

DATE: 15 APR 70

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MISSION NUMBER: 1-3-028-15 APR 70

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING 6

LOCATION: 320/14/94

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: BIKINI 28 (Army UH-1), JOLLY GREEN 27

(S) SAVES: 3 Combat, 1 KIA (JG 27), Unknown Number MIA (Bikini 18 & ARVN unit)

1. (S) King 6 departed Tuy Hoa at 0930Z and proceeded to orbit. We were informed by King 4 that an Army helicopter had been shot down at 320/14/94 and the Army was working the mission and did not request Air Force assistance. We initially established orbit at 360/18/87 as we had a voice contact on guard who was requesting help. Vectored a FAC - Elliot 13 into the area.

2. (C) At 0527Z Joker advised King 6 that Jolly Green 27 & 21 and Spads 3, 4, 11, & 12 were launched in support of the Army mission and we proceeded to Channel 94, informing Elliot 13 of the frequencies he could contact us on if Rescue assistance was required.

(note: **05:27:36 Wednesday April 15, 1970** in GMT converts to **13:27:36 Wednesday April 15, 1970** in Asia/Vientiane)

3. (C) At 0545Z established contact with Elliot 16, who was working as Mission Control for cycling fighters into the area and Tum 25 who was On-Scene Commander and who was in the process of putting strikes into the area. The mission initially was very confused as we were informed that Bikini 28 (UH-1) had been shot down, with 4 POB. The Army had lost 2 other helicopters in an attempt to insert a bright light (ARVN ground team) to extract the survivors. Reports varied as to the number of ARVN and Americans in the area and finally determined there were 2 or 3 Americans and an unknown number of ARVN at the crash sight, and the ground fire was being taken from 360° through out the area.

4. (S) King 6 requested the use of 2 more helicopters and one more flight of A-1's, also smoke. At 0610 Spad 03 & 04 arrived in the area and Spad 03 was appointed On-Scene Commander. Jolly Green 27 & 21 and Spad 11 & 12 arrived on scene and Spad 03 decided to make a pickup attempt. At 0650 jolly Green 27 was led into the area with Spads laying down a smoke screen and Huey gunships providing additional fire suppression. At 0700Z Jolly Green 27 reported receiving ground fire and pulling out, at 0703, Jolly Green 27 reported no damage and was returning to area 0707 Jolly Green 27 reported ground fire, severe damage to hydraulics and smoke in cockpit, copilot was hit and he was pulling out of area, but aircraft was too damaged to sustain further flight and went down at 0710Z. Jolly Green 21 entered area and with cover of Spads and

Gunships extracted survivors of Jolly Green 27. Spad 03 & 04 escorted Jolly Green 21 to Channel 107, which was closest hospital. Jolly Green 21 reported 3 survivors, copilot suffering from cuts and abrasions, flight engineer and PJ with possible internal injuries and severe burns, pilot KIA and left with aircraft.

5. (C) Spad 11 was appointed OSC and fast moving recourses were cycled into area for next two hours using Turn 15, Mike 83 & 87 as FAC's, with Elliot 15 & 16 obtaining recourses. King 6 requested CBU 30 & 52 if available, and additional fast movers with soft ordinance and high drag bombs. During this time period Sandy 1, 2, 3 & 4, Hobo 34 & 35, King 7, and Jolly Green 22 & 07 arrived in area with Jolly Green 47 & 33 inbound.

6. (C) Sandy 1 was appointed 011,-Scene Commander at 0840 and Spad 11 & 12 RTB. Sandy requested a radio drop be made to survivors of Bikini 28 in an attempt to establish radio contact. After determining that the Army, had no dropable radios, King 7 was directed to drop 2 radios to a waiting helicopter at Channel 94. The drop was successful and the helicopter (Bishop 13) escorted by the A-1's dropped the radio to the survivors position at 0954. King 7 then proceeded to Channel 72 to refuel Jolly Green 47 & 33 so they would have sufficient fuel for a pick up attempt. Jolly Green 22 and 07 were directed to refuel at Channel 94 as a pick up attempt was not contemplated at this time.

7. (C) At 1000Z Spad 01 & 02 arrived and Spad 01 was appointed On-Scene Commander with Sandys RTB'd due to fuel. A further pickup attempt was called off due to deteriorating weather, and impending darkness. All forces were released at 1050Z, King 6 confirmed with the Army that an attempt to extract pilot of Jolly Green 27 and crew of Bikini 28 and ARVN would be attempted at first light. All forces were accounted for at 1200Z and King 6 terminated mission.

8. (U) Air Refueling: King 7 - Jolly Green 47

9. (C) Resources:

FAC's	SANDY's	JOLLY GREEN's	SPAD's
Turn 15, 25	1 thru 6	27 & 21	01 & 02
Elliot 15, 16		22 & 07	03 & 04
Mike 87, 83		42 & 33	11 & 12

HELICOPTERS: Pamper Gunships: 13 & 14, 15 & 16
Gladiator 10, 21, 25
Bishop 13 plus 2

Fast moving resources were handled efficiently by Army in country FAC's and King did not have job of controlling them.

10. (U) King 6 Crewmembers:

AC/AMC	CPT ADELMAN
CP	1LT FREILEY
N	CPT FRANCIS
RO	AIC SOUDER
FE	TST EMBREY
FE	SSG REAVES
LM	SSG CREPEAU

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