

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
40TH AEROSPACE RESCUE & RECOVERY SQUADRON (MAC)  
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96237



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

400 (Capt Furst/2687)

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2 May 1970

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Reported (by 3-030-21 Apr 70) (U)

SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION  
SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652

TO: 3 ARRGp (JRCC)  
APO 96307

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YEAR INTERVALS.

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IAW EX. ORDER 11-52

1. (S) JG 77L and 68H departed Ch 89 at 0350Z and flew SW to be backup for JG 21 and 22 (37 ARRSq). We were picked up between Ch 89 and Ch 72 by Sandy 3 and 4 and escorted to the SAR effort on Hostage Man and Cowpoke 18. JG 77 and 68 became primary recovery aircraft because JG 22 developed high transmission oil temp and RTB'd to Ch 77. JG 77 and 68 escorted by Sandy 3 and 4 proceeded to the forward orbit point 100/58/72. At 0700Z JG 77 and 68 left the orbit to air refuel with King and then returned to the SAR orbit. Sandy 1 bailed out at 0750Z due to battle damage and was about 1/2 mile from Hostage Man and Cowpoke 18. JG 77 made an attempt to get Sandy 1 out escorted by Sandy 3. During the attempt, JG 77 received battle damage and a PJ was injured by ground fire. JG 77 pulled out and returned to Ch 77. While JG 77 was leaving the objective, Sandy 3 received battle damage and climbed south to bail out. The high bird, JG 68 followed him out and saw Maj Clarence E. Whinery, 443-24-4531FR, bail out with a good chute. At 0825Z, 21 Apr 70, JG 68 picked up the Sandy 3. The survivor appeared to have no serious injuries and a few small scratches from being lifted through the trees. JG 68 then departed the area escorted by Sandy 4 to Ch 77 and landed at Ch 77 at 0900Z/21 Apr 70. The next day I again took off in support of the same mission in JG 82 as high bird for JG 83. We took off Ch 77 at 0230Z/22 Apr and flew the YC 6708 area to attempt the recovery of Cowpoke 18. At 0455Z/22 Apr JG 83 and 82 air refueled from King 4 and returned to the SAR area. At 0625Z JG 83 began his attempt to pickup Hostage Man and Cowpoke 18 escorted by Spad 1, 2, 11 and 12. JG 83 recovered Cowpoke 18 and could not find Hostage Man. During the departure Spad 1 received a hit and was climbing SW for a more favorable bailout area. JG 82 followed him out of the area and followed his descent after bailout. At 0650Z/22 Apr JG 82 picked up the pilot, Capt David F. Friestad, 384-40-7137FV. The survivor was on the ground for approximately 3 minutes. JG 83, 82 and Spad 2, then departed the area for Ch 77. We landed at Ch 77 at 0730/22 Apr, mission complete.

2. (U) The crewmembers were:

AC: Capt Furst  
CP: Maj Scoggins  
FE: MSgt Tasker  
PJ: Sgt Horka  
PJ: Sgt Morrow

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*William A. Furst*  
WILLIAM A. FURST, Captain, USAF  
Aircraft Commander

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intervals, declassified  
after 12 years



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SUSPECTED DUPLICATE

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18. A. JOLLY GREEN 82      A. JOLLY GREEN 83  
AC FURST, W. A. CAPT      AC HEGEWALD, R. F. LT COL  
CP SCOGGINS, J. B. MAJ      CP SATTLER, D. H. CAPT  
FE TASKER, M. F. TSG      FE CORCORAN, J. E. SGT  
PJ HORKA, D. L. SSG      PJ WERBER, W. A. SGT  
PJ MORROW, C. D. SSG      PJ PANBORN, R. C. TSG  
40 ARRS      40 ARRS  
B. CAPT. FRIESTAD, D. E.      B. HATCH, CHARLES E. CAPT  
OL-AA, SOW      VMO 2, MAG-11

19. A. NO SEARCH B. LOCATION OF ALL SURVIVORS WAS KNOWN.  
C. S/E D. KING 4/6 AND COVEY FAC. E. THIS MISSION WILL  
BE SUSPENDED TOMORROW UNLESS CONTACT AGAIN ESTABLISHED WITH  
HOSTAGE NAN. H. 2 COMBAT AIRCREW MEMBER SAVES (1 USMC, 1 USAF)/  
6 AIR REFUELINGS/SPAD 01 DOWNED BY HOSTILE FIRE/NEG PJ DEPLOYMENT.  
A FIRST LIGHT RESCUE FORCE FOR HOSTAGE NAN AND COWPOKE 18 WAS

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AIRBORNE AS PLANNED. WEATHER CONDITIONS BELOW THAT WHICH HAD BEEN FORECAST PRECLUDED EMPLOYING THE FORCE IMMEDIATELY. COVEY 286 ESTABLISHED RADIO CONTACT WITH BOTH SURVIVORS AT 2322Z. AT 0009Z THE SURVIVORS REPORTED NUMEROUS ENEMY PATROLS SEARCHING FOR THEM AND REQUESTED PICK-UP. THE WEATHER AND ENEMY FORCES PREVENTED IMMEDIATE RECOVERY. THERE WAS NO CONTACT WITH HOSTAGE NAN AFTER 0030Z. AFTER RECOVERY, COWPOKE 18 STATED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 0020Z TO 0030Z, HE HEARD SEVERAL SHOTS FROM A PISTOL AND NUMEROUS BURSTS FROM AN AK-47 NEAR THE LOCATION WHERE HOSTAGE NAN HAD BEEN HIDING. THROUGHOUT TODAY'S EFFORT SPADS, LOADED WITH SAR ORDNANCE CYCLED FROM DANANG AB. A-1'S LOADED WITH SMOKE AND CBU-19 CYCLED FROM NAKHOM PHANOM AB. BY 0215Z THE WEATHER HAD IMPROVED SUFFICIENTLY TO ALLOW EXPENDING THE SLOW MOVERS. A SHORT TIME LATER THE WEATHER HAD IMPROVED SUFFICIENTLY FOR FAC'S TO DIRECT FAST MOVERS STRIKES. FAC'S WERE ON SCENE THROUGHOUT THE DAY DIRECTING STRIKES BY AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF FAST MOVERS WHICH WERE FRAGGED BY I-DASC. USE OF SMOKE AND CBU-19 PRECEDED AN ATTEMPTED RECOVERY OF COWPOKE 18 AT 0347. HEAVY GROUND FIRE WAS REASON FOR ABORTING THE PICK-UP. EMPLOYMENT OF MANY

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MORE FAST MOVERS, A-1'S, SMOKE AND CBU-19 PRECEDED THE RECOVERY OF COWPOKE 18 WHICH OCCURED AT 0648Z. DURING THE ENTRY TO THE SURVIVORS POSITION SPAD 01 AND 02 WERE BOTH HIT. SPAD 01/02 IMMEDIATELY DEPARTED THE AREA ACCOMPANIED BY JOLLY GREEN 82 FLYING THE HIGH POSITION. APPARENTLY ALL ENEMY ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED UPON THE DAMAGED SPADS AND JOLLY GREEN 82. POSSIBLY THIS OCCURED BECAUSE OF THE SMOKE WHICH MAY HAVE OBSCURED JOLLY GREEN 83, FLYING THE LOW POSITION. JOLLY GREEN 83 WAS ABLE TO REMAIN LONG ENOUGH TO RECOVER COWPOKE 18. SPAD 01 EJECTED APPROXIMATELY 12 MILES SOUTHEAST OF COWPOKE 18 POSITION. HE WAS PICKED UP WITHIN FIVE MINUTES BY JOLLY GREEN

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WHILE SPAD 02 PROVIDED COVER. AFTER RECOVERY COWPOKE 18  
ELATED THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE LACK OF CONTACT WITH  
HOSTAGE NAN. ALL FORCES WERE RTB'D AT 0705Z WITH THE EXCEPTION  
OF KING 6 AND A FAC WHO MAINTAINED A LISTENING WATCH FOR  
HOSTAGE NAN. KING 6 RTB'D AT 1110Z. A COVEY FAC WILL REMAIN  
ON SCENE MAINTAINING A LISTENING WATCH FOR HOSTAGE NAN. THIS  
EFFORT WILL BE CONTINUED TOMORR BY MAINTAINING AN ELECTRONIC  
LISTENING WATCH.

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SUSPECTED DUPLICATE

21 April 1970

COW POKE 18

OV-10A 155423 VMO-2, MAG-11, USMC, Da Nang  
Maj Eugene Lacy Wheeler (KIA)  
Capt Charles E Hatch (survived)

In addition to its role as an FAC and close air support aircraft, the Bronco carried cameras that gave it a photographic reconnaissance capability. Maj Wheeler and Capt Hatch were taking photographs of a road near the border between South Vietnam and Laos about 12 miles west of Kham Duc when they were shot down. Flying at about 1,000 feet the aircraft was hit in the rear fuselage by either 37mm or 57mm AAA and caught fire. The crew ejected and Capt Hatch was recovered the next morning by helicopter but although Maj Wheeler was in voice contact with the rescue forces he was not recovered. It was assumed he had been killed by an enemy patrol that he reported was closing in on his position. Maj Wheeler had only started his tour of duty with VMO-2 the day before he was shot down.

SANDY 1

A-1H 52-135336 22 SOS, 56 SOW, USAF, Nakhon Phanom  
Capt J M Dyer (survived)

SANDY 3

A-1J 52-142070 602 SOS, 56 SOW, USAF, Nakhon Phanom  
Maj C E Whinery (survived)

About four hours after Maj Wheeler's OV-10 was shot down west of Kham Duc two USAF Skyraiders flying RESCAP during the search for the aircrew were also shot down. Capt Dyer was making his second pass over an enemy position just west of where the Bronco went down when the aircraft was hit by 23mm AAA. Capt Dyer ejected from his burning aircraft and landed safely to await rescue. Half an hour later another of the escorting Skyraiders was lost at almost exactly the same location. Maj Whinery was making his fourth pass from just 300 feet on a target close to where Capt Dyer had landed when his Spad was hit by 14.5mm ground fire. Maj Whinery ejected and landed safely close to Capt Dyer. They were both rescued by one of the SAR helicopters of the 40th ARRS, making the Squadron's 99th and 100th combat rescues.

SPAD 2

22 APR 70

A-1J 52-142015 602 SOS, 56 SOW, USAF, Nakhon Phanom  
Capt D E Friestad (survived)

The search for the Marine Corps Bronco crew that was shot down on the 21st claimed a third Skyraider on the 22nd. Capt Friestad was orbiting the crash sites of the two Skyraiders that had been shot down the previous day and was jinking to avoid ground fire

when his aircraft was hit twice by 37mm flak. The starboard wing caught fire and the pilot ejected close to where his colleagues had landed. He was later rescued by a USAF helicopter. This was the second time that Capt Friestad had been shot down and rescued, the first occasion being on 4 March 1970.

~~O-2A 68-11005 19 TASS, 504 TASSG, USAF, Bien Hoa  
1 pilot, name unknown (survived)~~

~~An O-2 crashed on landing due to pilot error following a visual reconnaissance patrol.~~



40th ARRSq Hist, 1 Apr - 30 Jun 1970

Buff crew for the pick up of Sandy 03 on  
21 April and Spad 01 on 22 April. Standing  
from the left: MSgt M. F. Tasker (FE), Maj  
J. B. Scoggins (CP), Capt W. A. Furst (AC).  
Kneeling from the left: Sgt D. L. Horaka (PJ)  
and Sgt C. D. Morrow (PJ).

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Buff crew that actually made pick up of Sandy O1  
on 21 April. Standing from the left: Capt D. Y.  
Thompson (AC), SSgt T. R. Hendrix (FE), Maj R. W.  
Bleier (CP). Kneeling from the left: Sgt G. J.  
McDonald (PJ) and Sgt T. E. Caffery (PJ).

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