

FROM: 1st Special Operations Sq (Maj Encinas/2754)

SUBJECT: SARCO Report for Raven 45 A/B

28 Dec 71

TO: 56th SOW (DO)

1. A successful rescue was made of Raven 45 A/B. The aircraft, an O-1 lost oil and fuel pressure and the Raven made a forced landing at 050 for 30 off Channel 82. This report covers the activities relating to the SAR. All times are NKP local.

2. The SARCO received a call at 0920 that Raven 45 was down. He made a forced landing in a field with two other Raven over the area. Sandy 3 and 4 launched and took off at 0943. At 0935 Sandy 5 and 6 along with Jolly 63 and 57 launched and proceeded to the scene. A Durex helicopter, Hotel 89 arrived on scene at approximately 0955. He made both pick-ups of 45 A and B. At 1007 rescue was completed. Sandy 5, 6 and Jolly 63, 57 RTB Channel 93. Sandy 3 and 4 RTD Channel 89. SAR terminated at 1007.

3. The only comment I have is that I feel a VHF and UHF Receivers should be in the SARCO's work room. One is there now but it has a very limited range. I feel some means should be available to the SARCO to monitor the SAR Frequencies.


ESEQUIEL M. ENCINAS, Major, USAF
SARCO

FROM: 1st SCS (Capt R. Smith, Sandy 03)

28 Dec 71

SUBJECT: SAR for Raven 45, 24 December 1971

TO: SARCO, Major Esequiel Encinas

We received a launch order at 0925 local and were airborne at 0943. King advised me at 0950 that the Bravo Phase had begun. At 1015 we were advised that both Alpha and Bravo had been picked up. We were told to RTB at Channel 89 but at 1025 King advised me that we had been released to Blue Chip for a strike. Hillsboro sent us to a TAC Emergency at 262/43 off of Channel 69.



RONALD E. SMITH, Capt, USAF
Sandy 03

28 December 1971

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: Captain Fred C. Boli, Sandy 05

SUBJECT: SAR for Raven 45, 24 December 1971

TO: SARCO, Major Esequile Encinas

1. Sandy 05 (Capt. Boli) and Sandy 06 (Capt. Clevenger) were on alert at Ubon RTAFB on 24 December 1971 when they were scrambled to cockpit alert at 0905L. While leaving the alert quarters we were notified to launch for Raven 45 who had gone down at 068/90/93. We were at the aircraft by 0910L and shortly after Jolly Green 63/57 were airborne, we launched at 0930L. Immediately after becoming airborne Sandy 05 contacted King 21 for further information about the survivors. King 21 relayed that Raven 40 had assumed on scene command, had located Raven 45 Alpha and Bravo, and that although there was some small arms fire in the area that he was committing Hotel Alpha, an Air America or CAS helicopter (we never ascertained which), to the pickup. Hotel Alpha was successful in picking up Raven 45A on the first attempt; but was for some reason waved off by Raven 45B. As Sandy 05/06 along with Jolly Green 63/57 arrived on scene at 1005L, Hotel Alpha succeeded in picking up Raven 45B. At 1010L Sandy 05/06 were directed by King 21 to return to CH93. At 1015L Sandy 05/06 were released to Hillsboro by Joker and struck with Raven 33 at 073/40/99 and then landed at Ch 93 at 1155L.

2. One unique thing that occurred during this SAR was that rather than making the pickup on the normal 282.8 UHF frequency, Raven 40 was directing Hotel Alpha on F4 frequency 43.85; which caused some confusion among the Sandys and Jollys who were initially unable to monitor what was going on while they were on their way to the scene. King 21 is to be commended for promptly noting this abnormality and informing the Sandys and Jollys of the proper frequency.

Fred C. Boli

FRED C. BOLI, Captain, USAF
Sandy 05

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FM OLB 3ARRGP UDORN RTAFB THAILAND
TO RUEFHQA/CSAF/AFXTZD
RUHHABA/CINCPACAF/DOH
RUCIMAA/HQ ARRS SCOTT AFB IL/COMMAND POST

ZEN/7/13AF UDORN RTAFB THAILAND/DOM

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RUWTFJA/RANDOLPH AFB TX/USAFMPC/DPMCS

RUCIMAAA/MAC/MAOCCB

RUMMRSA/7AF TSN AB RVN/CC/DO/DOO/IN/DOCT/DP

RUMUJNA/OL A 3ARRGP SON TRA AB RVN

RUMOREA/40 ARRS NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB THAILAND

RUMOREA/56 SOW NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB THAILAND/D00

RUMOJAA/39ARRS CAM RANH BAY AB RVN

NUMJES/AIRA VIENTIANE LAOS

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1. RESCUE OPENING/CLOSING REPORT - 24 DECEMBER 1971
2. MISSION NUMBER - B-3-048 - 24 DECEMBER 1971
3. SITUATION: RAVEN 45 DOWN NORTH EAST OF PAKSE LAOS

A. DESCRIPTION OF SAR OBJECTIVE:

- (1) 0-1/675/GRAY/RAVEN 45
- (2) FLIGHT PLAN - TACTICAL
- (3) PILOT - NAME NOT RELEASABLE
- (4) POB - 2

(5) WEATHER IN AREA - 10000 SCATTERED 30000 SCATTERED VISIBILITY 7 MILES.

- (6) SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT - USAF STANDARD
(7) POSITION - 1548N 10620E

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REVEN 45. RAVEN 41 ASSUMED ON SCENE COMMANDER AT 240220Z AND ESTABLISHED VOICE CONTACT WITH ALPHA MAN. ALERT JOLLY GREENS (HH-53C) AND SANDIES (A-1) WERE LAUNCHED AT 240235Z AND 240225Z RESPECTIVELY FOR POSSIBLE SAR RECOVERY FROM NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB. KING 24 WAS LAUNCHED FROM CAM RANH BAY AV RVN TO PROVIDE AIR REFUELING CAPABILITY AT 240300Z. AIR AMERICAN HELICOPTERS (H-15, 54, 89 AND 59) WERE WORKING IN RECOVERY AREA AND WERE DIVERTED TO AID ASSISTANCE. WEATHER IN THE RECOVERY AREA WAS EXCELLENT THROUGHOUT THE SAR MISSION. AIR AMERICA HELICOPTER (H-89) MADE VISUAL CONTACT WITH BRAVO MAN AT 240240Z. BRAVO MAN WAVED #89 OFF ON THE INITIAL PICKUP EFFORT. H-89 MADE RADIO CONTACT WITH ALPHA MAN

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AND PICKED HIM UP AT 240250Z. BRAVO MAN WAS THEN RECOVERED BY H-89 WITHOUT INCIDENT. ALPHA MAN WAS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION AND BRAVO MAN SUFFERED A POSSIBLE BROKEN LEG. ALPHA MAN WAS RETURNED TO LIMA 11 AND BRAVO MAN WAS TAKEN TO PAPA SITE 18. ALL FORCES WERE RTB'D AT 240315Z. NO AEREAL REFUELINGS WERE ACCOMPLISHED.
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B. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- (1) CONTROLLING AGENCY - OL-B, 3 ARRG
- (2) OL-B, JARRGP NOTIFIED OF SAR INCIDENT AT 240210Z BY 3ARRGP/JRCC
- (3) FOLLOWING SAR FORCES ALERTED:
 - (A) 39ARRS AT 240210Z
 - (B) 40 ARRS AT 240215Z

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- (C) 56 SOW AT 240216Z
- (4) TIME SAR FORCES LAUNCHED:
 - (A) 1 HC-130P, 39 ARRS DIVERTED AT 240212Z
 - (B) 2 A-1E, 56 SOW LAUNCHED AT 240225Z
 - (C) 2 HH-53C, 40ARRS LAUNCHED AT 240235Z
 - (D) 2 A-1E, 56SOW LAUNCHED AT 240243Z
 - (E) 1HC-130P, 39 ARRS LAUNCHED AT 240300Z

C. PERSONNEL INFORMATION:

- (1) 2 PERSONS INVOLVED, 2 LOCATED, 2 RECOVERED, 2 SAVED
- (2) SAR OBJECTIVE LOCATED BY RAVEN 40 (O-1) AT 240215Z, LOCATION 1548N 10620E
- (3) H-89 (NON ARRS H-34) MADE A LANDING RECOVERY OF BOTH SURVIVORS.
- (4) ALPHA SURVIVOR TAKEN TO L-11, BRAVO SURVIVOR TAKEN TO PS-18.

D. FLYING ACTIVITY:

- (1) 39 ARRS - 2 SORTIES FOR 1.6 HOURS
- (2) 40 ARRS - 2 SORTIES FOR 2.4 HOURS
- (3) 56SOW - 4 SORTIES FOR 1.8 HOURS

E. SAVES DATA: NO SAVES CLAIMED BY ARRS

- (1) RCC MAKING SAVE- H-89 (NON ARRS H-34) PILOT NOT RELEASABLE
- (2) PERSONS SAVED- NAMES OF SURVIVORS NOT RELEASABLE

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- (A) SERVICE AND NATIONALITY- NOT RELEASABLE
- (B) 2 NON ARRS COMBAT SAVES
- (C) AIRCREW MEMBERS

G. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

- (1) OL-B, 3ARRGP WAS NOTIFIED AT 240210Z DEC 71 BY 3ARRGP/JRCC THAT REVEN 45 WAS DOWN. APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT WAS 050 DEGREES 30 MILES FROM CH-82. KING 21 (HC-130P) WAS DIVERTED AT 240212Z AND ASSUMED AMC DUTIES. REVEN 40 WAS ON SCENE AND HAD VISUAL CONTACT WITH

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