JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
CAMP H. M. SMITH, HAWAII 96861-5025

ກໍລະນີ 1151-0-01 ແລະ 02

ການເລົ່າເລື່ອງ

ເມື່ອວັນທີ 30 ເມສາ 1968, ຮ້ອຍເອກ ລູອີສ ແອຟ. (

) ແລະຮ້ອຍເອກ ຣາເບີດ ອີ ພີດຈ (Robert E. Pietsch) ເປັນສະມາ ຊິກຂອງເຄື່ອງບິນ ຊະນິດ ເອ-26 (A-26) ໄດ້ອອກບິນໄປປະຕິບັດງານສອບແນມຍາມທາງຄືນ. ເຄື່ອງບິນລຳນັ້ນໝາຍເລກ 64-17648, ຖືກຍິງດ້ວຍປືນຕ້ານອາກາດສະບານ ແລະຕົກໃນບໍລິ ເວນພິກັດ XD052724, ປະມານ 40 ກິໂລແມັດຈາກຫົດຕາເວັນຕົກສ່ຽງເຫນືອຂອງ ເຊໂປນ, 3200 ແມັດ ທາງຫົດຕາເວັນອອກສ່ຽງໃຕ້ຂອງບ້ານ ນາລູ (Ban Nalou) ແລະ 200 ແມັດ ທາງຫົດຕາເວັນອອກຂອງເສັ້ນທາງ 911, ແຂວງ ສະຫວັນນະເຂດ. ຫນ່ວຍກູ້ພັຍ ມາຮອດບໍ ລິເວນນັ້ນ ແລະສັງເກດເຫັນເຄື່ອງບິນຍັງລະເບີດແລະມີແສງໄຟແຈ້ງຢູ່. ເຂົາເຈົ້າບໍ່ເຫັນຈ້ອງ ແລະກໍບໍ່ໄດ້ຍິນສຽງສັນຍານສຸກເສີນ. ໃນມື້ຕໍ່ມາ, ຫນ່ວຍກູ້ພັຍ ກໍ່ໄດ້ກັບໄປ ແລະເຫັນຊາກ ເຄື່ອງບິນຢູ່ບ່ອນທີ່ຕົກນັ້ນ.

ເມື່ອວັນທີ 13 ມີນາ 1993, ທີມຮ່ວມໄດ້ໄປບ້ານນໍ້າຄີບ (BAN NAMKHIP) ພິກັດ XD 038709 ເພື່ອສືບສວນກໍລະນີນີ້. ທີມໄດ້ເວົ້າກັບຊາວບ້ານຜູ້ທີ່ໄດ້ລາຍງານກ່ຽວກັບເສດເຫລັກທີ່ ເກັບມາຈາກສະຖານທີ່ ເຄື່ອງບິນຕົກ. ທີມໄດ້ໄປສະຖານທີ່ ພິກັດ XD045709 ແລະໄດ້ສັງເກດ ເບິ່ງຈຳນວນເສດເຫລັກຕ່ອນນ້ອຍໆ ຂອງຊາກເຄື່ອງບິນຕົກ. ຊາວບ້ານໄດ້ບອກว่าຂະເຈົ້າບໍ່ ໄດ້ເຫັນຊາກສີບຈັກອັນຫລື ສິ່ງຂອງສ່ວນຕົວຢູ່ສະຖານທີ່ນັ້ນ. ຕໍ່ມາການວິຈັຍຂອງຊາກເຄື່ອງບິນທີ່ ເກັບມາຈາກສະຖານທີ່ນັ້ນໄດ້ຊີ້ໃຫ້ເຫັນ ເປັນສ່ວນຂອງເຄື່ອງບິນຊະນິດ A-1. ຕັ້ງແຕ່ກໍລະນີນີ້ໄດ້ ກ່ຽວຂ້ອງກັບເຄື່ອງບິນ A-26, ບ່ອນເຄື່ອງບິນຕົກນັ້ນບໍ່ໄດ້ກ່ຽວພັນກັນກັບອຸບັດຕິເຫດນີ້.

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 19 OCTOBER 1993

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

REFNO: 1152-0-01 (ACCNO 0486)
Name: STAEHLI, BRUCE WAYNE

Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
Date Status assigned: 20 Jun 1975

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	O +
Grade	E2	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	GREEN	Weapon	#
Serial No		Height	64 in /1.63 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	24 Sep 1948	Weight	145 lb / 65.7 kg	Duty pos	RIFLEMAN
Home State	INDIANA	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	$

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

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
UTM: 48QYD170620
Lat/Long: 164957N / 1070212E
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
Military Region: 1
Mission Province: QUANG TRI
(formerly):
Mission District: DONG HA TOWN
Mission Date: 30 Apr 1968 1330L
Mission Category: 3
Local Analysis: Unknown location.

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

Folders Passed: Jul 93, Dec 92
Investigations: Jan 93, Aug 93
Surveys: Aug 93
Vessey Case: NO
Case type: GROUND SITE - UNKNOWN LOSS

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

Vehicle Type: GRND
Crash Type: None
Call Sign: $
Year: $

Serial: $
Engine Type:
1 Serial:
2 Serial:

========== SECIAL 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 ===

25 August 1975

ON 30 APRIL, 1968 PFC BRUCE W. STAEHLI WAS A RIFLEMAN ASSIGNED TO COMPANY "L", 3RD BATTALION, 9TH MARINE REGIMENT. THE UNIT WAS ON A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION EAST OF CAM LO COMBAT BASE, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, SOUTH VIETNAM. AT 1630 HOURS (ON 30 APRIL), 2,000 METERS EAST OF CAM LO AT GRID COORDINATES YD 170 620, COMPANY "L" CAME IN HEAVY CONTACT WITH AN UNKNOWN SIZE FORCE OF NVA/VC USING AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, SMALL ARMS, AND MORTARS. PFC STAEHLI, WHO WAS WALKING POINT FOR HIS SQUAD, SHOUTED BACK THAT HE HAD BEEN WOUNDED IN THE LEG. THE HEAVY CONTACT CONTINUED UNTIL 1830 HOURS, AS DARKNESS APPROACHED, COMPANY "L" MOVED 150 METERS TO A TREE LINE TO SET UP

A DEFENSIVE POSITION LEAVING PFC STAEHLI AND SEVENTEEN OTHER MARINES BEHIND, AT FIRST LIGHT THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH OF THE BATTLE AREA WAS CONDUCTED (WHICH LASTED UNTIL 1000 HOURS) AND 17 MARINES WERE RECOVERED. DURING THE SEARCH, A PACK WAS FOUND BELONGING TO PFC STAEHLI, IN ADDITION TO A PAIR OF BOOTS WHICH ALSO MAY HAVE BEEN HIS. PFC KUHNS, A MEMBER OF STAEHLI'S UNIT, STATED THAT AT 1830 HOURS, 30 APRIL, HE SAW PFC STAEHLI RUNNING TOWARDS HIM, APPARENTLY NOT WOUNDED. WHEN PFC STAEHLI SAW PFC KUHNS, HE TURNED AND RAN THE OTHER WAY, AT THAT TIME, ACCORDING TO KUHNS, PFC STAEHLI HAD NO WEAPON OR EQUIPMENT. (REF 1 & 2)

ON 13 MAY 1968 ELEMENTS OF THE 3RD BATTALION, 3RD MARINE REGIMENT FOUND PFC STAEHLI'S IDENTIFICATION TAGS BY A STREAM AT GRID COORDINATES YD 170 648. (REF 1 & 2)

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. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. PFC STAEHLI IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

25 August 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, 3RD BN, 9TH MAR, FILE #15CIT-294(1X)-68, 22 MAY 68. <2> HQ U.S. MARINE CORPS (DNA-6) W/ATTACHMENTS, 30 APR 73. <3> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH, 260743Z JAN 93. <4> 240457Z SEP 93 CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

17 December 1992

A CASE NARRATIVE ON CASE 1152 WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 10-11 DECENBER 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

20 August 1993

CASE NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DURING THE 28 JUL 1993 POW/MIA TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

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

29 January 1993

ON 12 JANUARY 1993, IE1 INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES WITH INFORMATION RELATING TO CASE 1152. ALL WITNESSES PROVIDED TESTIMONY OF AN APRIL 1968 GROUND BATTLE INVOLVING AMERICAN AND VIETNAMESE GROUND FORCES. EACH WITNESS PROVIDED INFORMATION INCONSISTENT WITH KNOW FACTS SURROUNDING THIS INCIDENT. ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION OBTAINED IS POSSIBLY CORRELATED WITH THIS CASE BY TIME, DATE, AND LOCATION, IT APPEARED THE INFORMATION MAY HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO THE WITNESSES IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR INTERVIEW. (REF 3)

6 October 1993

ON 07 SEP 93, IE2 INVESTIGATED CASE 1152 IN CAM THUY VILLAGE, CAM LO DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. VNOSMP OFFICIALS WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY NEW WITNESSES FOR THIS CASE AND PRIOR WITNESSES DID NOT HAVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION. IE2 SURVEYED THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION FOR CASE 1152 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE TEAM ALSO QUESTIONED VILLAGERS NEAR THE SITE BUT DID NOT OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS CASE. (REF 4)

21 JUL 1993

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
CAMP H. M. SMITH, HAWAII 96861-5025

CASE 1152-0-01

NARRATIVE

ON 30 APRIL 1968, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BRUCE W. STAEHLI AND HIS UNIT WERE ENGAGED IN COMBAT WITH HOSTILE FORCES IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YD170620, APPROXIMATELY 7 KILOMETERS WEST-NORTHWEST OF DONG HA AND 3 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF CAM LO, QUANG TRI PROVINCE. DURING THE BATTLE, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STAEHLI SHOUTED HE WAS WOUNDED. THE BATTLE CONTINUED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 1830 HOURS AT WHICH TIME HIS UNIT FORMED A DEFENSIVE NIGHT POSITION. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STAEHLI AND SEVENTEEN OTHER MARINES DID NOT RETURN TO THE DEFENSIVE POSITION THAT NIGHT. THE FOLLOWING DAY, A SEARCH FOR THE MISSING MARINES WAS CONDUCTED RESULTING IN THE RECOVERY OF SEVENTEEN MARINES. THE SEARCH PARTY FOUND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STAEHLI'S PACK AND A PAIR OF BOOTS MISSING THE BOOT LACES IN THE VICINITY WHERE HE WAS LAST SEEN. ON 13 MAY 1968, THE MARINES FOUND PRIVATE FIRST CLASS STAEHLI'S MILITARY IDENTIFICATION TAG BY A STREAM IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YD170648.

ON 12 JANUARY 1993, A JOINT TEAM TRAVELED TO CAM THUY VILLAGE, CAM LO DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, TO INVESTIGATE THIS CASE. THE TEAM INTERVIEWED FOUR WITNESSES WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION ABOUT AN APRIL 1968 BATTLE BETWEEN AN AMERICAN BATTALION-SIZED ELEMENT AND A BATTALION-SIZED PEOPLE'S ARMY OF VIETNAM FORCE AUGMENTED BY LOCAL GUERRILLAS.

Passed to officials of the Vietnamese government during a 28 Jul 93 technical meeting

EACH WITNESS REPORTED THE SUBSEQUENT MOVEMENT OF HELICOPTERS INTO THE AREA TO RECOVER THE AMERICAN CASUALTIES WITH ONE DEAD AMERICAN LEFT AT THE SITE. NONE OF THE WITNESSES COULD PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF THE BODY FOLLOWING THEIR SIGHTING. THE WITNESSES WERE ALSO UNABLE TO PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT DETAILS OF THE BATTLE, THE DISPOSITION OF THE TWO FORCES OR OTHER INFORMATION NORMALLY RECALLED BY ACTUAL PARTICIPANTS IN WAR-TIME BATTLES.

PERTINENT DATA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NAME: STAEHLI, BRUCE WAYNE

RANK: PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, U.S. MARINE CORPS

DATE OF BIRTH: DATA

RACE: CAUCASIAN

HEIGHT: 1.63 METERS

WEIGHT: 65.7 KILOGRAMS

HAIR: BROWN

EYES: GREEN

21 JUL 1993

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
CAMP H. M. SMITH, HAWAII 96861-5025

Vụ Số 1152-0-01

Tờ Thường Thuật

Vào ngày 30 tháng 4 năm 1968, binh nhì Bruce W. Staehli và đơn vị Mỹ đã trận đánh lực lượng địch gần toạ độ YD170620, khoảng 7 cây số tay-bắc tay thị xã Đông Hà và cách xã Câm Lô, tỉnh Quảng Trị 3 cây số. Trong chiến đấu này binh nhì Staehli đã báo rằng bị thường. Chiến Đấu tiếp cho đến 1830 giờ rồi đơn vị Mỹ làm vị trí phòng thủ. Lúc đó Staehli và 17 lính khác không về. Ngày sau đơn vị này đã tìm và phát hiện 17 lính mất. Đội tìm cũng tìm thấy bào lô và một đôi giày vô dây giày ở gần vùng mà Staehli được nhìn cuối cùng. Vào ngày 13 tháng 5 năm 1968, các lính đã phát hiện thẻ bài của binh nhì Staehli ở bên con suối toạ độ YD170648.

Vào ngày 12 tháng giêng năm 1993 đội hỗn hợp đến xã Câm Thuỷ, huyện câm lô, tỉnh Quảng Trị điều tra vụ này. Đội này đã phỏng vấn 4 người chứng mà có tin tức về cuộc chiến đấu xảy ra vào tháng 4 năm 1968. Trong chiến đấu này tiểu đoàn Mỹ trân đánh một tiểu đoàn Quân Đội Nhân Dân Việt Nam và một số du kích địa phương. Mỗi người chứng báo rằng sau đó máy bay trực thẳng đến vùng đó để lấy xác Mỹ nhưng mà một xác lính bị để lại. Không có người chứng có thể cho tin tức về số phận xác Mỹ. Các người chứng cũng không cho được chi tiết xác định về chiến đấu hay là kết quả lực lượng hai bên.

Passed to officials of the Vietnamese government during a 28 Jul 93 technical meeting

Vụ Số 1152-0-01

Tin Tức Liên Quan Sau Đây

Tên: Staehli, Bruce Wayne

Cấp bậc: Binh nhì, Lính thuỷ đánh bộ Mỹ

Ngày sinh: DATA

Chủng tộc: Da trắng

Độ cao: 1,63 mét

Cân nạng: 65,7 kí lô

Màu tóc: Nâu

Màu mắt: Xanh cây lá