

39th ARRSq History, Jul - Sep 70

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT #8-1

(U) KING 24, ~~Cronenberg~~ Cronenberg:

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CP	MAJ JONES
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SUPPORT DOCUMENT #8

DATE: 8 JUL 70

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MISSION NUMBER: 01-38-006-8 JUL 70

FLIGHT DESIGNATION: KING 24

LOCATION: 180/35/75

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: BLADE 01 (F-100)

SAVES: 1 Combat Credited

1. (C) King 24 was on orbit south of Dalat monitoring an Army SAR in that vicinity. At 0221Z we heard Blade 01 mayday on guard and state that his engine had failed and that he had to get out of the aircraft. We called Blade 01 on guard for his position and confirmed that Blade 02 was on his wing. They reported their position at this time of 170/45/75, or "feetwet" south of Phan Rang. We asked Blade 01 to give us a call just prior to punching out and immediately proceeded toward his position. We called Queen to launch the Jolly Greens at 0224Z.

2. (U) At 0225Z Blade 01 punched out and we picked up his beeper. An MA-1 kit, dye marker and smoke markers were prepared aboard King 24 for possible deployment. Received word at 0228Z that the Pedros (HH-43) were launching from Ch 75. At 0229Z we had Blade 01 visually in his chute descending with Blade 02 flying cap. We followed Blade 01 on down and established communications with him aboard his raft at 0235Z. We further established that he was uninjured and that his LPU and raft were fully inflated and in good condition.

3. (U) At 0240Z we passed over the survivor and marked his position with both dye and smoke markers and established an MA-1 kit delivery pattern in the event it would be required. At 0238 we received a 0305 ETA on scene for Pedros 77 & 04. King 24 continued in the pattern marking the survivors position and vectoring the Pedro's to the scene. Continuous communication with the survivor indicated that he was getting along very nicely while awaiting the arrival of the Pedros. At 0250Z he deployed his sea dye marker which made his position visible for a distance of several miles. At 0252Z Dustoff 50 (UH-1) reported inbound to the scene. Blade 02, Cutty (C-7), and an unidentified O-1 continued to hold high orbiting the scene.

4. (U) At 0303Z we vectored Pedro 77 to the survivor. At 0309Z Pedro was hovering over the survivor and at 0313Z He was aboard Pedro 77. King 24 RTB'd the SAR forces at 0315Z and provided escort for Pedro 77 and 04 to Ch 75. The survivor was delivered to the base dispensary at Phan Rang.

5. (U) Forces Utilized:

SAR Forces

King 24 (HC-130)

Pedro 77 & 04 (HH-43)

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Other Forces (Not Used)

Dustoff 50 (UH-1)

Blade 02 (F-100)

Cutty (C-7)

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F-100D 55-2943 615 TFS, 35 TFW, USAF, Phan Rang
1Lt D P Egelston (survived)

A Super Sabre was shot down during an attack on an enemy position 10 miles northeast of Phan Thiet. The aircraft was on its third pass over the target when it was hit by ground fire. 1Lt Egelston headed back to base but was forced to eject over the sea about 35 miles south of Phan Rang and was picked up by a USAF helicopter.