REPORT 'A'

KINLOSS MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM INCIDENT

Nature of Incident .SHACKLETON."B"....	Team Alerted .21.DEC.67..1435....date/time
XF.702.OF.206.SQN.CRASHED.ON.CREAG....	Called Out ....21..1435.....time
BHAN..LOCHAILORT..INVERNESS-SHIRE.....	Left ~~EXXX~~/Station ..21..1458.....time
Authority Alerting..OC.FW..KINLOSS....	Arrived at Incident .21..1815....time
Area Searched .SEE ATTACHED MAP.....	Duration of Search .....N/A.....hours
Location of Incident..CRATER AT.....	Incident Located..BY LOCAL ROADMAN ABOUT.
SHEET 35/NM/794839.....	....21..1330.....date/time
Located by....LOCAL ROADMAN.....	Casualties Evacuated to ...BELFORD.....
Type of Search ..SWEEP SEARCHES.....	....HOSPITAL..FORT WILLIAM.....
Weather Conditions..MIST ABOVE 600 FT.	Composition of Party....15/21 KINLOSS MRT.
..AT TIME OF INCIDENT.....	.....22 LEUCHARS MRT...
No of Casualties.....13.....Total	Sub Units Involved.FORT WILLIAM POLICE....
Stretcher.NIL.Walking.NIL.Dead...13.....	Returned to Station 08 JAN 68 0100date/time
Vehicle Mileage....3,500 MILES.....	RCC Informed.THROUGHOUT INCIDENT..date/time

Comments on Equipment .....SOME FORM OF PORTABLE SEARCHLIGHT IS NEEDED FOR THIS... .....TYPE OF INCIDENT.....

Narrative: Kinloss MRT left the Station 23 minutes after being alerted and reached the incident in 3 hours 17 minutes. Team Leader was informed by Sgt Banks of Mallaig Police that there was no chance of any survivors once Sgt Banks knew that no parachutes were carried. A night crash guard was immediately placed. Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team, and Civil Defence units were thanked and told that they would not be required for search duties. Press representatives and photographers were discouraged from going to the crash location during the first night. RAF Kinloss was asked to provide a crash guard as soon as possible to ensure that the MRT was available for further emergencies.

On 22 Dec 67 MRT and police removed remains and made sweep searches of the immediate crash area; MRT searched ridge of Creag Bhan. Assistance was given to the president and members of the Accident Investigation Board who arrived in the afternoon.

On 23 and 24 Dec 67 the MRT were employed on the following tasks:

a. Marking out the crash area into 50 ft squares.

b. Digging in the crater for engine and propeller parts.

c. Salvaging of engine and propeller parts from a point 280 yards to the east of the crater.

d. Sweep searching the area and collecting classified papers, unexpended pyrotechnics, pieces of controls and control surfaces and other named items.

e. Collection of propeller and engine parts and stacking for salvage by helicopter.

On 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 Dec 67 Leuchars and Kinloss MRTs carried out sweep searches of areas shown on attached map. No pieces of airframe were found that could have been shed before the crash. Tiny windblown pieces of light metal,

It was necessary to charter a boat from Mr R. Watt of Mallaig to take search parties to Oban at the head of Loch Morar on 27 and 29 Dec 67. After 28 Dec 67 all personnel going on to the hill were briefed to use disinfectant baths which were provided as boot-dips for prevention of spread of foot and mouth disease.

On 05 and 06 Jan 68 further searches were made using a photograph taken from a PR Canberra on 29 Dec 67. An object circled in this photograph was positively identified as a natural object at corrected map reference of NM/839847. On 07 Jan 68 a boat was chartered from Miss N. C. Ford of Meoble Lodge to take MRT to the head of Loch Morar to search a corrected estimated track of the crashed aircraft. All the new estimated track below 1,300 ft was covered within 5 miles of the crash, but searching above this altitude was abandoned as being ineffectual because of a covering of snow to a depth of about 4-6 inches.

All local people were helpful to the teams and particularly gracious hospitality and assistance were provided over a prolonged period by Mrs L. P. Cameron -Head of Inverailort Castle.

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