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could be re-cycled. Sandy 01-02 departed for CH 73 at 0815Z. Joker approved King 24 request to leave JG 55-62 in the area with King 23. Rustic 20 put Hawk 03-04 on the target. Hawk 03 flight was particularly effective with EDA of 100/100, 100% within 5 meters.

King 23 had completed refueling JG 55-62 and was appointed AMC at 0836Z. Hawk 07-08, Blade 01-02 and Hawk 01-02 were inbound to support the mission. King 24 was bingo and departed for CH 102 for fuel.

King 24 Crewmembers

AC/AMC Capt Hoover  
CP Capt Morrow  
N Capt Knuth  
RO TSgt Martz  
FE MSgt Keel  
LM SSgt Rivera

SAR Resources

Jolly Green 64-67  
Jolly Green 55-62  
Sandy 07-08  
Sandy 01-02  
King 23, Tanker

Strike Aircraft

Shadow 22  
Black Pony 12-13  
Baron 01  
Black Pony 05-06  
Hawk 05-06  
Hawk 07-08  
Blade 07-08  
Hawk 03-04  
Shadow 14  
Baron 03

Other Resources

Sealord Smoke  
Dustoff 115 Medevac  
Ram Rod 01  
Ram Rod 02  
  
FAC  
  
Rustic 05 OSC  
Rustic 03 OSC  
Rustic 04  
Rustic 20 OSC

*Richard D. Hoover*

RICHARD D. HOOVER, Captain, USAF  
Aircraft Commander/Airborne Mission Commander

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DATE: 30 Mar 71

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MISSION NUMBER: 03-007-30 Mar 71 ✓

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: King 23 ✓

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: Apache 12-13

LOCATION: UTM NT 060 760

SAVES: None

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(S) At 0627Z on 30 Mar 71, King 23 was alerted for immediate launch to assist King 24 who was conducting a rescue operation for survivors of a helicopter crash in the vicinity UTM 060 760. Airborne at 0650Z, King 23 proceeded directly to the scene, arriving at 0815Z and immediately descended to refuel Jolly Greens 55 and 62. At 0836Z, King 24 was forced to RTD due to bingo fuel and King 23 assumed control of the mission. At this time the situation was as follows: Three survivors had been picked up and a fourth man was lying in an open burned out area. Jolly Greens were driven off earlier by ground fire in their attempt to reach this man however, he was believed to be unconscious and Joker had directed the rescue effort to proceed under this premise. Rustic 20 was On Scene Commander (OSC) and was engaged in directing air strikes against numerous enemy troop positions in the vicinity of the downed crewmember. Jolly Greens 55/62 were assigned to a holding area and we were awaiting the return of four Sandys and two Jolly Greens that had returned to CH 73 earlier for fuel and ordnance. At 0930Z, an Apache helicopter was able to approach the SAR scene briefly and reported enemy movement within 100 meters of the man, whom he believed to be dead; air strikes continued. At 1000Z, a 51 Cal gun was spotted within 300 meters and strikes were directed against it. Friendly ground teams in the area reported they were unable to reach the crewmember due to heavy resistance in the area. Jolly Greens 64/67 were enroute, having completed their refueling at CH 73, however none of the Sandy aircraft were airborne. Joker advised that TACC was sending five Cobra gunships to the area and that they could be used to support the Jollies if the Sandys were not available. At 1045Z, Rustic 23 replaced Rustic 20 as OSC, Jolly Greens 64/67 were holding (JC 55/62 were released to RTD shortly before due to fuel), and Shadow 12 (C-119 gunship was standing by to assist. The Sandys were still having difficulty in their turn around efforts at CH 73 and were not going to arrive before dark. Repeated queries to Ram Rod and Joker plus several calls on Guard were made in an effort to locate the

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Cobra gunships which were to be in the area; the attempt was unsuccessful and it became apparent that Shadow 12 would be the only support aircraft available for a possible pickup attempt. By 1110Z all known gun positions were suppressed and the only small arms fire was confined to one location approximately 100 meters from the crewmember in a tree line. Darkness was rapidly approaching and the decision was made to make one last attempt to reach the man with Shadow 12 suppressing the troops at the tree line. At 1115Z, Jolly Green 64 and 67 were maneuvering into the area when small arms fire was observed coming from a nearby pagoda (which had been neutralized earlier). We ordered the Jollys to pull off and abandon the pickup due to the possibility of further unknown ground fire with our minimum fire support. At 1117Z, as the Jollys were retreating from the area we received a call from Joker directive all forces to RTB. When queried on this they advised that communications with the Dustoff who had previously picked up the survivors confirmed that this fourth man was, in fact, deceased. All SAR forces departed the area and Rustic 23 was released as OSC.

King 23 Crewmembers

Strike Acft Used

Other Acft

AC/ACC Major Fleck  
CP 1 Lt Johnson  
N Capt Dugan  
RO Sgt Conlon  
FE TSgt Fielder  
LM TSgt Stone

Hawk 07, 01, 23  
Blade 01, 07, 05  
Apache 16  
Shadow 12

King 24  
Rustic 20, 23 (FAC)  
JG 55/62/64/67

*John J. Fleck*

JOHN J. FLECK, Major, USAF

Aircraft Commander/Airborne Mission Commander

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RUMGSA/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT ZERO  
RUMUJIA/39ARRS CAM RAINH BAY AB RVN  
RUMUJIA/OL-A JARRGP SON TAA AB RVN  
RUMOSIA/OL-B JARRGP UDORNATAPB THAILAND  
RUMUJIA/37ARRS DAN NANG AB RVN/CC  
RUMOSIA/40ARRS UDORN RTAFB THAILAND/CC  
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RUMUJIA/35 TFW PHAN RANG AB RVN  
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S E C R E T JOPREP JIFFY/JRCC/RECSUE 001-10/0250Z MAR 71.

1. RESCUE OPENING/CLOSING REPORT: 30 MAR 71.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 03-007-30 MAR 71.
3. SITUATION: TWO U.S. ARMY OH-6A HELICOPTERS SHOT DOWN.
- A. DESCRIPTION OF SAR OBJECTIVE:
  - (1) TWO OH-6A/TAIL NBRS UNKN/00/APACHE 11 AND 12.
  - (2) TYPE OF FLIGHT PLAN: TACTICAL VFR.
  - (3) PILOT'S NAMES: UNKNOWN.
  - (4) NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ON BOARD: FOUR (TWO ON EACH AIRCRAFT)
  - (5) SIGNIFICANT WEATHER: 1600 FT SCATTERED TO BROKEN; 3000 FT SCATTERED TO BROKEN; VISIBILITY 3 MILES IN HAZE; WIND 150 DEGREES 5 TO 7 KNOTS.
  - (6) TYPE SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT CARRIED: U.S. ARMY STANDARD.
  - (7) LAST KNOWN POSITION: 11-33N 105-03E.
- B. ACTIONS TAKEN:
  - (1) CONTROLLING AGENCY: JRCC, SRO AIRGP, NOTIFIED AT 30/0250Z BY TAC THAT APACHE 11 AND 12 WERE SHOT DOWN.

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- (2) FOLLOWING SAR FORCES ALERTED:
  - (A) 37TH ARRS AT 30/0252Z
  - (B) 37TH ARRS FOL (BIEN HOA) AT 30/0252Z
  - (C) 53 SOW FOL (BIEN HOA) AT 30/0252Z
  - (D) 41TH ARRS FOL (UDORN) AT 30/0252Z

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- (3) FOLLOWING SAR FORCES WERE LAUNCHED OR DIVERTED:
- (A) KING 24, HC--130P, DIVERTED 30/0250Z.
  - (B) JOLLY GREEN MH53C 64 AND 67, LAUNCHED 30/0340Z.
  - (C) SANDY'S 7 AND 8, A-1'S, LAUNCHED 30/0353Z.
  - (D) JOLLY GREENS, 55 AND 62, MH-53C, LAUNCHED 30/0353Z.
  - (E) SANDY'S 1 AND 2, A-1'S, LAUNCHED 30/0345Z.
  - (F) KING 23, HC-130P, LAUNCHED 30/0650Z.

C. PERSONNEL INFO:

- (1) 4 INVOLVED/4 LOCATED/3 SAVED/1 KIA.
- (2) LOCATING AGENCY, RUSTIC 05, OV-10; TIME OBJECTIVE LOCATED, 30/0245Z; GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATES OF RECOVERY SITE, 11-33N 105-03E.
- (3) RECOVERY AGENCY AND METHOD USED TO RECOVER SAR OBJECTIVE:
- (A) BARON 01, UH1H, LANDED AND RECOVERED 2 SURVIVORS.

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- (3) CUSTOFF 155, UH1H, LANDED AND RECOVERED 1 SURVIVOR.
- (4) DISPOSITION OF SAR OBJECTIVES: 3 SURVIVORS WERE AIRLIFTED TO U.S. ARMY HOSPITAL AT BINH THUY, RVN. REMAINS OF PERSON KIA WILL BE EXTRACTED BY U.S. ARMY.

D. FLYING ACTIVITY:

- (1) 39 ARRS 2 SORTIES/12.4 HOURS
- (2) 37 ARRS 4 SORTIES/13.0 HOURS
- (3) 40 ARRS 2 SORTIES/16.2 HOURS
- (4) 5550W 4 SORTIES/18.8 HOURS
- (5) 8505 14 SORTIES/10.5 HOURS
- (6) 35 TFW 8 SORTIES/14.0 HOURS
- (7) NUMEROUS ADDITIONAL SORTIES FLOWN BY U.S. FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS (UNITS UNKNOWN).

E. SAVES DATA:

- (1) IDENTITY OF RESCUE COMMANDERS MAKING SAVES.
- (A) BARON 01, UNKNOWN.
- (B) CUSTOFF 155, UNKNOWN.
- (C) KING 24, 39 ARRS, CAPT HOOVER.
- (2) NAMES, SERVICE AND NATIONALITY OF PERSONNEL SAVED.
- 3 U.S. ARMY AIRCREWMEN, NAMES UNKNOWN.

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- (3) 3, COMBAT SAVES.
- (4) 3, AIRCREW MEMBERS

F. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

- (1) NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF SAR EFFORTS. AT 0250Z, 30 MAR 71, THE 3RD ARRG WACC WAS NOTIFIED BY TACC THAT TWO U.S. ARMY OH-6A HELICOPTERS WERE SHOT DOWN AT POSITION 11-33N, 105-03E. THE TWO HELICOPTERS WERE HIT BY GROUND FIRE FROM A PAGODA IN THE AREA THEY WERE WORKING. THERE WERE AT LEAST FIVE OTHER AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA. AT LEAST TWO PILOTS WERE REPORTED TO BE ALIVE. KING 24, HELICOPTER AIRCRAFT WAS ON PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT AND WAS DIVERTED AT 0250Z AND ASSIGNED DUTIES AS AIRBORNE

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MISSION COMMANDER. AT 0346Z, KING 24 REPORTED THAT BARON 01 HAD PICKED UP TWO OF THE FOUR DOWNED PERSONNEL IN GOOD CONDITION. AT 0420Z, KING 24 REPORTED THAT DUSTOFF 165 HAD PICKED UP A THIRD SURVIVOR, IN GOOD CONDITION. INITIAL INFORMATION FROM THIS SURVIVOR INDICATED THE FOURTH MAN WAS BADLY BURNED AND PROBABLY UNCONSCIOUS. THE FOURTH MAN WAS APPROXIMATELY 10 METERS FROM THE WRECKAGE OF HIS AIRCRAFT. THE 3RD ARRGJ JRCC COORDINATED DIRECTLY WITH TACC FOR USA AND USAF AIR STRIKES TO SUBDUCE ENEMY FORCES IN THE AREA. INTENSE RESISTANCE WITH LIGHT

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