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Date: 17 Jan 1969

21 Jan 1969

Mission Number: 2-3-005

Flight Designation: Crown 1

Distressed Aircraft: Sandy 02

Location: 276/86/69

Saves: One (1) Combat

1. Crown took off at 2200Z on 17 Jan 69 to work the SAR effort on Sandy 02 who had bailed out on the previous day. His position was 270/86/69. Upon arrival on-scene, it was learned that Sandy 9/10 had already spoken to Sandy 02 and found out that he was in good shape. He reported much activity in the area. No immediate action could be taken due to fog obscuring the area. Crown 1 supplied fastmovers for Crown 4 who was working a mission on Stormy 02 who had gone down in the same area. At 0147Z, Sandys 9 and 10 started working with fast movers. Little hostile fire was detected. JG 17 and 37 were holding 5 miles south with Sandys 11 and 12. More slow movers were brought into the area. At 0232Z, while on a CBU pass, Sandy 10 crashed with no chute or beeper. Shortly thereafter, Sandy 9 RTB and Spad 09 took over. Spad 09 put numerous strikes into the area and felt that the area was sufficiently softened up so that the JG's could come in. Spad 09 briefed Sandy 7 who took over OSC and then went to expend. Sandy 7 felt that more ordnance was required so the FAC's put them in as fast as we could supply them. After trolling the area, the JG's were brought in at 0527Z. The downed pilot directed them in and was picked up at 0538Z. As they pulled out, JG 67 was hit and reported that he had lost his first stage hydraulics. He wanted to land in the first open area, but Sandy 7 urged him to fly it out. He proceeded another mile and then set it down in a large open area. The chopper was completely destroyed. One crew member was injured. (See Mission Number 2-3-006)

2. The following fighter bombers were used:

a. Misty 11/31	g. Shark	m. Pistol
b. Tom Cat	h. Scotch	n. Solker
c. Zebra	i. Locust	o. Killer
d. Poncho	j. Red Dog	p. Shako
e. Wildcat	k. Dacron	q. Gator
f. Gunfighter	l. Jester	r. Marlin

3. The following SAR forces were utilized:

a. Sandys 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16.
b. Spads 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.