

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 9 AUGUST 1993

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

REFNO: 1065-0-01 (ACCNO 0132) Status: (8) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED
 Name: HUNT, ROBERT WILLIAM Date Status assigned: 6 Sep 1978

Nationality AMERICAN	Race NEGROID	Blood Chit \$
Service ARMY	Sex MALE	Blood type B #
Grade E4	Hair BROWN	Complexion TAN
SSAN DATA	Eyes BROWN	Weapon #
Serial No 13603548	Height 68 in / 1.73 mtrs	Weapon No #
Birth date 16 Aug 1939	Weight 160 lb / 72.5 kg	Duty pos GUNNER
Home State WEST VIRGINIA	Religion PROTESTANT	PW Camp \$

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

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: GROUND SITE
 UTM: 48PXT742017
 Lat/Long: 105203N / 1063538E
 Country: SOUTH VIETNAM
 Military Region: 3
 Mission Province: HO CHI MINH
 (formerly):
 Mission District: HOC MON
 Mission Date: 28 Feb 1968
 Mission Category: 3
 Local Analysis: Unknown location.

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

Folders Passed: Feb 92, Aug 79
 Investigations: Oct 92, Jun 93
 Surveys: Oct 92
 Vessey Case: FOUR
 Case type: GROUND SITE

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

Vehicle Type: M41TANK	Serial: #
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: #
Call Sign: CHARLEY 37	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.

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==== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ====

21 August 1975

ON 28 FEBRUARY 1968 CPL ROBERT W. HUNT WAS A GUNNER ON AN M41 TANK ENGAGED IN A RECONNAISSANCE-IN-FORCE MISSION IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE ENEMY LAUNCHED AN ATTACK WITH ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES (RPG) AND HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE JUST AFTER THE TANK COMMANDER HAD STOPPED AN OLD MAN TO CHECK HIS IDENTIFICATION CARD. PRIOR TO THIS ASSAULT CPL HUNT WAS SEEN STANDING ON THE REAR OF THE TANK IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES XT 742 017. DURING THE ASSAULT THE TANK RECEIVED TWO DIRECT RPG HITS. THAT WAS THE LAST TIME CPL HUNT WAS SEEN BY ANYONE.

BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY FIGHTING IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE NEXT DAY THAT THE TANK POSITION COULD BE REGAINED AND SEARCHED. THE REMAINS OF TWO OTHER CREW MEMBERS WERE RECOVERED; HOWEVER, NOTHING WAS FOUND OF CPL HUNT. (REF 1)

ADO III COMMENT--PRINTED MEDIA AND FACE TO FACE PUBCOM IN THE AREA OF THE REPORTED LOSS OF THIS INDIVIDUAL RESULTED IN A PLETHORA OF INVESTIGATIVE LEADS; HOWEVER, NONE WERE RELIABLE. A GREAT MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT A BLACK AMERICAN WAS BURIED IN THE AREA AFTER TET 1968, BUT NO ONE HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE A GRAVESITE WITH EITHER CAUCASOID OR NEGROID REMAINS. THE PROVINCE CHIEF AND THE TWO-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION WERE GIVEN DETAILS OF THE CASE.

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

21 July 1983

TWO REFUGEES REPORTED THE ALLEGED GRAVESITE OF AN AMERICAN SOLDIER. THESE REPORTS HAVE A POSSIBLE CORRELATION TO ROBERT W. HUNT. (REF 2)

SOURCE REPORTS HEARSAY INFO THAT A U.S. SERVICEMAN WHO WAS KILLED WHEN HIS TANK WAS AMBUSHED, WAS BURIED IN THE VICINITY OF HOC MON, HOC MON DISTRICT, GIA DINH PROVINCE (XT 7403). THIS PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CPL ROBERT W. HUNT. (REF 2)

SOURCE REPORTS HEARSAY INFO OF TWO SETS OF REMAINS BURIED BEHIND HIS COUSIN'S HOUSE IN THE VICINITY OF XT 712012. THIS POTENTIALLY CORRELATES TO CPL ROBERT W. HUNT. (REF 2)

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=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

14 February 1985

SOURCE REPORTED FIRSTHAND OBSERVATION OF AN ALLEGED BLACK AMERICAN SOLDIER, AND A DISABLED TANK NEAR HOC MON, SAIGON, DURING 1968. THIS POSSIBLY RELATES TO CPL ROBERT W. HUNT. (REF 2)

17 October 1985

SOURCE PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING A FIRSTHAND SIGHTING OF A PROBABLE NEGROID BODY IN THE VICINITY OF XT 7606 WHICH POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO CPL ROBERT W. HUNT. (REF 3)

12 January 1987

SOURCE PROVIDED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BURIAL OF A U.S. SERVICEMAN IN 1968. THIS PROBABLY CORRELATES TO CORPORAL HUNT. (REF 4)

=== REFERENCES ===

17 October 1985

REFERENCES: <1> RPT , HQ USARV (AVHAG-C) W/STATEMENTS, 22 MAR 68. <2> REFCON , RP81-009, 13 JAN 81; T80-061, 29 JUL 80; I82-029, 26 JUL 82; I83-029, 25 APR 83; T84-282, 6 DEC 84. <3> REFCON , S85-009, 4 MAR 85. <4> REFCON , RP86-057, 4 JUN 86. <5> 26-28 FEB 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI. <6> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH, 240416Z NOV 92. <7> CJTFFA DET ONE BK TH 020604Z AUG 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

10 March 1980

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS PROVIDED TO THE SRV IN HANOI ON 11 AUG 79 BY MEMBERS OF THE WOLFF DELEGATION.

11 March 1992

CASE 1065 NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM DURING THE 26-28 FEB 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING. (REF 5)

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

29 January 1993

ON 11 NOVEMBER 1992 (JFA-20), A JOINT TEAM INTERVIEWED THREE WITNESSES IN TAN XUAN VILLAGE (XT751025). THE WITNESSES PROVIDED CONSISTENT

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TESTIMONY WHICH DESCRIBED THE AMBUSH OF AN ARMORED UNIT IN THE FIRST OR SECOND MONTH OF THE GENERAL OFFENSIVE (1968). ACCORDING TO THE WITNESSES, THREE VEHICLES (AT LEAST TWO OF THEM M-41 TANKS) AT THE HEAD OF THE COLUMN WERE CUT OFF AND DESTROYED. ALL BUT ONE OF THE SURVIVING CREW MEMBERS EVADED CAPTURE. ONE "DARK-SKINNED" SOLDIER WAS WOUNDED IN THE THIGH AND CAPTURED. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED CORRELATED WELL TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS FOR REFNO 1065. ACCORDING TO THE WITNESSES, HE WAS KEPT IN THE AREA FOR A DAY. THEN CARRIED BY SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO THE REAR. ALL THREE WITNESSES SAID THAT THEY HAD HEARD THE PRISONER WAS KILLED IN A U.S. AIRSTRIKE NEAR DAU TIENG. TWO WITNESSES IDENTIFIED THE PHOTOGRAPH OF SP4 HUNT. ONE WITNESS STATED HE DID NOT SEE THE CAPTURED SOLDIER CLOSE ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY A PHOTO OF HIM. (REF 6)

7 August 1993

FROM 13 THROUGH 20 JULY 93, THE PCIT INVESTIGATED CASE 1065 IN HCMC. TWO WITNESSES, IDENTIFIED AS POTENTIAL LEADS FOR THIS CASE WERE INTERVIEWED, HOWEVER, NO INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS CASE WAS OBTAINED. THE HCMC TASK TEAM WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY FIRSTHAND OR HEARSAY WITNESSES KNOWLEDGEABLE OF ANY ASPECT OF THE CASE AND VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS IN HCMC DENIED THE EXISTENCE OF ANY SUPPORTING ARCHIVAL DOCUMENTATION. (REF 7)