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A small Vietnamese boy, Dong Tam, 11, suffered numerous head, chest, arm and leg injuries when a hand grenade exploded near him on 14 May 1968. The 12th USAF Security Police Squadron notified the Detachment 8, 38ARRSq alert crew commanded by Captain Eugene Boortz that the boy needed immediate evacuation to the 12th USAF Hospital. The alert crew scrambled at 1750 Local for the Military Assistance Command helipad in Ba Ngoi, Republic of Vietnam seven miles to the south. A landing was made and the unconscious boy was loaded aboard by the Flight Engineer, Sergeant Jon A. Knox and the Pararescuer Airman First Class Donald Behrends. An immediate evacuation was made to the 12th USAF Hospital where the patient was off-loaded to awaiting attendants. The action constituted one non-combat save. The co-pilot on the mission was Lieutenant Colonel Flavious F. Drake.⁷

On 17 May 1968 the 12th Tactical Flying Wing Command Post notified Detachment 8 at 1510 Local that a seriously injured soldier located one mile southwest of Phan Rang Air Base in the 101st Airborne area required immediate medical evacuation to the Cam Ranh Bay Air Base hospital. The alert crew commanded by Major Jerry D. Stroh was scrambled. A landing was made in a confined area 26 miles

6. Mission Number 8-38-13, 9 May 1968

7. Mission Number 8-38-14, 13 May 1968

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DECLASSIFIED COMMAND CORRESPONDENCE STAFF SUMMARY SHEET

ROUTING/COORDINATION				ORIGINATOR	PHONE NO.	DATE
TO	GRADE	SIGNATURE	DATE			
1	C	WILLIAM W. MOMYER, General	USAF	DOCC	4114	15 May 68
2	Commander		MAY 15 1968	NAME/ GRADE/ SIGNATURE OF ACTION OFFICER		
3				Richard T. Newton Jr., Lt Col, USAF		
4				Chief Analysis Branch		
5				NAME/ GRADE/ SIGNATURE OF DCS/ DIRECTOR		
6				William H. Stewart, Colonel, USAF		
7	16	been		Chief, Command and Control Division		
8	10	been				
9	8	been				

SUBJECT OR TITLE:

Aircraft Loss, 14 May 1968 (U)

SUMMARY (USE REVERSE SIDE IF NECESSARY)

1. (S) BACKGROUND:

a. Hayfire 01 and 02, two F-4E from Korat, were involved in a mid-air collision enroute to Korat at 1719H. The aircraft had departed Korat at 1505H to conduct a Combat Sky Spot mission in RVN. The TOT was 1615H. After post strike refueling, numerous thunderstorms were encountered. The flight was radar circumnavigating cell activity at 17,000 feet, in clouds, and encountering "choppy" turbulence when lead felt a severe jolt. Upon looking around, he noted Hayfire 02 to his left and about 50 feet below him in a dive. Hayfire 01 returned to his instruments and recovered from an inverted position at 12,000 feet. Hayfire 01 landed at Korat without further incident at 1746H. The Hayfire 02 aircraft crashed in a rice paddy approximately 90 NM ENE of Korat. There have been no reports of ground personnel injuries. The pilot of Hayfire 02 ejected, or was ejected, but was fatally injured. A Thai doctor arrived on the scene soon after he landed. Initial indications are that the pilot may have bled to death from multiple lacerations sustained during the collision or the ejection; however, the cause of death has not been determined. The aircraft impacted approximately one mile from where the pilot landed. The crash scene will be visited by a team from Korat in the morning.

b. Hayfire 01 sustained extensive damage to his left wing. Approximately 1400 manhours will be required to repair the aircraft.

2. (C) SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

a. 1720H - 7AF CC was advised that Hayfire 02 had ejected as a result of a mid-air collision.

b. 1721H - JSARC diverted Jolly Green 71, airborne at 1715H from Ubon and enroute to Udorn, to the reported crash site.

c. 1745H - Crown 02, HC-130P, reports a beeper contact in the area of the mid-air collision.

d. 1746H - Hayfire 01 landed safely at Korat.

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e. 1830H - Compress, the Udorn ARCC, reports that Crown 02 has the pilot of Hayfire 02 in sight, apparently in good condition.

f. 1835H - Jolly Green 71 has the pilot on board in good condition and is enroute to Korat.

g. 2045H - Advised by Korat FSO that the pilot of Hayfire 02 had been fatally injured. Reason for previous report that he had survived are not known.

3. (C) AIRCRAFT AND AIRCREW DATA:

a. Aircraft:

(1) Call Sign - Hayfire 02	Hayfire 01
(2) Type F105D	F105D
(3) Tail Number 61-0132	60-0428

b. Pilot - Hayfire 02:

- (1) Name - Major Seymour R. Bass, FR30833
- (2) Total Flying Time - 4430.6 hours
- (3) Total Fighter Time - 680.7 hours
- (4) Total F105 Time - 159.8 hours
- (5) Total Missions - 22
- (6) Total Counters - 19
- (7) Unit Position - Element Leader

c. Pilot - Hayfire 01:

- (1) Name - Captain William A. Thomas, Jr., FR70503
- (2) Total Flying Time - 1787.4 hours
- (3) Total Fighter Time - 284.0 hours
- (4) Total F105 Time - 284.0 hours
- (5) Total Missions - 61
- (6) Total Counters - 59
- (7) Total Time as Flight Leader - 34.4 hours
- (8) Unit Position - Flight Leader

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4. (A) F-10-1033)43 1535N (B TACTICAL (C) CLASIFIE
(D) TAIL NM 6100132, HAYFIRE 2 1 POB (E) USA F) 34TFS
KORAT RWFB THAILAND (G) MAJSEYMOUR R. BASS (H 1 POB
5. QE TACC 14/0920Z (/ S/E 7. SCRAMBLD JG 71 0920Z
FROM UBON RTAFB 8. 71 AIRBORNE 0920Z 9. 1535N 10335.
10. (A) NOHA FACTOR 11. OL2,3ARRGP CAPT WILLIAM. CALDWELL
TSGT WILPAM H. RIVENBARK JR 1 NONE 13. CR 2 14PEPZ
14. 40ARRXHH43/PJ DEPLOYEDQTM (A) 1/1/1/1/PX 16. TAKEN
TO KGAT RTAFB 17. 1/2P2/HM53/40ARRS, 1/P00/HCI0P/39ARRF
18. S/E 19. (C) RCC MAJ ALLISON, K.V. CP CAPT HUMPHRYS, W.R.
FE SSGTXOLES, G.R. PJ SGHPALMER, LE PJ SGT JOMSON, D.C.
ALLUASSIGNED TO 40TH ARRS 19. (B) MAJ SEXOUR, R. BASS
34TFS 20. (H 1 NON COMBAT SAVE. NO AIR REFUELING ACCOMPLISHE
INFORM BY 7/1E TACC THAT HAYFIRE 2XAILED OUT AT POSITION
R065/86/125. JG 71DISPATCHED FROM UBON GAFB AND CROWN 2
DUPATCHED FROM ORBP TO REPORTED POSITION DOWNED PILOT
PICKEDUP AND TAKEN BY JG 71TO KORAT IN GOOD CONDITVN.

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