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DATE: 28 Sep 70

6 Oct 70

MISSION NUMBER: 1-3-059-28 Sep 70

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING 24

LOCATION: 180/23/69

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: BILK 21

SAVES: 1 Combat

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(U) At approximately 0300Z, we overheard a conversation between Queen and the CH 77 alert Jolly Greens, who were airborne, to the effect that there had been a possible mid-air collision, location unknown. We proceeded from our normal orbit toward CH 77. After contacting Panama (GCI) it was determined that the scene was at 180/23/69 and that the on-scene-commander was Bilk 20 working on UHF 343.9. We contacted Bilk 20 and were informed that Bilk 21 and Bilk 24 had had a mid-air collision. Bilk 21 was on the ground in good condition and Bilk 24 had RTB'd to CH 77. Bilk 21 was proceeding to a LZ for pick-up by an Army helicopter. An Army LOCH kept him in sight. The terrain was thick jungle and travel was difficult. The Army scrambled Hostile 47, a UH-1H, with a lowering device to attempt a pick-up prior to the survivor reaching the LZ. Bully 15 relieved Bilk 20 as CSC at 0315Z. In the meantime, JG 67 and JG 71 had proceeded feet wet toward CH 69 to await the Spads who had been scrambled. The Spads launched straight to the scene to check it out. By the time they returned and escorted the Jolly Greens into the area the Army was already attempting the pick-up. At 0321Z Hostile 47 arrived on-scene and proceeded to lower a McGuire rig through the jungle to the survivor. The pick-up was completed at 0331Z and the survivor was carried on the rope to FSB Pistol where he was landed, boarded the UH-1H, and brought to CH 69, arriving at 0400Z.

Forces Utilized

Bilk 20
Bully 15
Hostage 47

King 24 Crewmembers

AC/AMC	Maj Conway
CP	Cpt Pletcher/Lt Col Brown
NN	Cpt Sullivan/Cpt Lynch
RO	Tsg Coulter
FE	Msg Holman
LM	Ssg Barnett

Ronald K Stegall
RONALD K. STEGALL, Lt Col, USAF
Operations Officer

TIED INTO END OF ROPE
& PULLED OFF

SOMETIMES ROPE LADDERS

SURVIVORS NOT TRAINED IN THIS

WAY TO SURVIVOR.

STRANGE TO SURVIVE EJECTION TO DIE ON P.V.

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DATE: 27 MAY 70

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MISSION NUMBER: 1-3-043-27 MAY 70

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING 36

LOCATION: 285/43/69

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: PLAYBOY 06-2 (F-4C)

SAVES: 2 Combat (Non-Rescue)

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1. (C) At approximately 0653Z Hillsborough (ABCCC) called and advised King 36 that Playboy was in trouble and to contact him on their primary UHF radio.

2. (C) A call was made to Playboy and he gave his position as 285/53/69 heading 060°. He also stated he was on fire and had shut down one of the engines, however this did not put out the fire. Playboy 06-1 the lead aircraft reported that the other aircraft was streaming fuel. Almost immediately after this transmission both crew members bailed out at 285/43/69.

3. (C) King 36 requested from Queen that the Jolly Green's be scrambled immediately and was advised that it was impossible due to the thunderstorm, which was producing heavy rains and high winds, over the base at that time.

4. (C) King 36 called for any helicopter in the area to come up on Guard 243. Ghost rider 350 and Batman 12 responded. Both helicopters observed the two crew members coming down in their chutes and one of them was talking to Playboy lead on his survival radio as he came down. The helicopters landed one beside each crew member and placed them on board. Ghost rider 350 then landed beside the other helicopter and transported both crewmen to the 18th Surgical Hospital at Quang Tri. Both crewmembers were recovered at 0710Z. It was reported that one of the crew members had an injured leg and the other was in good shape. The aircraft impacted on the edge of the bomb dump at Quang Tri.

5. (U) Aircraft participating in the Recovery:

King 36 (HC-130P)
Playboy 06 (F-4C)

Ghostrider 350 (UH-1)
Batman 12 (UH-1)

6. (U) King 36 Crewmembers:

AMC/AC LTC PREWETT
CP MAJ RIGGERT
N MAJ BEGLEY

RO SSG SWINSON
FE TSG MATTHEWS

FE MSG BLOMGREN
IM SSG WAREHAM

JAMES V. PREWETT, Lt Col, USAF

Airborne Mission Commander/Aircraft Commander

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ON Individual
Contacted: *SH*
Local name
and Date: *015*

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FLAMED-OUT. THE PILOT EJECTED 65 MILES NORTH EAST OF QUANG TRI, RVN-(FEETWET). HIS WINGMAN STREETCAR 316 OBSERVED A GOOD CHUTE AND PINPOINTED HIS EXACT POSITION. KING 34 (HC-130) WAS IMMEDIATELY DIVERTED FROM A PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT AND JOLLY GREENS 31/24 (HH-3) WERE SCRAMBLED. AN IMMEDIATE ATTEMPT TO CONTACT THE USS CORAL SEA OR ANOTHER NAVY SAR VESSEL COULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED. THE JOLLYS WERE AIRBORNE AT 0138Z AND PROCEEDED TO THE SAR SCENE. IT WAS LEARNED AT THIS TIME THAT BIG MOTHER (SH-3A) WAS ONLY TWO MINUTES FROM THE SCENE. AN UNEVENTFUL PICKUP WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY BIG MOTHER AND THE SURVIVOUR WAS TAKEN TO THE USS CORAL SEA. JOLLY GREEN 31/24 WERE DIVERTED TO A PLANNED PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT POINT AND KING 34 RESUMED HIS ON STATION POSITION. NAVY AND AIR FORCE COORDINATION WAS GREATLY HAMPERED BY A COMMUNICATION OUTAGE. THIS EXPLAINS THE ITEMS IN THIS REPORT THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

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C. PERSONNEL INFO:

- (1) 2 PERSONS INVOLVED - 2 PERSONS RECOVERED
- (2) SAR OBJECTIVE LOCATED BY 101ABNDIV AT 0540Z
COORDINATES 1608N 10745E
- (3) RECOVERED BY DUSTOFF 602, 236TH MED EVAC CO - BY
LANDING AT CRASH SITE.
- (4) BOTH SURVIVORS TAKEN TO U.S. ARMY 95TH EVACUATION
HOSPITAL, DANANG.

D. FLYING ACTIVITY:

- (1) 37ARRS - 2 SORTIES FOR 4.0 HOURS.
- (2) 39ARRS - 1 SORTIES FOR 1.5 HOURS.
- (3) 56SOW OL-AA - 2 SORTIES FOR 3.0 HOURS.

E. NO SAVES

G. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

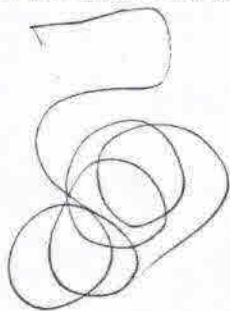
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(1) AT 0530Z, OL-1 HEARD A TRANSMISSION ON GUARD THAT
JIGGER 04 (UH-1G) RECEIVED GROUND FIRE AND WAS GOING DOWN SOUTH
OF HUE/PHU BAI. ARMY HELOS WERE AVAILABLE IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA
BUT WERE UNABLE TO MAKE A PICK-UP DUE TO A THUNDERSTORM OVER THE
SURVIVORS. JOLLY GREEN 70/71 (HH-53'S) WHO WERE FLYING LOCAL,
IMMEDIATELY WERE DIVERTED TO THE SCENE TO HOLD FEETWET. KING 26
(-130P) WAS DIVERTED TO THE AREA AND SPAD 11/12 (A-1S) WERE
LAUNCHED. AS THE FORCES HELD FEETWET AWAITING IMPROVEMENT OF THE
WEATHER; A BREAK IN THE CLOUDS ENABLED DUSTOFF 602 (UH-1) TO LAND
AND RECOVER THE TWO SURVIVORS. BOTH CREWMEMBERS WERE RELEASED
FROM THE HOSPITAL AFTER A MEDICAL CHECK REVEALED NO INJURIES.
ARRS DOES NOT CLAIM ANY SAVES SINCE THE RESCUE FORCES WERE
UTILIZED ONLY AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE. GP-4.

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