

Crew member listing continued for mission # 7-38-003:

TSgt	Gordon L. Ball	FE
TSgt	Donald G. Smith	PJ
SSgt	Reginald Ramseur	FF
SSgt	Cecil H. James	FF

4. Mission # 7-38-007, 16 March 1970. At 1130L, DaNang tower scrambled Pedro 91 for a USN EC-121 that had crashed into an F-4 revetment at the southeast corner of the field. The flight engineer, both firemen, and the pararescueman were deployed at the scene and Pedro landed on the baseball field adjacent to the crash site. The firemen assisted the base fire department in trying to control the fuel and ordnance fed fire. The flight engineer and pararescueman assisted in medevacing five survivors, in three flights, to the 366th Air Force Dispensary. Later, these five, plus three more survivors were medevaced from the 22d Casualty Staging Flight helipad to NSA hospital. The crew of Pedro 91 was:

Capt	James A. Tassie	AC
Capt	Roger E. Hill	CP
SSgt	Joseph L. Coburn	FE
SSgt	Reginald Ramseur	FF
Sgt	Carroll H. Bledsoe	FF
SSgt	Jules C. Smith	PJ

In addition, TSgt Gordon L. Ball, a flight engineer assigned to Detachment 7, who was off duty at the time, was instrumental in organizing the rescue effort on the ground. He directed Pedro

0947Z JG 36 & JG 35 on deck CH 77.

1120Z CAPT Blackwood off duty -

1120Z Sgt Marino on duty -

1143Z DAAR TO JRCC (Self Cling)

1150Z Sgt Marino off duty

15 MAR 70

1830Z - MAJ RADER ON DUTY - PLOTTED POSITION OF MAIL 53.
JG 36+35 WILL LAUNCH ¹⁶/0445Z - JG 07+27 LAUNCH ¹⁶/0515Z

¹⁵/1925Z - QUEEN WORKING HOTEL ALFA AND 142.75

1950Z - Maj Barnes on 16 MAR 70

2045Z JG 35 + 36 Airborne

2129Z JG 07 Airborne

2130Z JG 27 Airborne

¹⁶/0139Z JG 15 Airborne ← H₁ 1000m

0141Z JG 09 " "

0130Z Airplanes juggling passed to Queen

0216Z Queen notified to have tanker ready

0218Z JG-36 reports no sweat fuel. Pick up on deck

0232Z JG-36 + 35 RTB Channel 89

0240Z JG-15 & 09 RTB CH 77 ETB 0305Z

BOTH AIRCRAFT (A-1)

0245Z - ^{from} Queen ~~RT~~ RI YT

ZBKX KXFW

0306Z JG 15 + 09 on the deck

0330Z JG 07 + 27 on the deck

0345Z CAPT GARCIA ON DUTY, BRIEFED + RELIEVED
BY MAJ BARNES

0330Z (1130L) EC-121 LOSES ENG, GOES IN SOUTH
EAST PART OF FIELD, PJ'S DUFFY

WIETTEL

Hosted by PJs in Vietnam

Last Update: Monday, February 23, 2004

Site Mission: Provide Pararescue and Air Rescue History

Airman's or Soldier's Medal Recipients



Attention to orders. Citation to accompany the award of the Airman's Medal to Staff Sergeant Jules C. Smith

Staff Sergeant Jules C. Smith distinguished himself by heroism involving voluntary risk of life at DaNang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam on 16 March 1970. On that date, Sergeant Smith was serving as Pararescue specialist on the crew of an HH-43F Rescue Helicopter, which responded to the site of a EC-121 crash. With complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Smith, despite exploding ordnance and burning fuel and oil, unhesitatingly worked on the ground, administering immediate first aid to the survivors. Through his efforts, Sergeant Smith was instrumental in the saving of eight survivors' lives. The exemplary courage and heroism displayed by Sergeant Smith reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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