

DET 1-3-4-31 Jan

(C) USAF F-105 radioed smoke in the cockpit after being hit by ground fire off the coast of RVN in the Gulf of Tonkin. The aircraft entered the clouds and was never seen again. No chute sighting or other contact was ever made by search aircraft. Mission was suspended.

DET 1-3-5-1 Feb

(C) On 1 Feb a Navy A-4C operating in the Gulf of Tonkin was last seen by his wingman entering the clouds at 2500 feet. The A-4C was in a shallow erratic dive when visual contact was lost. An HU-16 and tactical fighters were diverted to the area. There were many small boats operating in the area and after an extensive search the mission was suspended.

DET 1-3-6-1 Feb

(C) USMC KC-130 with crew of six was reported missing in the Gulf of Tonkin. Extensive search of the area for three days produced no sightings or leads. The USMC requested active search be suspended.

DET 1-3-7-3 Feb

(C) USN RA 5C was reported down in the Gulf of Tonkin just off the coast of North Vietnam. No chutes were spotted prior to aircraft impact. HU-16 and tactical aircraft reported numerous small boats where the aircraft impact took place. Reports that one boat had recovered a life raft were confirmed. Fighter aircraft attempting to prevent boats from returning to shore received intensive fire from shore batteries and boats. Mission was suspended.

DET 1-3-8-3 Feb

(U) USAF C-123 was reported missing on a flight from Khe Sanh RVN to Quang Tri, RVN with six personnel. Aircraft searched the area and the wreckage was located on 10 Feb. There were no survivors.

DET 1-3-9-4 Feb

(U) An Army OV-1A with a crew of two was reported down in Laos. Beepers were received by rescue aircraft, which enabled them to locate the men. Both crew members were recovered.

DET 1-3-10-7 Feb

(C) USN A-4E last seen by his wingman diving into the target area over North Vietnam. The aircraft never pulled out of the dive. The wreckage was located in a populated area and the mission was suspended.

DET 1-3-11-18 Feb

(C) USN F-4 reported emergency while over the Gulf of Tonkin. HU-16 located oil slick in the vicinity of last known position. Numerous junks reported in the vicinity of oil slick. Mission was suspended.

DET 1-3-12-25 Feb

(U) USMC F-4B reported having hydraulic problems crashed off the coast of RVN. HU-16 diverted to the area but due to sea conditions, he advised that a Navy destroyer a short distance away should attempt pick-up. Two crew members were recovered.

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