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DATE: 20 Nov 70

MISSION NUMBER: B-3-043 20 Nov 70

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING/ACFT # 60212

LOCATION: Alpha, 1909N 103-06E/Bravo, 1909N 103-08E

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: FIREBIRD 05, Two SOB (Alpha & Bravo) (F-105)

SAVES: 2 Combat

(S) At 2035Z on 20 Nov 70, Firebird 05 reported loosing fuel and attempting to rendezvous with tanker. Five minutes later, Firebird 05 ejected both crewmembers at location: 092/07/108. Information was relayed to Alleycat for guard monitor until King Acft arrived on scene. At 2055Z Alleycat reported that Candlestick 31 was circling the area and in radio contact with both survivors; no injuries sustained. Appropriate SAR forces were launched/diverted to the objective area and the survivors were advised to expect a first light pickup. Candlestick 31 was the on-scene-commander until 2230Z; Sandy 1 then became OSC. Sandy's 1, 2, 3, 4 and J. G.'s 54, 61 were in position for a first light effort. King 21 held to provide air refueling assistance and J.G. 55 flight provided backup. At 2308Z Sandy 1 determined that the area was safe for pickup. J.G. 54 extracted Bravo Man at 2320Z and J.G. 61 extracted Alpha Man at 2328Z. King 21 completed post mission A/R with J.G.'s 54 and 61. SAR effort terminated 2340Z; no problems encountered. All forces RTB.

KING ACFT # 60212 Crewmembers

AC/AMC Capt Frank
CP Maj Felmley
NN Capt Mc Neff
RO SSgt Swinson
FE Msgt Keel
FE Msgt Bosmans
LM SSgt Waters

FLYING ACTIVITIES

39ARRS - 2 sorties 9.9 Hrs
40ARRS - 4 sorties 14.6 Hrs
56SOW - 4 sorties 14.0 Hrs



RICHARD E. FRANK, Capt, USAF
Aircraft Commander/Airborne Mission Commander

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ITFC RUCWAAA/HQ USAF ALT MAXWELL AFB AL

RUWTRMA/MAC/MACCCP

ZEN/7AF TAN SON NHUT AFLD RVN/CC/DO/DOO/IN/DOCT/DP

RUEHABA/41 ARRG HICKAM AFB HI/DOC

RUEHAAA/CINCPAC/CC

RHMSMVA/MACV SAIGON RVN

RUEKAAA/AFECO FT RITCHIE MD

RUMFRAA/CTF SEVEN SEVEN

RUEHGOA/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT 7FRO

RUMUJAA/39ARRS CAMRANH BAY AB RVN

RUMULOAA/DET 11/619T TAC CNTL SQ HON TRE ISLAND RVN

RUMUJBA/37ARRS DA NANG AB RVN

RUMUJAA/21 TASS CAM RANH BAY AB RVN

ZEN/834AIRDIV TAN SON NHUT AFLD RVN

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RUMUJEA/DET 1 3A ARRS PHAN RANG AB RVN

RHMSMVA/COMUS MACV SAIGON RVN

RUMMMVA/MACV COMMAND CENTER/J3-08/SAIGON RVN

RUMUJEA/35TFW DOCC PHAN RANG AB RVN

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UNCLAS E F T O/JOPREP JIFFY/JRCC/RESCUE 022/05/1700Z

1. RESCUE PROGRESS REPORT NRR 6/ 5 DEC 70

2. MISSION NUMBER: 3-022-29 NOV 70.

3. SITUATION: C123, ROOKIE 540, RECOVERY OF 2 SURVIVORS.

A. ACTIONS TAKEN: TEAM DEPARTED LANDING ZONE AT 05/0020Z.

B. PERSONNEL INFORMATION:

(1) 44 INVOLVE/25 MISSING/19 LOCATED/17 DECEASED/2 SURVIVORS. DUE TO CONDITION OF BODIES ON SCENE, A DEFINITE DETERMINATION AS TO NUMBER OF DECEASED PERSONNEL WILL HAVE TO AWAIT THE INSERTION OF GRAVES REGISTRATION TEAM.

(2) LOCATION AGENCY WAS GROUND PARTY, 401ST PF COMPANY (VIETNAMESE REGIONAL FORCES WITH U.S. MACV ADVISORS) AT 04/0700Z.

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WECKAGE SITE AT 116N 10907E (UTM BP 961 015).

(3) RECOVERY AGENCY: U.S. ARMY HELICOPTER UH-1H FROM 192ND ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY (AHC). SURVIVORS WERE TREATED AND THEN MOVED TO LANDING ZONE BY 5 USAF PARARESCUE TECHNICIANS. THIS LANDING ZONE WAS ACCESSIBLE TO THE UH-1H, AND THE HELO PICKED UP THE 2 SURVIVORS.

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D. FLYING ACTIVITY:

- (1) 39ARRS/2 SORTIES/13.6 HOURS
- (2) 37ARRS/7 SORTIES/21.7 HOURS
- (3) 192AHC(U.S. ARMY/4 SORTIES/ 4.5 HOURS
- (4) 247 MED DET (U.S. ARMY)/10 SORTIES/9.5 HOURS

E. SAVES DATA:

- (1) USAF PARARESCUE TEAM FROM THE 37 ARRS AND 38ARRS ENABLED THE SURVIVORS TO BE PICKED UP. (REF ITEM C(3)).

MEMBERS OF THE TEAM:

- (A) MSGT JAMES F. SCOTT, 37ARRS.
- (B) SSGT ROBERT T. MARTIN, 38ARRS.
- (C) A1C DONALD J. PECORARO, 37ARRS.
- (D) A1C RANDY ZONKER, 37 ARRS.
- (E) A1C WILLIAM McDONALD, 37ARRS.

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(F) CAPT R. T. MONTEMAYOR, USAF FLT SURGEON, FROM 6251 CSGP, BIEN HOA AB, RVN. PILOT ACCOMPLISHING PICKUP WAS CAPT MALCOLM HARTMAN, 247 MED DET, U. S. ARMY, PHAN RANG AB, RVN.

(2) NAMES OF PERSONNEL SAVED HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED AT THIS TIME, BUT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH 7TH AF PERSONNEL AFFAIRS.

(3) 2 COMBAT SAVES CREDITED TO PARARESCUE TEAM AND CAPT HARTMAN, 247 MED DET.

F. FUTURE PLANS:

(1) GRAVE REGISTRATION TEAM WILL BE INSERTED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. DUE TO WEATHER AND TERRAIN, THE GROUND PARTY ON SCENE RECOMMENDED THE GRAVE REGISTRATION PARTY NOT TO BE INSERTED TODAY.

(2) NO FUTURE SEARCH AND RESCUE FORCES WILL BE COMMITTED UNTIL GRAVE REGISTRATION HAS BEEN ABLE TO COUNT AND IDENTIFY REMAINS ON SCENE. CONVERSATION WITH U.S. MEMBERS OF GROUND TEAM INDICATE THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF MORE SURVIVORS IS EXTREMELY REMOTE.

G. SUMMARY OF SA7 ACTIONS:

(1) JOLLY GREEN (JG) 72 AND JG 65 DEPARTED BIEN HOA AT 04/2100Z (0500LOCAL) IN ORDER TO BE ON SCENE AT FIRST LIGHT. THE JGS ESTABLISHED RADIO CONTACT WITH THE GROUND PARTY AND LEARNED

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THAT BOTH SURVIVORS WERE OKAY. ONE MAN HAD A BROKEN LEG, BUT WAS IN GOOD SPIRITS, THE OTHER WAS SLEEPING AND HIS CONDITION WAS SERIOUS. AT 04/2315Z DUSTOFF 58(DO 58, CAPT HARTMAN IN HIS UH-1H), ARRIVED ON SCENE TO MEET THE PREARRANGED RENDEZVOUS. DO 58 WAS AT FIRST UNABLE TO LOCATE THE LANDING ZONE (LZ) DUE TO THE LZ BEING IN THE CLOUDS. WEATHER LIFTED SLIGHTLY AND DO 58 DROPPED OFF MAPS AND RADIOS FOR THE PARARESCUE TECHNICIANS (PJ'S) ON THE LANDING ZONE. THE JGS WERE UNABLE TO LAND DUE TO THE SIZE OF THE HELOS AND CLOSENESS OF THE CLIFFS. THE PJS PICKED UP THE RADIOS AND MAPS BY DESCENDING ON THE JG HOIST AND THEN RETURNED TO THE HELOS. THEY WERE THEN MOVED AT 05/0020Z BY HELO TO A POINT JUST AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CLOUD LAYER AND 600 YARDS FROM THE SURVIVORS, WHERE THEY WERE LOWERED BY HOIST

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ALONG WITH THE FLT SURGEON. TERRAIN WAS EXTREMELY ROUGH. THE PJ'S REPORTED THE UNDERBRUSH WAS SO THICK THEIR FEET WERE NOT TOUCHING THE GROUND. THE GROUND PARTY AND PJ TEAM ESTABLISHED DIRECTION TO ONE ANOTHER BY FIRING SHOTS. AT 05/0215Z THE TWO PARTIES MADE CONTACT. AT 05/0250Z THE PJS REACHED THE SURVIVORS AND WITH THE FLIGHT SURGEON STARTED INTRAVENOUS INJECTIONS OF DEXTROSE, SPLINTED INJURIES, AND GENERALLY PREPARED THE SURVIVORS FOR THE TRIP OUT. AFTER THE SURVIVORS WERE PREPARED, DO 58, BOTH JGS AND POLECAT 320

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(ANOTHER U.S. ARMY (H1H) ATTEMPTED TO LOWER HOISTS AND PICKUP PATIENTS FROM THE SITE. DUE TO WEATHER AND TERRAIN, AND AFTER MANY ATTEMPTS THIS ACTION WAS DEEMED IMPOSSIBLE. THE PJ'S AND DOCTOR THEN MOVED THE SURVIVORS, DOWN THE PATH HACKED OUT OF THE JUNGLE ON THE WAY UP, TO THE LZ. AT 05/0722Z DO 58 PICKED UP THE SURVIVORS AND TRANSPORTED THEM TO THE CAM RANH BAY HOSPITAL. THE CONDITION OF THE SURVIVORS WAS REPORTED AS BOTH SUFFERING FROM SHOCK, EXPOSURE AND EXHAUSTION, ONE DEFINITELY HAD A BROKEN LEG AND THE OTHER QUITE PROBABLY DOES ALSO. LATER, THE HOSPITAL REPORTED THE CONDITION OF ONE AS FAIR AND THE OTHER AS SERIOUS. KING 24 IN THE MORNING AND KING 26 IN THE AFTERNOON (HC-130S) REMAINED OVERHEAD TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATION RELAYS. UPON DEBRIEFING THE PJS REPORTED THE TERRAIN WAS SLOPING AT 45 DEGREES AND A SOLID WALL OF VINES AND JUNGLE GROWTH. THE ARMY GROUND TEAM IS MAINING ON THE SCENE OVERNIGHT.

(2) TOTAL FLYING ACTIVITY TO DATE:

ORGAN	SORTES	FLYING HOURS
39 APRS	13	78.6
DFT1, 38ARRS	4	5.6
21 TASS	7	16.1
4TH INF DIV	1	2.0

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254 AEROMED DET 5
48 AVN CO 15
247 MED DET 29
102 AHC 17
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S E C R E T JOPREP JIFFY/OL-B, 3ARRGP/RESCUE 181/202018Z NOV 1970.

1. RESCUE OPENING/CLOSING REPORT - 20 NOVEMBER 1970
2. MISSION NUMBER - B-3-043-20 NOVEMBER 70
3. SITUATION: DOWNED AIRCREW MEMBERS

A. DESCRIPTION OF SAR OBJECTIVE:

- (1) F-105/624436/CAMOUFLAGED/FIREBIRD 08
- (2) FLIGHT PLAN - TACTICAL
- (3) PILOT - MAJOR DONALD W. KILGUS
ADDRESS - 388TFW KORAT RTAFB, THAILAND
- (4) POB - 2
- (5) WEATHER IN AREA - NOT A FACTOR
- (6) SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT - USAF STANDARD
- (7) LAST KNOWN POSITIONS - 1909N 103-08E AND 1909N 103-06E

B. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- (1) CONTROLLING AGENCY - OL-B, 3ARRGP
- (2) OL-B, 3ARRGP NOTIFIED OF SAR INCIDENT AT 20/2018Z
NOVEMBER 1970 BY BRIGHAM CONTROL.
- (3) FOLLOWING SAR FORCES ALERTED:

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- (A) 40 ARRS AT 20/2025Z
- (B) 39 ARRS AT 20/2025Z
- (C) 56 SOW AT 20/2025Z

(D) TIME SAR FORCES LAUNCHED:

2 SAVES 40 ARRS

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Individual Contacted:	<i>Sgt Chapman</i>
Local Time and Date:	<i>0040Z</i>

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- (A) 1 HC 130P, 39ARRS DIVERTED AT 20/2012Z
(B) 1 HC 130P, 39 ARRS LAUNCHED AT 20/2210Z
(C) 2 HH-53'S, 40ARRS DIVERTED AT 20/2025Z
(D) 2 HH-53'S, 40ARRS LAUNCHED AT 20/2050Z
(E) 4 A-1E'S, 56 SOW LAUNCHED AT 20/2050Z

C. PERSONNEL INFO:

- (1) 2 PERSONS INVOLVED, 2 SAVED
(2) SAR OBJECTIVES LOCATED BY CANDLESTICK 31: ALPHA AT 20/2039Z COORDINATES 1909N 103-06E. BRAVO AT 20/2051Z COORDINATES 1909N 103-08E
(3) 40 ARRS (2) HH-53 MADE RECOVERIES BY FOREST PENETRATOR.
(4) SURVIVORS TAKEN TO UDORN RTAFB, THAILAND.

D. FLYING ACTIVITY

- (1) 39 ARRS - 2 SORTIES FOR 9.9 HRS
(2) 40 ARRS - 4 SORTIES FOR 14.6 HRS
(3) 56 SOW - 4 SORTIES FOR 14.0 HRS

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E. SAVES DATA:

- (1) RCC'S MAKING SAVE - LTCOL ROYAL BROWN, 37ARRS
MAJOR MURPHY
(2) PERSONS SAVED - MAJOR DONALD W. KILGUS
CAPTAIN CLARENCE T. LOWRY

- (A) SERVICE - USAF
NATIONALITY - USA
(B) 2 COMBAT SAVES
(C) 2 AIRCREW MEMBERS

G. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

FIREBIRD 05 WAS DOWNED IN A HOSTILE AREA AT 20/2018Z.
CANDLESTICK 31 MADE CONTACT WITH BOTH SURVIVORS. SAR FORCES WERE DIVERTED/LAUNCHED FOR A 20/2253Z FIRST LIGHT EFFORT. AT 20/2308Z SANDY 01, THE ON SCENE COMMANDER, DETERMINED THAT THAT AREA WAS SAFE FOR A PICK UP. JG 54 PICKED UP THE BRAVO MAN AT 20/2320Z. JG 61 PICKED UP THE ALPHA MAN AT 20/2328Z. BOTH SURVIVORS WERE REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION AND WERE TAKEN TO UDORN RTAFB THAILAND.

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