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39th ARRSq History, Apr - Jun 69

Date: 8 May 1969

Mission Number: 1-3-049-8 May 69

Flight Designation: Crown 4

Distressed Aircraft: Boxer 31 (F-4)

Location: 115/36/72

Saves: None

1. Crown 4 heard the Mayday call of Boxer 31 at 0155Z. Boxer 30 relayed that Boxer 31 had ejected at 115/40/72. Two chutes were observed (one good chute and the other one was apparently a streamer). Both chutes landed within 200-300 meters of each other. Radio contact was established with the survivor by Misty 41. No contact was made with the other crewmember. Identity of the survivor was not established as Alpha or Bravo. Misty 41 stated that there were hostile forces back from the road in the area of the survivor. Misty 41 assumed OSC at 0205Z. The SAR forces were launched by Queen. Spads 11/12 were launched from Channel 77, Spads 3/4 from Channel 107, JGs 07/27 from Channel 103 and fastmovers were requested. The survivor's confirmed position was 115/36/72. Crown 4 arrived overhead on orbit at 0220Z.
2. Misty 41 stated that weather was marginal and altitude 3500 with temperature at 26°C. Spad 01 assumed OSC working with Mistys 31/41 who were cycling off tanker. Spad 01 trolled the area and picked up a small arms hit south of the survivor. All aircraft were advised that there was 37mm SNM west of the survivor. All SAR forces were being held to the north. Litter 41 flight was directed on target to sterilize the area. Elevation and temperature at the survivor's position were marginal for operation of the HH-3, JGs 70-71 (HH-53s) were scrambled from Channel 70 and Sandys 01/02 were scrambled from Channel 89 at 0303Z. The area was trolled by Spads 01/02 with negative ground fire. At 0304Z, it was deemed safe for JGs 07/27 to move into the area unescorted for the pick up. At 0327Z, JG 27 jettisoned his external tanks and moved in for the pick up. The survivor was advised by Spad 11 to display smoke at this time. JG 27

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