

CHRISTIAN, David Marion, LTJG, USNR
674340/1315
Killed in Action - 2 June 65

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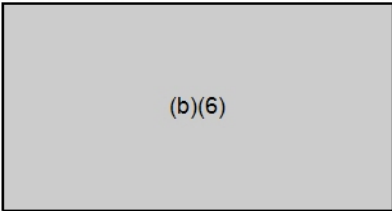
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PERSONNEL CASUALTY REPORT

- A. BUPERS MANUAL ART C-99801
- 1. ALFA. CHRISTIAN, DAVID MARION LTJG, 674343/1315, USNR
BRAVO.. ACTIVE DUTY ASSIGNED TO ATKRON TWENTY-THREE ABOARD USS
MIDWAY (CVA-41).
CHARLIE. KIA
DELTA. 0815H, 2 JUNE 1965, 19 37.5N, 105 51E, LTJG CHRISTIAN,,
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ECHO.. REMAINS NOT RECOVERED.
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FORNIA. MRS CAROL KURSAVE (SISTER) EMERALD GROVE ROAD, LAKESIDE
CALIFORNIA.
GOLF. PRIMARY/SECONDARY NOK NOT NOTIFIED.
HOTEL. KILLED IN ACTION IN LINE OF DUTY.
INDIA. 24 APRIL 1965
JULIETT. 1. JESS M. CHRISTIAN AND ETHEL E. CHRISTIAN, 9642
LOS COCHES RRAD, LAKESIDE,, CALIFORNIA.

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2. REQUEST NAVFINCEN PAY DEATH GRATUITY.

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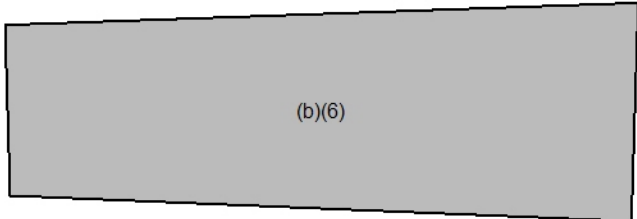
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WARNING NOTICE: SENSITIVE SOURCES AND METHODS INVOLVED

From: Commander Naval Intelligence Command
To: Chief of Naval Personnel

Subj: LTJG David M. CHRISTIAN, 674340/1315 USNR

1. In June 1965, based on Commander Task Group 77.6 and USS Midway operational reports, the Bureau of Naval Personnel listed LTJG Christian as killed in action. These operational reports also indicate that the flight leader observed seat ejection at three to five hundred feet. Subsequently, on 11 October 1965 PRAVDA published a report on two aviators, CDR James B. Stockdale and LTJG Christian which raised the possibility Christian may have survived.

2. The Naval Intelligence Command has recently obtained an additional report which indicates LTJG Christian did survive. The report was received from another intelligence agency. This agency reports the information was obtained through sensitive sources and that they cannot accurately evaluate the validity of this report.



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To: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

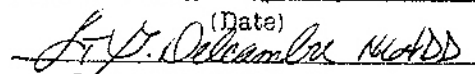
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E. ROYCE WILLIAMS
Captain, USN

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Contents shown to Mr. & Mrs. Christian during visit by Capt Williams and Col. Jenkins on Friday 1 Dec 1967.

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Time and Date

CHRISTIAN, DAVID M. LTJG

Name of Deceased, Missing, etc

Date of Death: 6-2-65 Death occurred while on active duty, retired, within 120 days, etc KIA

NAME OF CALLER: (b)(6)

RELATIONSHIP: DIA, Room 1C760 Pentagon

TEL NUMBER: 44708

Mailed copy of following to (b)(6)

1. Article from PRAUDA dated 10/11/65 in Russian.

2. English translation of #1.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum for the Record

TO : Record

DATE: 24 Nov 69.

FROM : (b)(6)

SUBJECT: LTJG David M. Christian USNR / KIA

1. Mother of subj called ^(telephone), indicated she wanted package mailing instructions since she'd been advised in the past that there was some hope of her son's having survived.
2. Sent instructions. Should be done routinely. Advised 6-23.

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