA
CtryofInfo : NA CtryProvidedRemains : NA
ValueofInfo : NA SignifInfoUniAction : N

Narrative :

There is no unilateral information in this case.

Knowledgeability Information:

SeaCtryKnowLoss : N
WhichCtryKnew : NA

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MoreInfo : N

KnowledgeNarr :

There is no evidence of SRV knowledgeability in this case.

Future Pursuit Information:

FurtherPursuitJust : N CtryForUnilatPursuit : NA
PursueWho : NA HowToUnilat : NA
CtryForJointPursuit : NA TypeOfUnilatLeads : NA
HowToJointPursue : NA KindOfUSPursuit : NA

Narrative :

Future Pursuit Deferred Information:

WhyDeferPursuit : NA
HowWhereOffScope : NA

Narrative :

No Future Pursuit Information:

WhyNoFurther : OC
PrevAttemptRecov : - Y

Narrative :

No further pursuit is justified. LCpl Padilla was observed by unit members to take a direct hit from a mortar round. The explosion obliterated his body and left a 12-15 inch diameter hole where he was sitting. An immediate search for remains found none. Only small pieces of utility jacket and belt were located. No remains were recovered at the time of loss, and they are not recoverable.

INITIALCOORD : A--NO FURTHER PURSUIT

RECOORD1 :

RECOORD2 :

RECOORD3 :

RECOORD4 :

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