CASE: 1123

ON RPT, BOARD OF INQUIRY FOR MISSING PERSONS, CO A, 5 SFG, 17 APR 68 WITH WITNESS STATEMENTS.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

28 September 1993

FROM 05 TO 08 MAR 92, WHILE CONDUCTING INVESTIGATIONS FOR OTHER SCHEDULED CASES IN SONG BE PROVINCE, TEAM ONE MADE INQUIRIES CONCERNING CASE 1123 WITH DISTRICT AND PROVINCE OFFICIALS. NONE OF THE OFFICIALS INTERVIEWED WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CASE OR ANY INCIDENT BEARING SIMILARITIES TO CASE 1123. (REF 3)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 15 DECEMBER 1993

========== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ==========

REFNO: 1124-0-01 (ACCNO 5287) Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERE
Name: CARVER, HARRY FRANKLIN Date Status assigned: 7 May 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O #
Grade	E6	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN		Eyes	GREEN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	74 in /1.88 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	24 May 1942	Weight	155 lb / 70.2 kg	Duty pos	PASSENGER
Home State	INDIANA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	$

========== SITE INFORMATION ==========

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 48PYS166765
Lat/Long: 103815N / 1065849E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 3
Mission Province: DONG NAI
(formerly):
Mission District: LONG THANH
Mission Date: 10 Apr 1968
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

========== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY ==========

Folders Passed: Sep 93, Jul 92
Investigations: Aug 92, Oct 93
Surveys: Oct 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE - INLAND WATER

========== VEHICLE DATA ==========

Vehicle Type: BOAT Serial: @
Crash Type: None Engine Type:
Call Sign: @ 1 Serial:
Year: $ 2 Serial:

========== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY ==========

= Item has been researched but data cannot be obtained.
$ = Item is not applicable to this case.
@ or Blank = Data for item is unknown or not available.

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

11 December 1975

ON 10 APRIL 1968, SGT HARRY F, CARVER, COMPANY E, 15TH ENGINEER BATTALION, 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION, WAS A MEMBER OF AN AIRBOAT PATROL OPERATING ABOUT 35 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST TO SAIGON, SOUTH VIETNAM, IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YS 166 765. AT ABOUT 1330 HOURS THAT DAY AN ENEMY FORCE AMBUSHED THE AIRBOAT WITH ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES AND SMALL ARMS FIRE WOUNDING SEVERAL MEN, INCLUDING SGT CARVER. THE AIRBOAT CAPSIZED AND SGT CARVER DISAPPEARED. SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PATROL REPORTED THAT SGT CARVER APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN WOUNDED IN THE NECK OR HEAD, AS HE WAS BLEEDING PROFUSELY, AND WAS SLUMPED OVER IN THE DRIVER SEAT OF THE AIRBOAT.

A GROUND, AIR AND WATER SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED TO LOOK FOR HIS BODY, BUT HE WAS NEVER FOUND. THE JCRC AREA DESK OFFICER VISITED WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS TO REQUEST DISTRIBUTION OF PUBCOM. NO LEADS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WAS EVER OBTAINED. THE TWO-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION WAS GIVEN DETAILS OF THE CASE, AND SGT CARVER'S NAME & IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATIN AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. SGT CARVER IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

ADO MR III OPINION--BASED ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH AS DETAILED, IN ADDITION TO THE FAILURE OF THE SEARCHES FOR SGT CARVER'S BODY AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, AND THE LACK OF FEEDBACK TO PUBCOM, THE REMAINS OF THIS SOLDIER ARE PROBABLY NON-RECOVERABLE.

=== REFERENCES ===

11 December 1975

REFERENCES: <1> MSG, CG USARV, LBN, RVN, PUNCH REPORT NO. 10941, 11 APRIL 1968. <2> RPT, STATEMENT BY MAJ GEORGE P. LONG, 21 APR 68. <3> CJTFFA DET ONE, 281903Z SEP 92 <4> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH, 200247Z NOV 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

12 August 1992

CASE NARRATIVE 1124 WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE 30-31 JULY 1992 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING.

18 October 1993

CASE NARRATIVE FOR CASE 1124-0-01 WAS PASSED TO OFFICIALS OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 29 SEP 93 COORDINATION MEETING.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

5 January 1993

ON 27 AND 29 AUG 92, DURING THE 19TH JFA, A JOINT TEAM INVESTIGATED CASE 1124. THE TEAM TRAVELED TO PHUOC AN VILLAGE (YS 123783), LONG THANH DISTRICT IN DONG NAI PROVINCE. THE FIRST WITNESS COULD NOT PROVIDE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE INCIDENT. HE DID NOT OBSERVE THE INCIDENT BUT DID SEE A BODY ON THE BANK OF THE BA GIOI RIVER. THE WITNESS WAS ABLE TO GIVE A PARTIAL DESCRIPTION OF WHAT THE BODY WAS WEARING BUT COULD NOT ELABORATE ON A PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION. THE WITNESS COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY OTHER DETAILS ON WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BODY AFTER HIS RETURN TO THE SITE TWO OR THREE DAYS LATER. THE SECOND WITNESS PROVIDED LIMITED INFORMATION ON A SIGHTING OF A SKULL AT THE LOCATION. THE THIRD WITNESS WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE DONG NAI HOTEL. HE WAS A COMMANDER IN THE REGION FOR NINE YEARS. HE PROVIDED TACTICAL DATA BUT NO INFORMATION ON THE SPECIFIC CASE. HE HAD DIFFICULTY REMEMBERING THE INCIDENT AND COULD ONLY FOCUS ON THE GENERAL AREA. (REF 3)

6 December 1993

ON 2 NOV 93, IE3 INVESTIGATED CASE 1124 IN PHUOC AN VILLAGE, LONG THANH DISTRICT, DONG NAI PROVINCE. THE TEAM VISITED THE INCIDENT LOCATION FOR THIS CASE AND TALKED WITH LOCAL FISHERMEN UP STREAM, DOWN STREAM AND ALONG THE SHORELINE OF THE INCIDENT, ALL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE TEAM RECEIVED NO REMAINS DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS CASE. (REF 4)

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CASE 1124-0-01

NARRATIVE

ON 10 APRIL 1968, SERGEANT HARRY F. CARVER WAS ABOARD AN AIRBOAT WHICH WAS ATTACKED BY HOSTILE FORCES IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YS166765, APPROXIMATELY 18 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF NHON TRACH AND TWO KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF PHUOC AN, DONG NAI PROVINCE. DURING THE ENGAGEMENT, THE BOAT CAPSIZED. EXCEPT FOR SERGEANT CARVER, ALL MEMBERS ABOARD THE BOAT WERE RESCUED. SEARCH EFFORTS FOR SERGEANT CARVER WERE CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE BOAT CREW REPORTED THAT SERGEANT CARVER WAS LAST SEEN SLUMPED OVER IN THE BOAT BLEEDING FROM WOUNDS IN THE NECK OR HEAD.

IN AUGUST 1992, A JOINT TEAM INVESTIGATED THIS CASE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED TWO WITNESSES IN PHUOC AN VILLAGE, LONG THANH DISTRICT, DONG NAI PROVINCE, AND ONE WITNESS IN THE DONG NAI HOTEL, BIEN HOA TOWN. THE FIRST WITNESS OBSERVED A BODY THAT HAD WASHED TO SHORE ALONG BA GIOI RIVER LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YS166765. THE INCIDENT WAS REPORTED TO THE VILLAGE MILITIA COMMAND. WHEN THE VILLAGE PEOPLE WENT BACK TO BURY THE BODY, IT WAS NO LONGER PRESENT. THE SECOND WITNESS PROVIDED LIMITED INFORMATION ON A SIGHTING OF A SKULL TRAPPED IN THE ROOTS OF A TREE ALONG THE BANK. THE THIRD WITNESS WAS A FORMER COMMANDER WHO SERVED IN THE REGION FOR NINE YEARS. HE PROVIDED NO INFORMATION ON THIS CASE. THE WITNESSES PROVIDED LIMITED INFORMATION WHICH MAY NOT CORRELATE TO THIS INCIDENT.

PASSED TO OFFICIALS OF THE
VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE
29 SEP 93 COORDINATION MEETING

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: CARVER, HARRY FRANKLIN

RANK: SERGEANT, U.S. ARMY

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 MAY 1942

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.88 METERS

WEIGHT: 70.2 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: GREEN

16 SEP 1993

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Vụ số 1124-0-01

Tờ thường thuật

Vào ngày mòng 10 tháng tư năm 1968, Trung sĩ HARRY F. CARVER trên thuyền bay bị lực lượng thù địch tấn công trong phạm vi của toạ độ YX166765, cách độ chừng 18 cây số đong nam NHON TRACH và cách độ chừng 2 cây số đong nam PHUOC AN, tỉnh DONG NGAI. Trong khi giao chiến, thuyền bay bị lật úp. Không kể Trung sĩ HARRY F. CARVER, cả toàn bộ thuỷ thủ trên thuyền được cấp cứu. Sự cố gắng tìm kiếm Trung sĩ HARRY F. CARVER không có kết quả gì. Những toàn bộ thuỷ thủ trên thuyền báo cáo là thấy cuối cùng Trung sĩ CARVER sụp xuống với các vết thương chảy máu ở ôm cổ hoặc đầu.

Vào tháng 8 năm 1992, đội ngũ hỗn hợp điều tra nghiêm cứu vụ này. Đội ngũ phỏng vấn hai người chứng kiến ở làm PHUOC AN, quận LONG THANH, tỉnh DONG NGAI, và một người chứng kiến ở khách sạn DONG NGAI, thành phố BIEN HOA. Người chứng kiến lần trước đã nói là một xác chết giạt vào bờ sông BA GIOI trong phạm vi của toạ độ YS166765. Người ấy đã báo cáo đến chỉ huy dân quân làng. Khi nào dân làng về để chôn xác chết, xác chết vắng. Người chứng kiến lần nhi nói về sự thấy một cái sọ đặt bảy ở chân cây dọc làm theo bờ. Người chứng kiến lầm ba là nguyên chỉ huy làm nhiệm vụ trong vùng được 9 năm. Người ấy không nói về vụ này, nhưng người ấy cung cấp tín tức hạn chế có thể tương liên với vụ này.

Những chi tiết liên quan dưới đây:

Họ và tên: CARVER, HARRY FRANKLIN

Cấp bậc: Trung sĩ, Lục quân Hoa kỳ

Ngày sinh: Ngày 24 tháng 5 năm 1942

Chủng tộc: Da tráng

Chiều cao: 1 thước 89

Cân nặng: 70 ký 2

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: xanh lục