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(U) Several days later, a successful rescue was effected for Firefly 32, an A-1E. The pilot had been striking trucks but when he pulled off the target in a climbing turn, the aircraft abruptly started to roll, which the pilot was able to catch, and then it went inverted. Whether it was from a hit or mechanical failure the pilot couldn't tell.^{75/}

(U) The general area was near D-79 at the convergence of the two roads. KING 7 was on-scene and NAIL 17 who had arrived about ten minutes earlier, had already established voice contact with the survivor who reported he was all right.^{76/}

(U) Upon arriving on the scene and locating the survivor, the Sandys began trolling for guns. The guns came up quickly and Sandy 03 pinpointed the guns for NAIL 17 and cleared him to use the incoming fast mover flights on them. While the guns were being suppressed, the Sandys reced the area and located the best ingress/egress route. It took about two hours to kill or silence the gun positions and about 8-10 flights of fast movers were used in the process.^{77/}

(U) Following the suppression of the guns, the Jolly Green was vectored in for the successful pickup.^{78/}

(S) Another successful SAR was conducted on the morning of 15 March for Garfish 501, a Navy A-4. The survivor had to remain overnight and a first light rescue was effected the following day. The SAR was unopposed with the survivor being picked up in a minimum of time.^{79/}

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1	(U)	56th Combat Support Group CBPO became servicing CBPO for 1987th Communications Squadron.
3	(S)	CH-3 lost to ground fire on exfiltration mission - crew recovered.
6-7	(S)	Search and Rescue effort for Milestone 516 was successful.
11	(S)	Lt. Col. William L. Kieffer Jr, 1st Special Operations Squadron, declared KIA.
16	(C)	Detachment 9, 38th Air Rescue Squadron (PEDRO) arrived from Pleiku.
18	(U)	Search and Rescue for Banyan 03B was successful.
18	(U)	New officer modular barracks opened for occupancy.
21	(C)	Xieng Khoung field captured by enemy forces.
28	(U)	Civic Action Center inactivated.
-	(C)	Night restrictions placed on A-1 and C-123 aircraft for operations in Tin Gia and Ben Mari.
Mar 1	(S)	Search and Rescue effort for Charger 411 was successful.
5	(U)	Search and Rescue effort for Firefly 32 was successful.
10	(S)	Search and Rescue effort for Firefly 23.4/3 was successful.
14	(S)	Maj. Donald B. Fincher, 602nd Special Operations Squadron, declared MIA.
15	(S)	Search and Rescue effort for Garfish 501 was successful.
16	(S)	Search and Rescue effort for Mail 53 was successful.
20-21	(U)	Search and Rescue effort for Wolf 06 Alpha was successful - effort for Wolf 06 Bravo was unsuccessful.

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RUSVBAA/7AF/DO/DO/DP/DI/BDPMP/TACC/CC/TSN AB RVN
RUKLAAA/TAC/DOSLR
RUWTFJA/USAFMPC/AFPMSC
RUHHHQA/CINCPAC/CC HAWAII
RUEOGDA/ARDC/ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND
RUEKC/AFOEC FT RITCHIE MARYLAND
RHMSMVA/MACV SIGON RVN
RUHHBBA/CINCPACAF/CC/
RUMJLHA/39ARRS/TUY HOA AB RVN
ZEN/7/13AF/TACC/UDORN RTAFB THAI
ZEN/40ARRS/UDORN RTAFB THAI
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RUMOREA/56SOW NKP RTAFB THAI
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JOPREP JIFFY OL-2, 3ARRGP RESCUE 022 041800Z MAR 1970
1. RESCUE OPENING/CLOSING REPORT 4 MAR 70.
2. 2-3-016-4 MAR 70
3. FIREFLY 32 A. TACTICAL B. CLASSIFIED C. CAMOUFLAGED/33914/AIE
D. USA E. USAF/56SOW F. CAPT DAVID E. FRIESTAD G. 1 POB H. USAF
STANDARD 4. NAIL 31, 04/1800Z, JACK THRU INVERT RADAR 5. SE
6. 6/HH-53/40ARRS; 4/A1H/56SOW; 2/HC130T/39ARRS AT 04/1910Z.
7. JG77/82 LAUNCHED AT 04/2228Z; SANDIES 3/4 LAUNCHED AT 04/0220Z;
SANDIES 5/6 LAUNCHED AT 04/2335Z; KING 7 LAUNCHED AT 04/1958Z; KING
3 LAUNCHED AT 04/2125Z. 8. 1654N 10556E 9. A. NOT A FACOTOR B. 5000
BROKEN, GOOD VISIBILITY C. 1 TO 2 MILES WITH HAZE 10. OL-2, 3ARRGP:
LT COL DELBERT L. STEPHENS, MAJOR RICHARD O. JULIAN, MAJOR WILSON H.
SPANGLER, CAPT RICHARD D. SMITH, MSGT PAUL T. FOXWORTH. 11. 7ABCCC,
INVERT CONTROL 12. SANDY 03/04/2304Z/1654N 10556E 13. 40ARRS/HH53C/
FOREST PENETRATOR/05/0254Z 14. 1/1/1/1/0/0 15. TAKEN TO NAKHON
PHANOM RTAFB THAILAND 16. 12/22-9/40ARRS/HH53; 22/56.7/56SOW/AIE;

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2/15.6/39ARRS/HC130P 17. A. 0/0/0/0/NOT AVAILABLE/0/0/1
B. 0/0/0/0/NOT AVAILABLE/0/0/0 18. A. CREW MAKING SAVE: AC
ALMANZAR, DONALD H., CAPT., CP EASTMAN, WILLIAM D., MAJ., FE
HARTMAN, JACK L., SSGT, RS COLBERT, CHARLES L., SGT, RS
CAFERTY, TERRY E. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO 40 ARRS.

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B. PERSONNEL SAVED: CAPT DAVE [REDACTED] 835-S, 602SOS, USAF.
19. A. 10NM OF 1654N 10556E B. SURVIVOR LOCATED C. SE D. SE
H. ARRS CREDITED WITH ONE USAF COMBAT CREW MEMBER SAVE. RS WAS
NOT DEPLOYED. 2 IAR REFUELINGS ACCOMPLISHED. A FEW MINUTES PRIOR
TO 04/1800Z, NAIL 31, A FAC WORKING FIREFLY 32 AND 33, REPORTED
FIREFLY 32 WAS DOWNED BY HOSTILE FIRE. FIREFLY 33 AND NAIL 37
CIRCLED THE AREA AND HEARD A BEEPER AT 04/1800Z. POSITION WAS
REPORTED 110/80/CH89 (XD 0068). AT 04/1810Z THE SURVIVOR BEGAN
ANSWERING FIREFLY 33 WITH HIS BEEPER, APPARENTLY AFRAID TO SPEAK
BECAUSE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. FIRST LIGHT WAS DETERMINED TO BE
2250Z. JOLLY GREEN CREWS FOR 70, 80, 84 AND 83 WERE ALERTED AT 04/
1910Z FOR A LAUNCH ASAP FOR CH 89. THE CREWS FOR JG 82/77 AND
SANDY CREWS WERE ALERTED FOR A MISSION BRIEFING AT 04/1920Z.
KING 7 LAUNCHED FROM CH 83 AT 04/1958Z WITH AN ETA FOR THE SAR AREA
OF 04/2150Z. AT 04/1925Z FIREFLY 33 AND NAIL 37 HAD TO RTB AND

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CANDLESTICK 46, A C123, TOOK OVER ON SCENE. AT 04/2110Z CANDLE-
STICK 53 ASSUMED ON SCENE COMMANDER. JG 70/80 TOOK OFF FOR
CH89 AT 04/2045Z AND JG 84/83 AT 04/2100Z. KING 3 LAUNCHED FROM
CH 83 AT 04/2125Z TO ACT AS TANKER. NAIL 17 ARRIVED IN SAR AREA AT
PRXWQWTZ AND ASSUMED ON SCENE COMMANDER. AT 04/2245Z HE MADE
VOICE CONTACT WITH THE SURVIVOR. SY 3/4 WERE AIRBORNE AT 04/2220Z,
ARRIVED ON SCENE AT 04/2250Z. SY 3 WAS BRIEFED BY NAIL 17 AND
ASSUMED ON SCENE COMMANDER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MISSION. AT 04/
2304Z SANDY 3 LOCATED THE SURVIVOR. NAIL 17 BEGAN DIRECTING STRIKES
OF FAST MOVERS AS SOON AS THE SIGHTING WAS MADE. JG 82/77 DEPARTED
CH 89 AT 04/2228Z AND WERE IN THEIR HOLDING ORBIT POSITION AT
04/2315Z. THE NEXT FLIGHT OF SANDIES WAS DELAYED BY MECHANICAL
PROBLEMS AND SY 5/6 LAUNCHED AT 04/2335Z. SANDY 7/8 AT 05/0102Z.
OTHER A1ES WITH SMOKE AND KELLY, TOGETHER WITH JG 84/83 WERE HELD
AT CH89 UNTIL THE AREA WAS SOFTENED BY FAST MOVERS. BETWEEN 05/0124Z
AND 05/0142Z JG 84/83, SMOKE 20-23, AND KELLY 40-43 LAUNCHED
FROM CH 89. BY 05/0200Z FOUR MORE SMOKE AND FOUR MORE KELLY ACFT
HAD LAUNCHED. AT 05/0247Z SANDY 3 HAD JG 82/77 START INTO THE AREA
WITH SANDY 5/6. JG 82/77 FOLLOWED THE A1'S LAYING ORDNANCE INTO
THE SURVIVOR AT 05/0248Z. THE SURVIVOR WAS TEMPORARILY OBSCURED BY

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SMOKE BUT JG 77 WAS ABLE TO LOCATE HIM AND MADE THE PICKUP USING A
JUNGLE PENETRATOR IN AN AREA OF 30 FOOT TREES AT 05/0253Z. THE
SURVIVOR WAS TAKEN TO NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB, THAILAND (CH89). HIS
CONDITION IS EXCELLENT WITH ONLY MINOR CUTS. SEVERAL AIRCRAFT TOOK
HITS BUT ALL RETURNED SAFELY. THE MISSION WAS CLOSED AT 05/0500Z
WHEN KING 7 LANDED AT CH 83. GP-4

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Crew of Buff on pick up on 5 March 70. From
left: MSgt R.D. Ohman (PJ), Capt D.H. Almanzar
(AC), SSgt J.L. Hartman (FE), Major W.D. Eastman
(CP), Sgt C.L. Colbert (PJ), SSgt W.A. Glass (FE).

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hostility. The Buff making the rescue observed ground fire but no hits were taken and the rescue was successful. 25

A "back yard" pick up was made on 16 March when an F-105 pilot bailed out of his battle damaged aircraft just nine miles south of Udorn. One of the alert Buffs was called upon to back up the local Pedro (HH-43). The Pedro's UHF-17 was inoperative so the Buff was directed to make the pick up. The survivor was entangled in tree vines so the PJ was lowered on the penetrator to assist. The PJ freed the survivor and the rescue was completed. 26 27

The last two rescues of the quarter were the result of one SAR effort that began with a first light effort on 20 March. This effort lasted two days and involved extensive SAR forces including eight Buffs, Sandy's, "fast movers" and King aircraft. The survivor's position was 083/65/89, an extremely well defended and hostile area. On the first day of the effort an A-1 suffered battle damage and bailed out in a fairly permissive area (071/51/89) away from the center of the SAR activity. Two back up Buffs who were in a holding area proceeded to the scene and made the rescue unopposed. 28 29 30 31 32

The original SAR objective was an F-4 pilot who was reported to have extensive injuries including back and leg injuries. Two attempts at pick up were made on the 20th but were unsuccessful due to heavy ground fire and resulting battle damage to two Buffs. Another attempt was made the morning of the 21st and again was unsuccessful. The fourth attempt was begun shortly after noon on the

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The mission of 18 February was the first successful opposed rescue of the quarter. It was unique in that the actual pick up was made after darkness had set in. The survivor was down at 072/68/108.¹⁹ A total of five Buffs were involved in the effort and the elapsed time from initial scramble to pick up was over eight hours.²⁰

A non-combat save was made on 21 February four miles south of Udorn. The two man crew of an F-105 was forced to abandon their aircraft and a Buff departing on a local flight was called upon to back up the local Pedro. Pedro picked up the frontseater and Buff picked up the backseater. The bailout was not the result of battle damage and the pick up could not be credited as a combat save.

The month of March proved to be a very active time for the SAR forces. A total of five rescues were made, several of which were opposed, one heavily.

On 1 March a Marine A-7 pilot bailed out at 087/89/99,²¹ an area of known heavy hostile activity. Two Buffs were launched from Nakhon Phanom on a first light effort. Sandy²² aircraft did an excellent job of sanitizing the area and briefing the Buff pilots on the survivor's position, ingress and egress routes. The Buff encountered ground fire throughout ingress, hover and egress but no hits were taken and the rescue was accomplished. The survivor was in excellent condition and needed no assistance.²³

Another first light effort began on the morning of 5 March. The pilot of an C-1 was down at 11C/80/89,²⁴ another area of known