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DATE: 11 Feb 71

16 Feb 71

MISSION NUMBER: A-3-005-11 Feb 71

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING 26

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: Cobra 04

LOCATION: Mai Loc

SAVES: 1 Combat

(C) At 0720Z King 26 picked up a faint May Day on Guard from Dust-off 707. Dustoff 707 was contacted and he reported a Cobra was down in the vicinity of Mai Loc and he saw one chute. Trail 24 came up on Guard and said he saw the survivor and the wreckage. Cobra 03 was overhead and reported it was Cobra 04 that was down. Trail 24 was appointed On Scene Commander at 0730Z and was in contact with several Army choppers in the area, including Dustoff 502, Cozy 10 and 25, Gunfighter 14 and Charlie Horse 45. Jolly Green's and Sandy's from CH 77 were requested through Queen and the King Alert Aircraft through STOKER. At 0745Z Trail 21 assumed OSC and Trail 24 RTB'd for low fuel. Trail 24 reported just before his departure that an unidentified Army helicopter picked up the Alpha man and that he was okay, but did not know if the Bravo man was able to get out of the downed aircraft. Trail 21 contacted some friendly ground troops in the area and they reported that the wreckage was insight and was in a well secured area. King requested Trail 21 to see if the wreckage could be checked for the Bravo man. Charlie Horse 45A was able to land at the scene of the wreckage and he positively determined that the Bravo man was in the aircraft. SAR Forces were RTB'd at approximately 0815Z.

KING 26 Crewmembers

AC/AMC Capt Parsons
CP Capt Gealta
N Major Schnegelberger
RO Sgt Souder
FE MSgt Ellis
LM TSgt Mc Pheeters

Resources

Jolly Green 72 and 67
King 26
Trail 21 and 24
Cozy 10 and 25
Gunfighter 14 (Cobra Gunship)
Gunfighter 1 Flight (F-4)
Ringneck 466 Flight
Charlie Horse 45, 45A

Melvin L. Parsons

MELVIN, L. PARSONS, Captain, USAF

Aircraft Commander/Airborne Mission Commander

[Signature]
Downed Aircraft Report

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RUHEAKA/PACAF HICKHAM AFB HI/DOH

RUWTBMA/HQ ARBS SCOTT AFB ILL/COMMAND POST

INFO RUCEAAA/HQ USAF ALT MAXWELL AFB AL

RUWTBMA/MAC/MAOCCP

RUMMRSA/7AF TAN SON NHUT AFLD RVN/CC/DO/D00/IN/DOCT/DP

RUHHABA/41ARRWG HICKHAM AFB HI/DOC

RUHHHQA/CINCPAC/CC

RUMUHTA/MACV SAIGON RVN

RUEKAAA/AFEOC FT RITCHIE MD

RUMFRBA/CTF 77

RUHGOYA/CTG 77.0

RUMUJAA/39ARRS CAM RANH BAY AB RVN

RUMMRSA/3ARRGP TAN SON NHUT AFLD RVN/JRCC

RUWTFSA/USAFMPC RANDOLPH AFB TEXAS/DPMCS

RUMMRSA/38ARRS TAN SON NHUT AFLD RVN/CC

RUMOSRA/OL B 3ARRGP UDORN RTAFB THAILAND

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INFO RUMUJBA/37ARRS DANANG AB RVN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L / JOPREP JIFFY/OL-A, 3ARRGP/RESCUE 005/

13/0100 FEB 71.

1. RESCUE CLOSING REPORT 13 FEB 71

2. MISSION NUMBER: A-3-005-11 FEB 71.

3. SITUATION: RECOVERY OF DOWNED CREW MEMBER.

C. PERSONNEL INFO:

(1) 2 PERSONS INVOLVED-2 PERSONS LOCATED, 1 PERSON SAVED, 1 PERSON DECEASED.

(2) SAR OBJECTIVE LOCATED BY 'C' TROOP, 17TH CALVARY. AT 12/0525 FEB 71 COORDINATES 16-41N 106-58E.

(3) RECOVERY BY GROUND PARTY.

(4) BODY TAKEN TO DANANG AB MORTUARY.

G. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

(1) THE BODY OF THE SECOND CREW MEMBER WAS RECOVERED BY THE 17TH CALVARY REGIMENT, HUE, PHU BAI. THE BODY HAS BEEN TAKEN TO THE MORTUARY AT DANANG AB RVN. MISSION CLOSED. GP-4

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MESSAGE NOTIFICATION

Individual
Contacted: G.S.

Local Time
and Date: 0145
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(3) FOLLOWING SAR FORCES WERE LAUNCHED OR DIVERTED:

(A) NONE

C. PERSONNEL INFO:

(1) 2 PERSONS INVOLVED - 2 PERSONS LOCATED, 1 PERSON
SAVED, 1 PERSON DECEASED.

(2) SAR OBJECTIVE LOCATED BY 'C' TROOP, 17TH CALVARY
AT 12/0525 FEB 71 COORDINATES 16-41N, 106-58E.

(3) RECOVERY BY GROUND PARTY.

(4) BODY TAKEN TO DANANG AB MORTUARY.

D. FLYING ACTIVITY:

(1) NONE

E. NO ADDITIONAL SAVES.

G. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

(1) THE BODY OF THE SECOND CREW MEMBER WAS RECOVERED
BY THE 17TH CALVARY REGIMENT, HUE, PHU BAI. THE BODY HAS BEEN
TAKEN TO THE MORTUARY AT DANANG, RVN. MISSION CLOSED. (THIS

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MESSAGE CORRECTS REPORT 13/0100 FEB 71)

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 RUWTBMA/MAC/MAOCCP

RUMMRSA/7AF TAN SON NHUT AFLD RVN/CC/DO/D00/IN/DOCT/DP
 RUHHABA/41ARRWG HICKHAM AFB HI/DOC
 RUHHHQA/CINCPAC/CC
 RUMUHTA/MACV SAIGON RVN
 RUEKAAA/AFECC FT RITCHIE MD
 RUMFRBA/CRF 77
 RUHGOSA/CTG 77.0
 RUMOJAA/39ARRS CAM RANH BAY AB RVN
 RUMMRSA/3ARRS TAN SON NHUT AFLD RVN/JRCC
 RUWTFJA/USAFMPC RANDOLPH AFB TEXAS/DPMCS
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 11/0720 FEB 71.

- MISSION OPENING/SUSPENDING REPORT 11 FEB 71.
- MISSION NUMBER: A-3-005-11 FEB 71.
- SITUATION: RECOVERY OF DOWNED CREW MEMBR:

A. DESCRIPTION OF SAR OBJECTIVE:

- F-4/CAMOFLAGED/COBRA 04.
- TACTICAL.
- PILOT: FORD, CAPT, 259629734, 12TFW, (FIRST NAME AND MIDDLE INITIAL NOT AVAILABLE)
- POB - 2.
- WEATHER 3,000 THOUSAND SCATTERED, 6 MILES VISIBILITY.
- SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT: AIR FORCE STANDARD.
- LAST KNOWN POSITION: 16-41N 106-58E.

B. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- CONTROLLING AGENCY, OL-A, 3ARRGP, NOTIFIED AT 11/0720 FEB 71 BY COBRA 04 THAT COBRA 04 WAS BAILING OUT.

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(2) FOLLOWING SAR FORCES ALERTED:

- 39ARRS AT 11/0720 FEB 71
- 37ARRS AT 11/0723 FEB 71
- 56SOW AT 11/0723 FEB 71

(3) FOLLOWING SAR FORCES WERE LAUNCHED OR DIVERTED:

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 SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652
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 DECLASSIFIED ON 30 DEC 77

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- (A) 39ARRS AT 11/0720 - K-26, C-130P
(B) 37ARRS AT 11/0720 - JG 67/72, HH-53
(L) TYSOW AT 11/0739 - SANDY 9/10, A1-E

C. PERSONNEL INFO

- (1) 2 PERSONS INVOLVED - 1 PERSON LOCATED, RECOVERED, SAVED, 1 PERSON MISSING.
(2) SAR OBJECTIVE LOCATED BY DUSTTES 707 AT 11/0720 FEB 71 COORDINATES 16-41N 106-58E.

(3) RECOVERY BY US ARMY HELO, COZY 10, USING ROPE AND ALUMINUM LADDER.

(4) CAPT FORD TAKEN TO 18TH SURGICAL HOSPITAL, QUANG TRI.

D. FLYING ACTIVITY:

(3) RECOVERY BY US ARMY HELO, COZY 10, USING ROPE AND ALUMINUM LADDER.

(4) CAPT FORD TAKEN TO 18TH SURGICAL HOSPITAL, QUANG TRI.

D. FLYING ACTIVITY:

- (1) 39ARRS - 1 SORTIE FOR .8 HOURS.
(2) 37ARRS - 2 SORTIES FOR 1.6 HOURS.
(3) 56SOW - 2 SORTIES FOR .8 HOURS.

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E. RCC MAKING SAVE: PARSONS, M.L., CAPT. 538364363, 39ARRS. 39ARRS CREDITED WITH 1 COMBAT AIRCREWMEMBER SAVE.

G. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

(1) AT 11/0720 FEB 71 OL-A, 3ARRGP (QUEEN) INTERCEPTED A MAYDAY CALL ON GUARD FROM COBRA 04 ADVISING HE WAS EJECTING DUE TO DAMAGE FROM HOSTILE FIRE. THE EJECTION WAS CONFIRMED BY A DUSTOFF 707 AND KING 26 (HC-130P) DUSTOFF 707 RELAYED POSTIVE SIGHTING OF ONE CHUTE. COBRA 04 CRASHED AT PSN 16-41N 106-58E AND BEGAN TO BURN. AREA WEATHER WAS 3 THOUSAND SCATTERED VISIBILITY 6 MILES. JOLLY GREEN 72H-53) WAS AIRBOURNE AND DEVERTED AT 11/0725. JOLLY GREEN 67 (HH-53) LAUNCHED AT 11/0747. SANDY 9 & 10 (A-1E) LAUNCHED AT 110739 AND PROCEEDED TO SAR AREA. KING 26 (C130P) ASSUMED AIRBORNE CONTROL AT 11/0720 AND APPOINTED TRAIL WR ON SCENE COMMANDER AT 11/0740. THE AREA WAS REPORTED AS HOSTILE AND KING 26 REQUESTED FIGHTER SUPPORT. GUNFIGHTER 1 & 2 (F-4E) 366TFW WERE SCRAMBLED AT 11/0741. ONE SURVIVOR WAS REPORTED PICKED UP BY COZY 10(UH-1) AT 11/0730. KING 26 CONFIRMED PICK UP OF SURVIVOR BY COZY 10 (UH-1) AND ADVISED SURVIVOR WAS BEING TAKEN TO THE 18TH SURGICAL HOSPITAL AT QUANG TRI. SURVIVOR WAS REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION. KING 26 REPORTED AREA

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SECURED AT 11/0745 AND THAT A LOH WAS INVESTIGATING THE BURNING WRECKAGE. INVESTIGATION DEFINETLY ESTABLISHED SECOND CREW MEMBER WAS STILL IN THE COCKPIT AND WAS DECEASED. JOLLY GREEN 67 & 72 AND SANDY 9 & 10 ARRIVED IN THE AREA AT 11/0750. A SECOND INVESTIGATION OF THE WRECKAGE WAS MADE BY CHARLEY HOUSE 45A (LOH) TO POSITIVELY ESTABLISH STATUS OF SECOND CREW MEMBER. CHARLEY HOUSE 45A REAFIRMED THE CREW MEMBER WAS DECEASED AT 11/0805. ALL

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FORCES WERE RELEASED AT 11/0806. GUNFIGHTER 1 & 2 WERE NOT YET AIRBORNE AND DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN SAR. INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM IDASC, CAPT LOCHMILLER, THAT AN RVN GROUND PARTY HAD REACHED THE WRECKAGE AND REPORTED NO BODY IN THE WRECKAGE. THIS INFORMATION WAS DOUBLE CHECKED. THE GROUND PARTY DID NOT HAVE AN AMERICAN ADVISOR AND WERE TO UNFAMILIAR WITH THE ACRAFT TO IDENTIFY TYPE OR CONFIRM AIRCRAFT SER NO., HOWEVER FELT THAT IT WAS HE WRECKAGE OF COBRA 04 SINCE IT WAS STILL HOT. RECONFIRMATION OF THE MISSING BODY WAS MADE. THE FORCES WERE UNABLE TO STATE WHETHER THE EJECTION SEAT WAS OR WAS NOT IN THE AIRCRAFT. US FORCES FROM 24 CORPS AND IDASC HAVE BEEN REQUESTED THE INVESTIGATE. MISSION SUSPENDED PENDING CLARIFICATION AND RELIABLE INFORMATION. THE AIRREFUELING WAS ACCOMPLISHED. (JOLLY GREEN

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72 AND KING WYLM TOTAL FLYING ACTIVITIES SEE ITEM 3D.

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