

17 July 1966

F-4C 63-7690 390 TFS, 35 TFW, USAF, Da Nang
Capt F D Moruzzi (survived)
1Lt J F Preston (survived)

The area north of the DMZ was still proving to be dangerous. A Da Nang Phantom on an armed reconnaissance sortie was attacking a target near Vinh Linh when it was hit in the engine bay by AAA. Capt Moruzzi coaxed the burning aircraft out to sea where he and his WSO ejected just a mile offshore. They were both picked up safely by a rescue helicopter.

Friday, July 05, 2002.max

TOBEY + JEFFERS

58-1165 F-105D

Lt. Wayne C. Spelius bailed out of his aircraft during a mission over the panhandle of N. Vietnam. His aircraft was hit by AA fire. During a road reconnaissance mission. He managed to nurse his aircraft out to sea before having to eject. Lt. Spelius ejected over the water and was rescued in about 3 minutes. He was picked up by a SA-16 Albatross flying boat. 17/7/66. Call sign-Pistol.

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3d ARRGp Hist, Jul-Sep 66

The A-1Es (call sign "Sandy") established voice contact with the survivor; he fired a pen gun flare and was spotted by the rescue force. A hoist recovery was accomplished with no difficulty and the helicopter returned to Udorn.

Det 1-3-45-14 July

(U) A Navy pilot of an F-8 with extensive battle damage ejected over the water about 90 miles north of Danang. An HH-43 helicopter scrambled from Danang made voice contact with the downed airman over his survival radio (RT-10) at approximately five miles. Communications during the rescue was excellent; the survivor was safely recovered in good condition.

Det 1-3-46-15 July

(U) Two Marine pilots of an F-4B ejected 15 miles west of Quang Tri. Two "Pedro" helicopters (HH-43) launched immediately from Quang Tri and proceeded to the bailout location. A forward air controller (FAC) in a light aircraft reported visual contact with both airmen. The survivors released a smoke grenade on the arrival of the helicopters and were hoisted aboard as the ground was completely obscured by elephant grass.

Det 1-3-47-17 July

(U) F-105 pilot ejected over water northeast of Dong Hoi. Crown Bravo (HU-16) on orbit in the area diverted toward the activated beeper signal. Radio contact (RT-10) was established with the airman as he was descending. The HU-16 landed, recovered the survivor and returned him to Danang.

Det 2-3-8-1 Feb (Reopened 20 Jul 66)

(C) An A-1E reported spotting a man on the ground waving a white flag with an SOS panel on the ground near the DMZ. HH-3Es at Quang Tri were sent to the area; the survivor (a Navy pilot) was recovered by hoist and flown to Danang. He was in poor condition, in a state of shock and incoherent. Subject had been in captivity for a prolonged period and had recently escaped.

Det 6-38-114-25 July

(U) An F-100 pilot with battle damage and low on fuel bailed out 12 miles SSE of Bien Hoa. A flight of F-100s were over the downed airman while a rescue HH-43 was enroute. When the rescue helicopter arrived, a parachute was spotted in an open field and the pilot was about 200 yards from it. Hostile forces were approximately 400 yards from the survivor and were firing at him. An approach and landing was made and the pilot jumped aboard with only minor scratches and bruises. Time from bailout to recovery was approximately ten minutes.

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SAT JULY 16

19 HIGH BIRD NKP

SGT DANIELS CAME THROUGH TODAY
TO SAY GOODBYE.

NAVY CHOPPERS PICKED 2 PILOTS

19 UP BY HAIG ~~PHONG~~ HU-16 PICKED
1 UP OUTSIDE OF QUANG TRI

2 OF OUR JOLLY GREENS LEFT
TODAY FOR 30 DAYS TDY TO DANANG

19 THEY'LL BE ON ALERT EVERY OTHER DAY
AT CASSON (QUANG TRI)

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JULY 17

19 LOW BIRD NKP.

HU-16 PICKED ONE VP OFF
THE COAST

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