



DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY
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11 May 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

TO: Record

FROM: (b)(6) PI Project Archaeologist

CC: (b)(6)

SUBJECT: 23-3KH Site KH-00220 (REFNO 1998) Grid Coordinates Correction

(b)(6) the Lead Archaeologist for the 23-3KH recovery at Site KH-00220 on Koh Tang, Cambodia, used incorrect grid coordinates for the site datum on the Chain of Custody Form. (b)(5)

(b)(6)

Partnerships and Innovations (PI) Directorate
Project Archaeologist

General Information										
Crime Scene ID	Created Date	Created Time	Created By	Evidence Obtained From	Evidence Transferred To	Recovery Team	Incident Location	Field Coordinator	Map Datum	Summary of Acquisition
CS29-0144	03/10/2023	1715	JWELAND	Partner Excavation	CPAA-01 340-Aurifer Street 402g 4277-82N-44-W-94853		Info-Pac/Rt	(b)(5);	WGS-84	
Alternative References										
Reference Type	Identifier									
County	1001-1001-0000									
Incident #	SEA-1988-8									
Map 1	410-1001-00									
Map 2	23-1001									
IFB										
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Field Activity 1	E-4N-2020-10460									
IFB										
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Project										
Crime Scene Address										
Address Line 1	Address Line 2	City	Country	State	Postal Code	County				
Koh Tang		Shantouville Municipality	CAN/BDGA	Shantouville Province						

Scene ID: CS23-0144

Investigators and Alternate POC								
Contact Name	Contact Type	Primary Phone	Alternate Phone	Fax	Email Address	Send Report Flag	Agency	Remarks
Golden West Humanitarian Foundation - 1913	External Party	(b)(5)			(b)(5)		External Golden West Humanitarian Foundation	

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From: (b)(6)
To: (b)(6)
Subject: Information request - Fw: Final SVR for 23-3KH
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2023 3:17:24 PM
Attachments: [SVR_23-3KH_REFNO_1998_KH-00205_20230816_V1.0.pdf](#)

Hi (b)(6)

I just distributed this report yesterday and it does mention a burial site with Hall's clothes so I am passing it onto you in case it is needed for the Cambodia information request.

(b)(6) MA, RPA (*she/her/hers*)

Case Coordinator, HJF

In support of Partnerships and Innovations (PI) Directorate
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Phone: (b)(6)

Email 1:

Email 2:

Henry M. Jackson Foundation
for the Advancement of Military Medicine

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 2:20 PM

To: (b)(6)

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Phelps, Christopher E CIV DPAA IP (USA)

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Cc: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: Final SVR for 23-3KH

Hello All,

Please find attached the final SVR for partner mission 23-3KH by the Golden West

Mission/Team	23-3KH	Project Type	Investigation
Case, Site, CS, Aircraft, BNR (list if multiple)	REFNO 1998, KH-00205, CS23-0192		
Project Location (City, State, Province, Country)	Koh Tang, Preah Sihanouk Province, Kingdom of Cambodia	Crash Scene Coordinates (include source and depth)	MGRS 48P TS 96797 40615 (+/- 3 EPE, WGS-84, 10.4 m above mean sea level), this is MGRS for Area 3 (see below)
Project Dates/Scheme of Maneuver	19 and 23 April 2023		
Project Partners	Golden West Humanitarian Foundation (GWHF) Stony Beach		
DPAA Main Point of Contact	DPAA, Partnerships & Innovations, Project Archaeologist, (b)(6)		
Summary Case Background	<p>The incident involves the 15 May 1975 loss of a three-man machine gun team that was part of the U.S. Marine Corps' (U.S.M.C.) assault on Koh Tang following the capture of the cargo ship SS <i>Mayaguez</i> and her crew by Khmer Rouge (KR) forces. Operating under the mistaken belief that the <i>Mayaguez</i>'s crew were being held on Koh Tang, the U.S.M.C. launched a helicopter-borne insertion and rescue mission but met stiff resistance from KR forces entrenched on the island, resulting in heavy U.S. casualties (see also REFNOs 2002, 2003 [resolved], and 2038). In the early evening of 15 May, the Marines were ordered to withdraw to Koh Tang's West Beach and establish a defensive perimeter while awaiting extraction via helicopter. The REFNO 1998 individuals were reportedly last seen manning a machine gun post at the far southern edge of West Beach and were not observed to have been wounded or killed in the fighting. Previous investigations encountered Private First Class (PFC) Gary Hall's uniform, but no biological remains on East Beach near a KR outpost.</p>		
Executive Summary	<p>On 19 April 2023, an eyewitness to the 1975 loss incident (b)(6) age 69, resident of Stung Chhay Khang Cheung Village, Khum Stung Chhay Commune, Kampong Sayva District, Sihanoukville Province) led the GWHF team to site KH-00205. The site is located along the eastern edge of East Beach, approximately 1150 m southeast of the KH-00220 site, 1200 m southeast of the KH-00219 site, and 990 m southeast of the KH-00207 site (Figure 1). A previous investigation, including excavations, was conducted at this site in 2015 (ESR REFNO 1998; SAR CIL 2015-048-R, REFNO 1998). Those excavations took place at the eastern-most end of East Beach. The first area (Area 1) was excavated as a series of trenches separated by baulks. One burial was discovered that was determined to be Asian in origin and not associated with REFNO 1998. The team then excavated a second area (Area 2) after re-interviewing two witnesses who guided the team north to a location approximately 30 m from the shoreline. The team explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) technician located and identified an unexploded 40 mm grenade within Area 2, and the team later excavated a possible burial feature in which material evidence associated with PFC Hall was recovered. No osseous material was recovered from the burial feature. During the 2023 site visit, (b)(6) pointed to a different location at site KH-00205 (Area 3). He pointed to a general area approximately 17 m north (closer to the shoreline) where he recalled the American soldier being buried (Figure 2). He indicated an area between a row of trees and a nearby pond. The partner team placed a permanent datum with a large rebar stake at the southwest boundary of the site, obtained grid coordinates with a Garmin GPS, and created a sketch map of the witness indicated burial area (Figure 3). Photographs were taken of the witness pointing to the general area of the purported burial site, and overview photos were taken from various angles. The area has dense vegetation</p>		

	but is bordered by a pond which delineates the southern boundary of the eyewitness indicated area. The team did not excavate any test units.
Evidence Observed or Recovered	GWHF did not recover or retain any possible evidentiary material.
Recommendations	Full systematic excavation of the 25 x 8 m (200 sq m) area. Witness indicated that KR protocol when an enemy was killed was to strip the corpse of gear and clothing. The possessions would then be combed through for anything of value then discarded. This area is adjacent to the location where PFC Hall's uniform clothing and ID tag was discovered and corroborates the story well.
Report Writers	(b)(6) Golden West Humanitarian Foundation, Lead Archaeologist
Sources	(b)(6) 2019. DPAA-Laboratory Archaeological Site Survey Report (ASSR) 19-1KH. Excavation Summary Report (ESR) of LKA Case 1998, dtd 15 April 2015, DPAA internal files. Search and Recovery Report (SAR) Mission CIL 2015-048-R, a Burial Site CB-00205 Associated with REFNO 1998, dtd 26 October 2017, DPAA internal files.
Report Submitted	5 June 2023



Figure 1. Overview map of Koh Tang Island showing sites KH-00220, KH-00219, KH-00207 and KH-00205 in relation to one another.

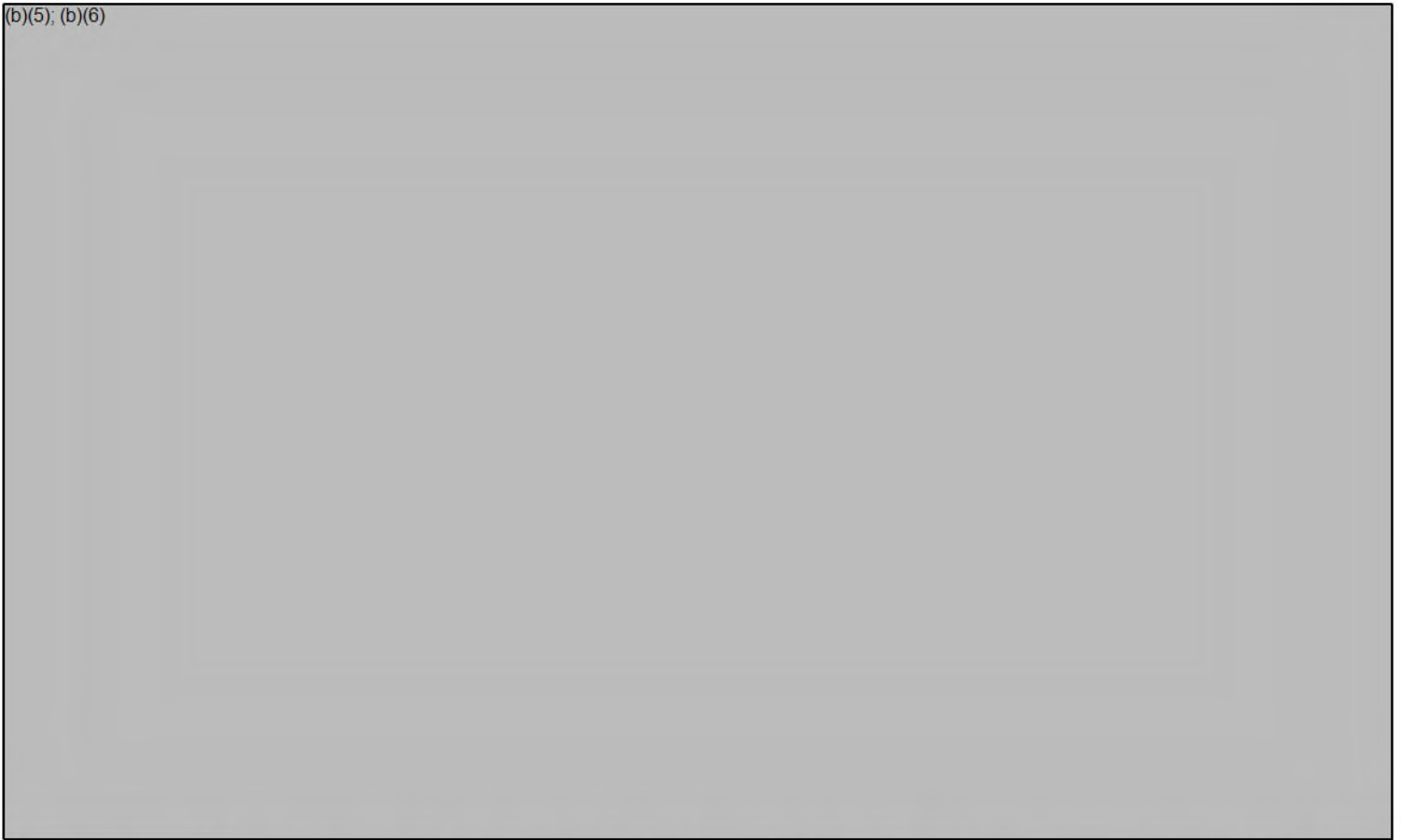


Figure 2. Satellite image showing the location of Area 3 in relation to previously excavated Areas 1 and 2.

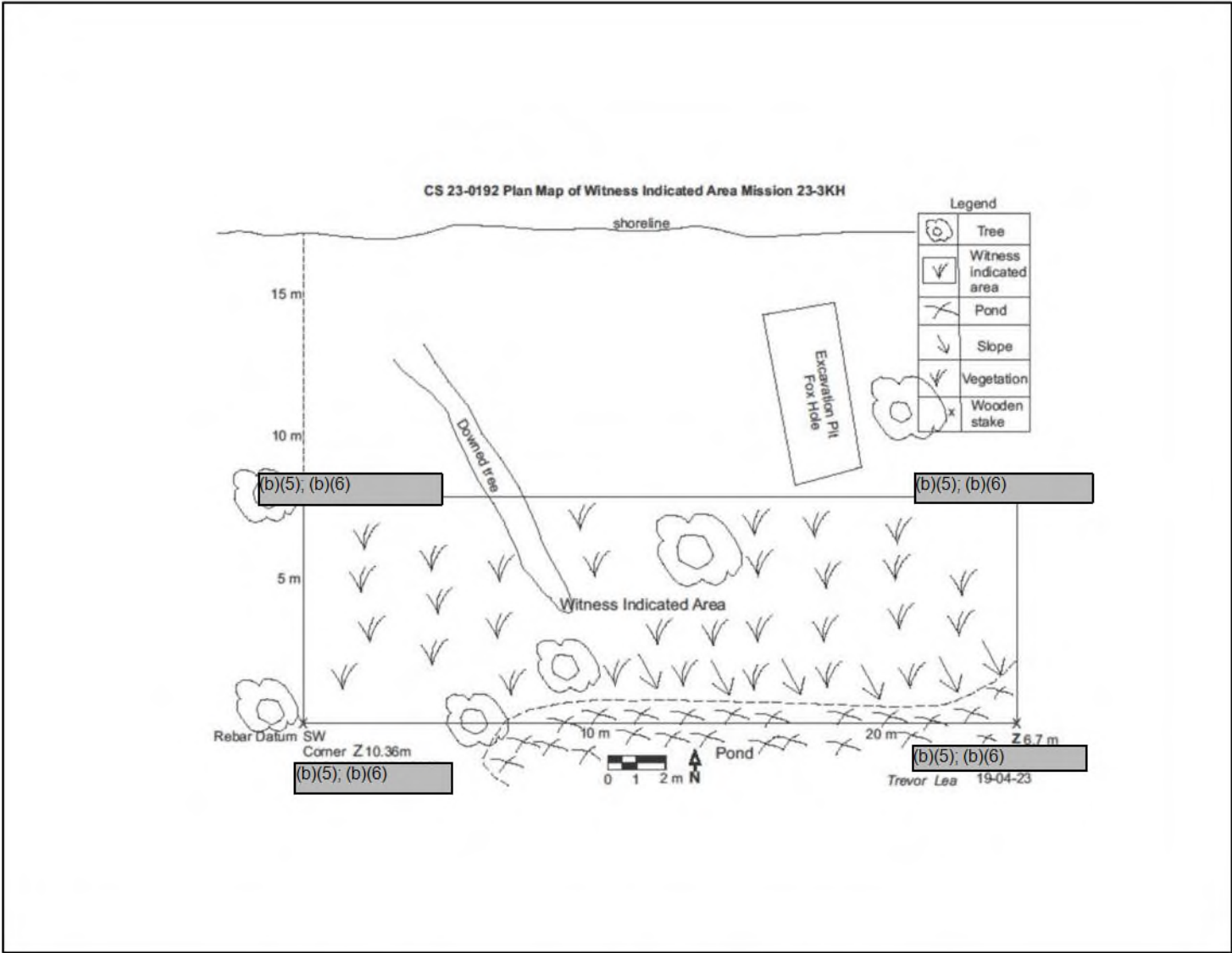


Figure 3. Plan map of witness-indicated possible burial location.

Humanitarian Foundation at site KH-00205, associated with REFNO 1998.

For mission related questions, please contact the PI project archaeologist (b)(6)

This document will be uploaded to Documentum as soon as possible.

You can also find this file on the network here: (b)(6)

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

V/R,

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Case Coordinator, HJF

In support of Partnerships and Innovations (PI) Directorate
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Henry M. Jackson Foundation
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From: (b)(6)
To:
Subject: FW: New Accessions, 2021-2KH
Date: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 6:03:08 PM

Hi again (b)(6)

With a different search I dug up this email that mentions accessions from 2021-2KH.

Thank you,

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6)
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 1:28 PM
To: DPAA NCR Lab Mailbox Case Coordinator

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Damann, Franklin E CIV DPAA LAB (USA)

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Cc: (b)(6)

(b)(6)

Subject: New Accessions, 2021-2KH

FYI

2021-137 CS21-0130 REFNO 1998 Partner Excavation, UIC

2021-137 CS21-0134 REFNO 1998 Partner Excavation, UIC

V/r

(b)(6)

ESR For Partner Activity 23-3KH at Site KH-00220 (REFNO 1998)
Conducted 23 March through 26 April 2023 in Koh Tang, Cambodia

Comments in this report are not intended to provide final analytical conclusions.

- 1. Case Overview:** The REFNO 1998 incident involves the 15 May 1975 loss of a three-man machine gun team that was part of the U.S. Marine Corps' (U.S.M.C.) assault on Koh Tang following the capture of the cargo ship SS *Mayaguez* and her crew by Khmer Rouge (KR) forces. Operating under the mistaken belief that the *Mayaguez*'s crew were being held on Koh Tang, the U.S.M.C. launched a helicopter-borne insertion and rescue mission but met stiff resistance from KR forces entrenched on the island, resulting in heavy U.S. casualties (see also REFNOs 2002, 2003 [resolved], and 2038). In the early evening of 15 May, the Marines were ordered to withdraw to Koh Tang's West Beach and establish a defensive perimeter while awaiting extraction via helicopter. The REFNO 1998 individuals were reportedly last seen manning a machine gun post at the far southern edge of West Beach and were not observed to have been wounded or killed in the fighting. The REFNO 1998 incident has been investigated, surveyed, and excavated numerous times since the early 1990s. In 2019, during the 19-1KH Joint Field Activity (JFA), a DPAA investigation team (IT) conducted a visual inspection of witness-indicated loci designated sites KH-00219 and KH-00220, (b)(5); (b)(6)

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2. Site Data and Coordinates:

- a. Site number: KH-00220
- b. (b)(5); (b)(6)
- c. Site elevation: 6.7 m above mean sea level at N500 E500 datum
- d. Date site approved for excavation as indicated by the Excavation Proposal: 7 February 2023
- e. Lab Tracking: CS23-0144

- 3. Executive Mission Summary:** From 23 March through 26 April 2023, during partner activity 23-3KH, DPAA partner Golden West Humanitarian Foundation excavated the REFNO 1998 ground loss site KH-00220 on Koh Tang, Sihanoukville Municipality District, Preah Sihanouk Province, Cambodia. Under the direction of (b)(6) the Lead Archaeologist (LA), the team excavated approximately 1,252 sq m to depths ranging from 0 to 104 centimeters below surface. On 26 April 2023, the LA suspended recovery operations due to the end of the specified mission timeline. On 26 April 2023, the LA also turned over the recovered possible evidence via a DPAA chain of custody form to (b)(6) from the DPAA Indo-Pacific (IP) Directorate, who later released it to (b)(6) from DPAA Detachment 1, Thailand (DET-1).

4. Evidence Observed/Recovered:

- a. Did you recover and retain possible ID media: No
- b. Did you recover and retain possible material evidence (PME): Yes
- c. If you did recover and retain PME, did it include possible Life Support Equipment (LSE): No
- d. Did you recover and retain possible osseous material (POM): Yes
- e. Did you recover and retain possible human remains (PHR): No
- f. Were incident related items recovered, photographed, but not retained: Yes
- g. Please list items photographed but not retained: Miscellaneous fabric, munitions, and miscellaneous plastic items.
- h. Does field analysis of recovered items support the correlation of this site to the subject case: No

5. Evidence/Remains POC and Location of Materials:

- a. (b)(6)
- b. DET-1 Thailand
- c. (b)(6)

6. Lead Archaeologist (LA) Recommendations:

- a. If evidentiary materials were recovered, have those excavation units been surrounded with evidence free units: No
- b. Has the excavation reached its archaeological limits and exhausted the potential to recover evidence: No
- c. Do you recommend additional archaeological excavation at this site: Yes
- d. Please specify where you recommend additional excavation at this site: We were unable to create an evidence-free margin of units in the northeast portion of the grid. The area that could contain additional evidence is located east of units N520-524 / E530-531, N516-520 / E530-531, and south and east of units N512-514 / E528-530. Each of these units contained POM in diminishing frequency. If lab analysis determines the POM to be PHR then additional excavation is recommended. If the POM is determined not PHR, then the site has been excavated to its archeological limits and no further excavation is recommended.

7. Report Writers: (b)(6) Golden West Humanitarian Foundation, LA

8. References:

- a. DPAA Partner Project Plan, Partnerships and Innovations Directorate, Version 2.0

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Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency Situation Report												
1. Mission Number 23-3KH		2. Team RT-P		3. Reporting Date Tuesday, April 25, 2023		4. PAX Count						
5. Mission Dates 23-Mar-23 - 30-Apr-23		6. D-Date D + 33		7. Case Number / Site Number REFNO 1998, KH-00220		Team Personnel				Host Nation 4	Local Workers 20	Guards / Security 6
						DPAA 1	AUG 0	PAR 4	TOTAL 5			
8. Site Summary: <i>Not for Scientific Record / Interpretation</i> REFNO 1998 involves the 15 May 1975 loss of a three-man machine gun team that was part of the U.S. Marine Corps' (U.S.M.C.) assault on Koh Tang following the capture of the cargo ship SS Mayaguez and her crew by Khmer Rouge (KR) forces. Operating under the mistaken belief that the Mayaguez's crew were being held on Koh Tang, the U.S.M.C. launched a helicopter-borne insertion and rescue mission but met stiff resistance from KR forces entrenched on the island, resulting in heavy U.S. casualties (see also REFNOs 2002, 2003 [resolved], and 2038). In the early evening of 15 May, the Marines were ordered to withdraw to Koh Tang's West Beach and establish a defensive perimeter while awaiting extraction via helicopter. The REFNO 1998 individuals were reportedly last seen manning a machine gun post at the far (b)(5); (b)(6) and were not observed to have been wounded or killed in the fighting. The REFNO 1998 incident has been investigated, surveyed, and excavated numerous times since the early 1990s. In 2019 during the 19-1KH Joint Field Activity (JFA), a DPAA investigation team (IT) conducted a visual inspection of witness-indicated loci designated sites KH-00219 and KH-00220 (b)(5); (b)(6). In 2021, a University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) partner team excavated site KH-00219 during the 21-2KHb (b)(5). 2022, an Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc. (OVAL) partner team excavated site KH-00207, (b)(5); (b)(6) sites KH-00219 and KH-00220. No ME was recovered.						9. Team Location Information Location Type (Check One) Hotel <input type="checkbox"/> BC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> essel <input type="checkbox"/> City/Village Koh Tang District/County Sihanoukville Municipality State/Prov Preah Sihanouk Province Location Name Koh Tang Address / MGRS (b)(5); (b)(6) Phone N/A			10. Team Members D/A/P Position Rank / Last / First PAR PI/LA (b)(6) PAR EOD PAR EOD/LINGUIS PAR MED DPAA ANALYST			
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13. SRE / Lead Archeologist Comments Operation continues as planned. Continuing to monitor forecast.						14. Team Comments Current (b)(5); (b)(6) Next 24 Evidence custody transfer during pay run, finalize map, closing photos, site overviews, contractors tape on terrestrial excavation area. Break down camp and prepare for departure. Next 48 Depart Koh Tang arrive in Sihanoukville, stay in hotel for the night.						
16. Lead Investigator Comments N/A						15. Team Leader Comments						
17. Outside Support (Contractors, Assest, Embassy, Etc) N/A												
18. Area Excavated (sqm) Today Total 8 1252			19. Work Hours Today Total 8 212		20. Hours Lost Today Total 0 0		21. Blade Hours Today Total Asset Used 0 0					
22. Remains / Material Evidence Retained Type of Evidence retained TODAY (b)(5) Type of Evidence retained throughout Msn Msn Total Days Possible Material Evidence 0 (b)(5) Possible Human Remains 0						23a. Medical Comments none			23b. Patient Numbers 0 Urgent 0 Non-Urgent 0 Military 0 Civilian 0 Hours Lost due to Medical			

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						District/ County			PAR		EOD/LINGUIS					
						State/ Prov			PAR		MED					
						Location Name			DPAA		ANALYST					
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						Phone										
11. POW/MIA Focus PFC Gary Hall LCpl Joseph N. Hargrove Pvt Danny G. Marshall																
12a. Voice Communications																
PRIMARY		Cell	(b)(6)	Green												
ALTERNATE				Green												
CONTINGENCY				Green												
EMERGENCY				Green												
12b. Data Communications																
PRIMARY		WIFI	(b)(6)	Green												
ALTERNATE				Green												
CONTINGENCY				Green												
EMERGENCY				Green												
13. SRE / Lead Archeologist Comments																
Operation continues as planned. Current forecast has increased percentage chance of storms on 26-04-23 through 27-04-23. I will continue monitoring weather forecast. POM frequency has dramatically reduced in the northeast units.																
14. Team Comments																
Current		(b)(5); (b)(6)														
Next 24		Continue excavation and clearing bedrock outcrops.														
Next 48		Rest Day.														
15. Team Leader Comments																
16. Lead Investigator Comments																
N/A																
17. Outside Support (Contractors, Assest, Embassy, Etc)																
N/A																
18. Area Excavated (sqm)		19. Work Hours		20. Hours Lost		21. Blade Hours										
Today	Total	Today	Total	Today	Total	Today	Total	Asset Used								
192	864	8	188	0	0	0	0									
22. Remains / Material Evidence Retained						23b. Patient Numbers										
Type of Evidence retained TODAY																
(b)(5)						0 Urgent										
						0 Non-Urgent										
Type of Evidence retained throughout Msn						0 Military										
Possible Material Evidence						0 Civilian										
(b)(5)																
Possible Human Remains						0 Hours Lost due to Medical										

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1. Mission Number		2. Team		3. Reporting Date		4. PAX Count						
23-3KH		RT-P		Friday, April 14, 2023		Team Personnel				Host Nation	Local Workers	Guards / Security
5. Mission Dates		6. D-Date		7. Case Number / Site Number		DPA	AUG	PAR	TOTAL			
23-Mar-23 - 30-Apr-23		D + 22		REFNO 1998, KH-00220		1	0	4	5	4	20	6

8. Site Summary: Not for Scientific Record / Interpretation

REFNO 1998 involves the 15 May 1975 loss of a three-man machine gun team that was part of the U.S. Marine Corps' (U.S.M.C.) assault on Koh Tang following the capture of the cargo ship SS Mayaguez and her crew by Khmer Rouge (KR) forces. Operating under the mistaken belief that the Mayaguez's crew were being held on Koh Tang, the U.S.M.C. launched a helicopter-borne insertion and rescue mission but met stiff resistance from KR forces entrenched on the island, resulting in heavy U.S. casualties (see also REFNOs 2002, 2003 [resolved], and 2038). In the early evening of 15 May, the Marines were ordered to withdraw to Koh Tang's West Beach and establish a defensive perimeter while awaiting extraction via helicopter. The REFNO 1998 individuals were reportedly last seen manning a machine gun post at the far (b)(5); (b)(6) and were not observed to have been wounded or killed in the fighting. The REFNO 1998 incident has been investigated, surveyed, and excavated numerous times since the early 1990s. In 2019 during the 19-1KH Joint Field Activity (JFA), a DPAA investigation team (IT) conducted a visual inspection of witness-indicated loci designated sites KH-00219 and KH-00220 (b)(5); (b)(6) in 2021, a University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) partner team excavated site KH-00219 during the 21-2KHb (b)(5). In 2022, an Ohio Valley Archaeology, Inc. (OVA) partner team excavated site KH-00207, (b)(5); (b)(6) KH-00219 and KH-00220. No ME was recovered.

9. Team Location Information

Location Type (Check One)

Hotel ☐ BC ☒essel ☐

City/Village Koh Tang

District/County Sihanoukville Municipality

State/Prov Preah Sihanouk Province

Location Name Koh Tang

Address / MGRS (b)(5); (b)(6)

Phone N/A

10. Team Members

D/A/P	Position	Rank / Last / First
PAR	PI/LA	(b)(6)
PAR	EOD	
PAR	EOD/LINGUIS	
PAR	MED	
DPAA	ANALYST	

11. POW/MIA Focus

PFC Gary Hall LCpl

Joseph N. Hargrove Pvt

Danny G. Marshall

12a. Voice Communications

PRIMARY	Cell	(b)(6)	Green
ALTERNATE			Green
CONTINGENCY			Green
EMERGENCY			Green

12b. Data Communications

PRIMARY	WiFi	(b)(6)	Green
ALTERNATE			Green
CONTINGENCY			Green
EMERGENCY			Green

13. SRE / Lead Archeologist Comments

Mission going according to plan.

14. Team Comments

Current (b)(5); (b)(6)

Next 24 (b)(5); (b)(6) and start additional units, also clearing bedrock outcrop fissures.

Next 48 Rest day.

15. Team Leader Comments

16. Lead Investigator Comments

N/A

17. Outside Support (Contractors, Assest, Embassy, Etc)

N/A

18. Area Excavated (sqm)		19. Work Hours		20. Hours Lost		21. Blade Hours		Asset Used
Today	Total	Today	Total	Today	Total	Today	Total	
24	552	8	140	0	0	0	0	

22. Remains / Material Evidence Retained

Type of Evidence retained TODAY (b)(5)

Type of Evidence retained throughout Msn Msn Total Days

Possible Material Evidence 0

(b)(5)

Possible Human Remains 0

23a. Medical Comments

none

23b. Patient Numbers

0	Urgent
0	Non-Urgent
0	Military
0	Civilian
0	Hours Lost due to Medical

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Mission Number	2. Team	3. Reporting Date	4. PAX Count
23-3KH	RT-P	Thursday, April 13, 2023	Team Personnel
5. Dates	6. D-Date	7. Case Number / Site Number	DPAAs AUG PAR TOTAL
23-Mar-23 - 30-Apr-23	D + 21	REFNO 1998, KH-00220	1 0 4 5
8. Site Summary: Not for Scientific Record / Interpretation		9. Team Location Information	
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12a. Voice Communications		10. Team Members	
PRIMARY Cell (b)(6) Green ALTERNATE Green CONTINGENCY Green EMERGENCY Green		D/A/P Position Rank / Last / First PAR PI/LA (b)(6) PAR EOD PAR EOD/LINGUIS PAR MED DPAA ANALYST	
12b. Data Communications			
PRIMARY WiFi (b)(6) Green ALTERNATE Green CONTINGENCY Green EMERGENCY Green			
13. SRE / Lead Archeologist Comments		11. POW/MIA Focus	
Mission going according to plan.		PFC Gary Hall LCpl Joseph N. Hargrove Pvt Danny G. Marshall	
16. Lead Investigator Comments		14. Team Comments	
N/A		Current (b)(5); (b)(6) Next 24 Continue excavation of units during low tide. Also clearing bedrock outcrop fissures. Next 48 Continue extracting sediments from bedrock outcrops and clearing bedrock shelves above sea level.	
		15. Team Leader Comments	
17. Outside Support (Contractors, Assest, Embassy, Etc)		18. Area Excavated (sqm)	
N/A		Today Total 32 528	
		19. Work Hours Today Total 8 132	
		20. Hours Lost Today Total 0 0	
		21. Blade Hours Today Total Asset Used 0 0	
22. Remains / Material Evidence Retained		23a. Medical Comments	
Type of Evidence retained TODAY (b)(5)		none	
		23b. Patient Numbers	
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