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PERSONNEL CASUALTY REPORT

A. EARL PAUL MCBRIDE, LCDR, 585824/1310, USN

B. ACTIVE DUTY

C. MISSING IN ACTION. FURTHER DETERMINATION PENDING.

D. 22 OCT 1966, 1330H, NORTH VIETNAM. F4B ACFT STRUCK BY AAA DURING ATTACK. PILOT REPORTED BEING HIT AND HEADED FOR COAST. PILOT REPORTED ACFT APPARENTLY OK EXCEPT FOR COMPLETE UTILITY HYDRAULIC FAILURE. VA-155 A4E ACFT JOINED DAMAGE F4B APPROXIMATELY 4 MILES AT SEA AND OBSERVED FLAME COMING FROM UNDERSIDE OF F4B NOSE. F4B PILOT WAS ADVISED OF FIRE WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR EJECTION. BOTH COCKPITS FILLED WITH SMOKE. PILOT ORDERED RIO TO EJECT. RIO, LTJG EVERETT EUGENE TURNER, JR, USNR, 690199/1325 EJECTED SUCCESSFULLY AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RESCUED BY HELO IN GOOD CONDITION. SHORTLY AFTER RIO EJECTION A MINOR EXPLOSION APPARENTLY OCCURRED WITHIN THE F4B ACFT AND FOUR OR FIVE PIECES OF METAL WERE OBSERVED SEPARATING FROM THE ACFT. THE NOSE OF THE F4B ACFT BEGAN TO OSCILLATE MILDLY IN PITCH AND THE PILOT DID NOT RESPOND TO INSTRUCTION TO EJECT. STILL ACCOMPANIED BY THE A4E ACFT, THE F4B DESCENDED TO 1000 FT AND THEN CLIMBED TO 3000 FT, ENTERING A CLOUD LAYER. THE ACFT WAS NOT OBSERVED FURTHER.

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THE A4E ACFT DESCENDED BELOW CLOUDS AND SIGHTED OIL SLICK ON WATER AT APPROXIMATELY 106 DEGREES 30 MINUTES W., 19 DEGREES 45 MINUTES N., NO PARACHUTE SIGHTED, NO EVIDENCE OF SURVIVOR OBSERVED. SEARCH CONTINUED BY A4, S2, AND SAR HELO UNTIL 1730H WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

SAR EFFORT CONTINUING 23 OCT 1966.

(1) MRS ROBIN R. MCBRIDE (WIFE)

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(2) MRS PAUL G. MCBRIDE (MOTHER)

(3) MRS M.E. SULLIVAN (SISTER)

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G. NO

H. LINE OF DUTY.

I. 14 JUN 1966.

J. MRS ROBIN R. MCBRIDE, C/O C.M. KINGHORN, DATA

DATA WIFE DATA

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SUPPLEMENTAL PERSONNEL CASUALTY REPORT
A. BUPERS MANUAL
B. MY 221718Z OCT 66
1. LCDR EARL PAUL MCBRIDE, USN 585824/1310 IS REPORTED DEAD IAW
ART C-9801(7)(D) OF REF A.
2. BY REF B LCDR MCBRIDE WAS REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION. CHASE
PILOT FLYING WING OBSERVED ACFT ON FIRE. RIO EJECTED. FOLLOWING WHICH
SAW EXPLOSION BENEATH THE COCKPIT, THE ACFT SHED PIECES AND
DISAPPEARED INTO INTO A SQUALL LINE AT 3000 FT IN ERRATIC FLIGHT. CANOPY
WAS INTACT AND PILOT DID NOT RESPOND TO INSTRUCTIONS TO EJECT. NO
EJECTION OR PARACHUTE WAS OBSERVED. SHORTLY AFTER LOSING SIGHT OF
ACFT THE CHASE PILOT SIGHTED AN OIL SLICK ON THE WATER AT APPROX-
IMATELY 106 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES W, 19 DEGREES, 45 MINUTES N. EXTENSIVE
SEARCH EFFORTS CONDUCTED BY A4, S2 AND HELO ACFT AND SAR DESTROYER
RECOVERED ONLY SMALL SECTIONS OF AFT FUEL CELL. OIL SLICK WAS
APPROXIMATELY 18 MILES FROM BEACH WITH NO SMALL BOATS SIGHTED IN THE
AREA. ESTIMATE NO POSSIBILITY OF SURVIVAL.
3. ITEM J OF REF B - REQ NRFC SDIEGO

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- A. OPNAVINST 3750.6/ 3483
1. F4, 151009, VF--- AAR 3-64
2. 221330H, 506-30W - 19-45N
3. FLAK SUPPRESSION/TARGET COMBAT AIR PATROL
4. ALFA
5. ENROUTE TO TARGET AIRCRAFT RECEIVED HIT FROM UNKNOWN CALIBER AAA.
REVERSED COURSE TOWARD COAST LINE, REPORTED UTILITY HYDRAULIC

FAILURE. HEAVY SMOKE FILLED BOTH COCKPITS. ESCORTING AIRCRAFT
REPORTED FIRE UNDER COCKPIT. RIO EJECTED WHEN DIRECTED BY PILOT.
AFTER RIO HAD EJECTED SAFELY THERE WAS A SMALL EXPLOSION AND
APPROXIMATELY FOUR (4) LARGE SECTIONS OF FUSELAGE SIX (6) FEET BY
TWO (2) FEET SEPARATED FROM AIRCRAFT. AIRCRAFT COMMENCED NOSE
DOWN LEFT TURN, REVERSED DIRECTION, THEN CLIMBED AND ENTERED CLOUD.
WITH FRONT CANOPY STILL ON AIRCRAFT. PILOT DID NOT RESPOND TO
INSTRUCTIONS TO EJECT. ESCORTING AIRCRAFT LOST CONTACT IN CLOUD.
OBSERVED OIL SLICK ON WATER MOMENTS LATER IN SAME AREA.
6. EARL PAUL MCBRIDE, LCDR, USN, 585824/1310. ACTIVE. UNKNOWN.
UNKNOWN.
7. EVERETT EUGENE TURNER, LTJG USNR, 690189/1325, ACTIVE, YES,
FOXTROT, RIO
8. ROBIN R. MCBRIDE, WIFE DATA
C/O R. L. RASMUSSEN.
9. N/A.
10. MISHAP IS THE RESULT OF DIRECT ENEMY ACTION.

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