

18 Mar 72	
1944Z	Nail 31 SAR K-22 advises Nail 28 has picked up beeper 400 meters south of "Alpha"
2110	King 21 assumes AMC. King 22 to CH 93 and refuel. Then King 22 will become primary tanker. Crew duty day waiver for King 22 approved.
2225	Smoke 44 and 45 airborne
2258	ETA Sandy 5 & 6 2310
2304	Nail 49 in area. OSC is Nail 20. Pickup attempt in 30 minutes. Nail 49 assumes OSC
2323	JG's at holding point
2335	Senior 03 has radio contact with "Bravo"
2346	King 27 will complete refueling in 10 minutes. Will be airborne soon after refueling
2358	Sandy 1 hit by ground fire but OK. Ground fire came from approximately 150 meters south of "Bravo." There are a couple of 12.5's in the area
19 Mar 72	
0013	Jolly 32 & 63 completed air refueling and are off the tanker
0042	Jolly 63 just experienced a hard over on one of his systems and is returning to CH 86. Jolly 53 & 56 will scramble as replacements
0143	Sandy 7 & 8 flight airborne
0146	Jolly 30 & 61 are now primary pickup helicopters
0154	From King 21: Jolly 32 is low bird & 30 will be high bird
0202	King 21 reports that it looks good for a pickup attempt
0210	Jolly 56 linked up with Jolly 61 and are placed at holding point
0222	Sandy 7 assume OSC
0225	Both survivors are requesting PJ deployment to assist them
0234	Sandy 7 trying to pinpoint survivors
0242	From King 21: Will attempt to pickup "Bravo" first, in approximately 10 minutes
0252	Jolly 32 inbound for "Bravo" pickup

0257	Sandy 7 reports ground fire. Jolly 32 ordered to egress and head for the tanker
0300	Sandy 11 & 12 airborne. King 27 Bingo fuel at 0400
0322	Scrambled King 23 from Korat From King 21: Jolly 61 inbound for pickup attempt on "Bravo"
0324	Bravo has popped smoke
0329	Hoist operation in progress. PJ was not deployed
0334	Jolly 61 successfully picked both survivors and is egressing the area Jolly 61 needs refueling fast. King 21 descending to air refuel Jolly 61
0346	Jolly 61 reports that both survivors will need medical care
27 Mar 72	
0438	From King 21: Jolly 61 broke off the tanker without notifying King 21 and the helicopter has disappeared with negative radio contact. Smoke has been spotted on the ground. Jolly 60 is going to investigate
0445	Jolly 60 believes the fire and smoke is from crashed Jolly 61. Jolly 61 is down at 270/84/107 14° 06'N 106° 34'E location is in NW Cambodia about 300 miles north of Tan Son Nhut and 170 miles SSW of DaNang.
0449	Negative beepers. One chute spotted. Sandy's scrambled. Revised position 140/70/82
0458	Jolly 64 RTB CH 93. Negative fuel from King 21. Scrambled north Jolly's
0500	King 21 requests 2 additional King birds scrambled. King 21 is OSC
0516	Negative beepers or voice from Jolly 60
0542	Jolly 60 reports one chute hanging in trees. Negative movement on the ground
0549	Jolly 60 will check parachute hanging in trees. No hostiles in area. Sandy 5 & 6 ETA 5 minutes. Jolly 52 & 62 ETA 0630
0557	Jolly 60 Phase "Alpha" on parachute
0609	Jolly 60 hovering over possible survivor
0615	Jolly 60 deploying PJ
0617	PJ on ground 35 yards from parachute
0639	Jolly 60 recovers PJ from parachute area. Negative results on survivor search
0645	King 21 advises Jack that there was no one in the parachute.

	King 21 confirms wreckage is Jolly 61
0557	Jolly 64 taking ground fire and lost 2 nd stage hydraulic system. RTB CH 82
0707	Nail 22 and 30 in area
0709	Sandy's 1 – 2 – 3 & 4 scrambled
0719	Scrambled 2 more Jolly's to CH 93 and instructed them to cock them on alert
0728	Holding point for airborne Jolly's is 145 / 75 / 82
0740	Report from Jolly 60 thru King 22: Deployed PJ investigated parachute. No one in chute. PJ went from chute to wreckage tail section of HH-53. Found fire extinguisher, logbook, and a piece of something else that he could not identify
0812	Jolly 64 & 62 are at CH 82. Jolly 60 on ground at CH 93
0847	Passed to King 21: Place Jolly's in safe hold point. Do not commit unless there is a survivor
0901	Jolly 52 & 62 joined up with Sandy 3 & 4. Heading to the holding point
0910	Debrief Jolly 60 pilot at CH 93. He deployed a PJ on a chute that was found. It was not fully opened. It did not look like there was anyone in the parachute harness. The main fuselage of the Jolly was completely burned and destroyed. It was still burning in thick woods. They put a PJ down and he found a fire extinguisher, hoist gloves, and a piece of the minigun chute. The woods were too thick to continue a search because of intense fire. PJ was recovered by hoist. The tail section was found away from the main wreckage.
0936	Passed to King 21: Have Sandy 1 – 2 – 3 - & 4 hold until bingo and then RTB CH 93
0956	From King 22: Jolly 52 has deployed a PJ to the wreckage. We asked them to re-evaluate it because it was still burning. They came back "too late, PJ is on the ground."
1025	PJ back on board Jolly 52. Jolly is going to hover taxi and take photos.
1028	Joker radios to have Sandy's do this, not the Jolly
1033	Sandy's and Jolly's climbing out of the area
1040	From Jolly 52: PJ found no one in the wreckage. Found two chutes. Says one looks like it could have possibly been used. The other did not. Found a throttle quadrant and seat belt.

1042	Joker orders all forces to RTB. King 22 back to normal orbit
1055	Confirmed that Jolly 64 did not get hit by ground fire
28 Mar 72	
2010	Joker passed Spectre 13 down 090/80/89 with 14 souls on board
2115	From Joker: Launch SAR forces for 1 st light SAR. SAM site at 16°22'N 105°55'E. Spectre 13 hit by possible SA-2. No contact with any survivors. Nail 27 in area.
2250	Nail 27 debriefed: Was working the D-79 area. Saw a flash in the night sky. Turned and saw a large fire. Two minutes later, a fighter (Barfly 03) who was working with Spectre 13 came up on guard calling Spectre 13. He got no answer. Ten minutes later, he heard a beeper cycle three times with 5 second durations. It never came up again. Spent 20 minutes in Spectre 13 area at 11,000 feet and took ground fire.
29 Mar 72	
0024	Barfly 03 debriefed: was five miles from Spectre 13. He saw a SAM launch, track, and hit Spectre 13. Ten seconds later, he saw the AC-130 impact and explode.
0108	JG 30 holding 160/89/89 for Spectre 13 SAR hit by ground fire at 7,500'. There are several holes in the HH-53's floor
0250	Spectre 13 wreckage still burning
0920	Nail OSC
1145	Mission suspended as of 291130Z
30 Mar 72	
1500	Spectre 22 crew bailed out at 080/90/93
1520	Queen has mission control. Scrambled King 27 to 15°30'N 106°22'E. Impact point 040/49/82. 40 th alerted for 1 st light SAR 040° for 49 miles off of Pakse Laos
1630	From King 27: Nail 37 has contact with "Alpha & Echo & Golf & Hotel & India" "Golf" reports injured back. "India" reports a neck wound.
1635	Spectre 21 in area. Has contact with 11 people

1640	Requested LNRS HH-53 to CH 93. Checking on availability
1715	From King 21: Have contact with "Alpha, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Foxtrot, Golf, Hotel, India, Juliet, Kilo, November and Oscar"
1716	From Queen: Jolly 73 & 66 plan a 2130 takeoff from CH 77 to CH 93
1745	From King 27: "Foxtrot" in a tree. "Golf" has an injured back and hears motors in the area
1748	Contact established with "Bravo"
1820	"Kilo" has facial lacerations and injured neck
1841	From Joker: a.m. quick reaction force will consist of 4 flights campus, 2 flights CBU-49, 2 flights CBU-14, 4 flights Snake and Nape. All will be available within 45 minutes of request
1959	From Joker: Dropping of aerial denial ordnance within 500 meters of village in Steel Tiger West is prohibited. We have clearance for ten miles on both sides of bailout line (see 1605 entry)
2010	All survivors located except "Lima & November"
2108	"Juliet" reports movement around him
2147	Initial hold point for Jolly's will be 060/65/93 or 15°49'N 105°52'E 060° for 65 miles off Ubon RTAFB
2220	King 27 reports weather in area deteriorating
2300	Sandy 3 & 4 in area
2305	Jolly 60 & 64 holding with King 21. Jolly 64 RTB CH 93. King 21 requests another Jolly from CH 93
2349	Sandy 3 has area pretty clear. Moving in Jolly's. Will put PJ down to assist "India"
2358	"India" reports noise though to be bad guys was actually cows
31 Mar 72	
0010	"India" is going to try and crawl to open area to make pickup easier
0020	Jolly 53 inbound for pickup attempt
0031	Jolly 53 hovering over "India"
0035	"India" on way up in stokes litter
0037	"India" and PJ on board Jolly 53

0050	"Alpha" onboard Jolly
0055	"Foxtrot" onboard Jolly
0058	Jolly 63 & 62 going to tanker
0100	Jolly 60 inbound for pickup
0110	Jolly 60 has four survivors. Names unknown.
0112	From King 27: Jolly 60 has "Golf" and four other survivors. From post SAR debrief: PJ deployed to recover "Golf" who had a fractured leg. Jolly 60 actually picked up a total of 8 survivors. Jolly 62 picked up "Foxtrot" who had been in a tree all night. Jolly 53 picked up "Alpha and India." India had back injury and abrasions but was able to come up the penetrator. No ground fire encountered during SAR. Transloaded "Bravo" from Air America at P.S. 18
0127	From King 27: "Echo" onboard a Jolly
0145	From King 27: "November" on a Jolly. Only "Bravo & Mike" remain to be rescued
0146	Jolly 60 and 63 RTB CH 93 ETA 0220
0218	Air America helo callsign Hotel 45 recovered "Bravo & Mike"
0230	From King 27: All SAR forces RTB
0450	Jolly 63 and 77 down at CH 93. Mission closed
	Note: below log entries are excerpts from the master log at JPAC. Most of the actual entries are missing because I was restricted from copying the logs and had to manually write out my notes.
1 Apr 72	Nothing significant in either Joker or Jack logbooks that would have indicated that a major NVA offensive had been launched.
2 Apr 72	Nothing significant in either Joker or Jack logbooks that would have indicated that a major NVA offensive had been launched.
3 Apr 72	
0012	Bat 21 down. Sandy 5 and 6 launched to 050/181/103 and told to contact King 21 or Queen for instructions.
0039	Pave Nail in Bat 21 area. SAMs being fired at Pave Nail

1335	No Nail FACs tonight. Two Pave Nails in the morning. One prior to 1 st light. Covey will keep comm CAP tonight. King 21 will launch at 2100Z
4 Apr 72 1047	Request following ordnance for the night CBU-42 to seal off roads, hard bombs, CBU-52 and "Baby." Nail 14 will provide LORAN coordinates to Bilk FACs. Pathfinder aircraft will drop ordnance. Flights will cycle all night at 30 minute intervals
1133	Vampire 46 1 SOB punched out 10 miles short of CH 99 (Mukdahan, Thailand) 158/52/89 158° for 52 miles of NKP
1144	LNRS Jolly 62 scrambled
1149	Cabot F-4 has contact with Vampire 46
1154	Joker approves Jolly 62 go it alone LNRS. JG 62 enroute
1215	Jolly 62 has a chip light and RTB CH 89 Air America helo call sign "Hotel 59" going in to pickup Vampire 46
1219	Vampire 46 onboard Hotel 59
6 Apr 72 0928	Bat 21 / Nail 38 SAR: Jolly 67 down during run in for Nail 38 Bravo. Sandy reports he did not see anyone get out. SAR forces pulling out. Will put in more strikes. King 22 AMC
7 Apr 72	Bat 21 / Nail 38 SARs continue
8 Apr 72	Bat 21 / Nail 38 / Covey 282A SAR. Contact with Covey 282 Bravo lost last night. Possible 1 st light SAR. Ordnance QRF 6 x CBU-52, 4 X Rockeye, 8 x MK-82 / CBU-24 mixed, 2 x Baby, 4 x Gravel
9 Apr 72 0650	Musket 01 down. Beeper contact.
0654	Ironhand requested
0656	Scrambled SAR force
0657	From Gunsmoke 06: Spotted two parachutes

0701	Pave Nail 63 launched
0704	From Brigham (Udon CH70 radar control): Bayon 02 has voice contact with one man
0712	From King 22: Holding point for Jolly's is 113/54/89. Radio contact established only with Musket 01A
0719	Nail 61 OSC has visual contact with both survivors
0720	Jolly 32 airborne from CH 93 (Ubon). Told to hold over CH 99 (Mukdahan)
0721	From King 22: Musket 01B has a broken right leg and broken right arm
0724	Sandy 1 – 2 – 3 – 4 airborne
0735	Sandy 11 & 12 airborne
0736	Musket 01A has broken hand
0739	Jolly 52 airborne. Linked up with Jolly 32. Both enroute at 9000'
0740	Survivors are about 100 meters apart
0747	Sandy 1 & 2 in area. Air America helo Hotel 15 inbound for pickup attempt
0817	Hotel 15 inbound for "Alpha. Jolly inbound for "Bravo"
0822	Jolly begins run in for pickup. Will try for both men
0854	Sandy laying down ordnance. Smoke going in. Three minutes till pickup
0857	Jolly 32 in hover over "Bravo". PJ out on penetrator
0906	"Bravo" and PJ on board Jolly 32. Hover taxi to "Alpha"
0910	"Alpha" on board. Jolly 32 egressing and RTB CH 93 (Ubon)
0920	"Bravo" unconscious. Hospital alerted. Jolly 32 now going to CH 89 (Udon)
0950	Jolly 32 down at Udon
1050	FRAG order passed Det 4 ARRS Korat 2 x HC-130 King T.O. 09/1800Z + 1 King on ground alert 40 th ARRS 2 x HH-53 LNRS at CH 93 on ground alert 56 th SOW 4 x A-1 Sandy T.O. 09/1830Z 2 x A-1 ground alert at DaNang at 09/2000. 4 x A-1 on ground alert at NKP
1247	Queen called. Bengal 505 overdue
1300	Bengal 512 had beeper from Bengal 505
1405	Cosmic 24 has voice contact with Bengal 505. King 22 reports Cosmic saw 1 good chute at rough position 110/112/89

1422	From Teepee. Radio contact with Bengal 505 Alpha. "Alpha" believes that "Bravo" also got out of the aircraft
1430	Iron Hand in area. High threat with 37mm, 57mm, 85mm guns and SAMs
1438	Pave Nail requested. None available. Only fast FACs available until 0500L
1515	1 st light plan is: 2 flights LGB & 2 flights CBU-52 2 flights CBU-49 2 flights CBU-14 4 flights BLU-52 (code name Baby) Iron Hand, Jammers, and MiG CAP
1530	Debrief with Cosmic 24 GIB: Voice contact with "Alpha." He is on a small hill. Wreckage is burning ½ acre area. "Alpha" is approximately 100 yards from wreck.
1545	1 ST light plan is: Iron Hand, ELINT, MiG CAP, 1 HC-130 King, 2 OV-10 Pave Nail At 0100Z 4 A-1 Sandy 4 HH-53 Jolly 1 HC-130 King / Tanker
1610	From Queen: Bengal 505's survival radio is a PRC-90
1645	From Joker: HC-130 orbit at 17°00'N 108°00'E
2243	Nail 12 has taken a hit in the centerline tank. He punched the tank and will remain on station.
10 April	
0024	Nail 22 OSC. He has voice contact with survivor
0052	From King 27: Weather in are. Clouds right on ridgeline. Survivor just below the top of the ridge. Survivor reports people are nearby. Request LORAN drop of "Baby." Survivor reports automatic weapons fire to southeast and voices to the north
0121	Iron Hand on station
0155	Aircraft with "Baby" airborne. Survivor reports two 23mm nearby. He can pinpoint. Nail 22 departs. Nail 27 now OSC
0208	Nail 22 Debrief: People within 200 yards of survivor. His OV-10 took 50 rounds of 23mm. Jolly's would certainly be hit if used. Guns are on ridgeline and have to be taken out.

0230	"Baby" dropped near survivors location
0306	"Alpha" survivor correctly authenticated.
0334	Survivor reports he is in good shape. Small arms fire heard to the west.
0405	King 23 now OSC. He requests more "Baby" because there is a lot of movement near "Alpha." Also requests CBU-24, CBU-42, CBU-49, CBU-52 and MK-50's in flights of 2
0704	Fenway flight with smart MK-82 arrive. Will be used on the guns
0850	King 23 launches Sandy's and Jolly's to IP at 123/78/89
0857	4 x Sandy, 4 x Jolly and 1 x King launched. Final hold point passed to Jolly's 108/96/89
1016	Jolly 30 and 63 at IP
1031	King 23 reports AAA from both ridges near survivor and the weather is deteriorating
1033	Jolly's and Sandy's ordered to RTB
1050	During the night, ordered up aircraft and ordnance to suppress ground fire. Have coordinates for smart bombs. Comm CAP all night. Survivor ordered to bed down for a 1 st light pickup attempt
2241	Nail 32 in area. Weather poor but workable. King 23 AMC
2310	Nail 38B is in friendly hands and on the way out. Voice contact with Bat 21 "Bravo"
11 April	
0035	Iron Hand in area
0042	Nail 32 RTB. Nail 59 now OSC
0122	Nail 59 has voice contact with Bengal 505 survivor. The weather is workable. Multiple flights with ordnance in the area and dropping ordnance every 15 minutes
0318	Weather is getting worse. King 23 requests Pathfinder aircraft to continue bombing. Pathfinder can drop on LORAN coordinates
0433	From King 23: OSC Nail 12 advises launch of SARTAF by 0515. Weather is

	workable but is slowly getting worse. Remaining 23mm and 37mm can be quieted prior to Jolly arrival. Teepee disapproves due to weather and guns still active
0435 – 0700	Multiple strikes with CBU and MK-82's. Radio contact with survivor every 30 minutes.
0730	"Coachman" helo down. Jolly's from DaNang launched
0935	Last of day strikes going in
2325	Nail 12 OSC reports the weather is better. 10,000' overcast and visibility unlimited.
2336	King 21 AMC requests QRF launched
2348	King 21 requests CBU-52 and napalm
12 April	
0001-0100	Lots of Navy strike and support aircraft bombing and jamming
0100	Nail 12 request SAR force launched but command and control from 7 th AF say no
0112	Laser Guided Bombs (LGB) on way. Multiple strikes going in all around the survivor
0309	32 F-4's tasked to SAR with 500 pound bombs, CBU and Rockeye strikes every 15 minutes
0500	Sandy's and Jolly's airborne and told to hold over CH 99. Jolly 30 & 63 airborne
0647	From Joker: 38 Bravo told to get in the river and swim. A team of swimmers went out to meet him and got him out. Bat 21 Bravo told to do the same. But, he is too weak to go further. We will try and drop him some food
0900	All SAR aircraft ordered to RTB. Comm CAP will remain over survivor
0920	Sandy 1 debrief (Major Harding): Survivor in good spirits and good position for pickup. Survivor was sad they could not pick him up today

2 May 72	
0855	Stinger 41 down 350/43/73 3 good chutes
0915	Sandy's 3, 4, 5, & 6 diverted to SAR area. King 22 AMC
1002	Sandy 5 & 6 in SAR area
1009	Sandy 5 & 6 working "Delta, Echo, & India
1058	JG 33 has three survivors on board
1131	King 22 reports that Jolly Greens picked up "Bravo, Delta, Echo, Fox, Hotel, and India. Army helo picked up "Golf"
3 May 72	
0045	Musket 02 down north of Finger Lake 16° 11' N 106° 52' E No voice contact
5 May 72	
0415	Musket 03 down in vicinity of CH 103. Voice contact established. Jolly Green and Sandy scrambled from CH 77
0440	Voice contact with both survivors of Musket 03. Jolly's holding feet wet
	Oyster 01 SAR
10 May 72	
0355	Oyster 01 is missing
0405	King 21 advises that voice contact has been established with Oyster 01
04165	Report from Oyster 03 (flight leader) Oyster 01 last seen at 2000' in vicinity of Phuc Yen, inverted, in a ball of fire with two MiG-19's on his tail. Oyster 01 Alpha is Major Robert A. Lodge Oyster 01 Bravo is Captain Roger C. Locher
0639	Debrief of Oyster 04: Oyster 01 was burning from the canopy back, in a 30° dive and burst into a fireball when it hit the ground. Two good chutes on the ground near the crash site. Oyster 01 was shot down by 2 MiG-19's, 23mm cannon fire. 21° 42'N 105° 11'E. No chutes were observed in the air. Jolly 62 is alert LNRS. No other LNRS Jolly's available. Will use non-LNRS Jolly for high bird

11 May 72	
0807	Ice Bag 04 down at 20° 40'N 104° 56'E Two good chutes observed. SAR area is approximately 45 miles SW of "ullseye"
0814	Bandits in area. Requested MiG CAP, Iron Hand, ELINT
0820	Jolly Greens 56 & 57 ETA Paksang at 0910
0825	Launch Sandy 3 & 4
0737	Non-squaker 184° for 61 miles off "Squid" heading 184° Sandy's & King flying down to the deck
0845	Gopher 01 down. LtCol J. Kittinger and 1 st Lt William Reich
0906	Voice contact with Gopher 01 "Bravo"
0922	Sandy 3 & 4 escorting Jolly's 56 & 57
0945	Final hold point for Jolly's is 044/92/96
1020	Authentication data for Ice Bag 04 passed to King & Sandy's Pilot is Major William Talley GIB is Major James Paddgett
1101	Jolly 57 took ground fire from valley but was not hit and is continuing on SAR
1115	Due to loss of MiG CAP, all SAR forces ordered to RTB
1125	Debrief of Papa 01: Positive voice contact with Ice Bag 04 "Bravo"
1600	Plan to attempt pickup at the same time "Linebacker" goes in was vetoed by Joker. "Linebacker" takes precedence. Now planning a 1 st light recovery on both survivors depending on voice contact.
1845	Two Jolly's will launch at 0145. They will require air refueling after crossing the river. Will go to Lima Site 16
12 May 72	Continue "Ice Bag 04 Bravo" and "Gopher 01 Alpha" SARs
0105	"Papa 04 & 05" have voice contact with both survivors "Alpha" is at 20° 30'N 105° 05E "Bravo" is at 20° 32'N 105° 09'E
0144	Navigation points passed to King 21 Point "A" 19° 36'N 103° 49'E Point "B" 20° 02'N 104° 03'E Point "C" 20° 28'N 104° 22'E Point "S" 20° 36'N 104° 41'E

0343	Sandy 2 is talking with "Alpha." "Bravo" is evading enemy forces. Sandy 1 & 2 are taking ground fire during low passes on survivors
0417	Pave Nail 32 & 39 are in the area and working with Sandy 1 & 2 and fastmovers
0455	King 27 at point "A" near Lima Site 16 to air refuel Jolly 53 & 62
0635	Sandy 9 & 10 advise King 22 that there is lots of enemy activity in the area. Bad guys within five miles of the survivors. They are laying down lots of ordnance. A pickup in the next hour is doubtful. CBU-24 and CBU-38 going in. Request "Nesh" (CBU-52 tear gas)
0922	Moving Jolly's to point "C"
0926	Sandy 13 hit in the centerline tank. No problem but leaking fuel. Bingo in 20 minutes
0938	CT with "Bravo"
0949	Thunderstorm immediately over survivors
1100	Survivors told to bed down. Nail 18 putting in 2 flights of "Nesh." Survivors told to come up voice at sunrise
1425	Plan for 13 May – one shot affair to coincide with "Linebacker Delta" mission. Six Sandy, 4 Jolly Green, 2 King, 2 flights BLU-52. MiG CAP & ELINT already up for "Linebacker"
1600	Owl 13 overdue
13 May 72	
0001	Weather bad in SAR area
0137	From King 21: Loreda 17 made contact with "Bravo." Weather in area is workable.
0150	"Bravo" radios that there are bad guys at the bottom of the hill he is on. We are trying to get area denial ordnance into his area. Loreda is requesting Snake & Nape and 20mm. Went to Joker and they stated only thing available is SAR QRF. We told him to launch it now. CBU-12 and "Nesh" on the way.
0929	Loreda 17 believes that "Bravo" has been captured. During last contact with "Bravo" he stated "enemy troops are all over the top of the hill – they have me!"
0235	Talk with Teepee SARCO. He suggests we continue as planned. We went to

	Joker and requested 3 flights of "Nesh"
0250	Joker says no more aircraft unless we can establish that a SAR objective exists. Communications CAP OK
0635	Fast FAC scheduled to transit area for communications check
14 May 72	
0330	Seafox reports negative radio contact with Ice Bag 01 "Bravo" Seafox could not get further north to check on "Gopher 01" due to weather
15 May 72	
0715	8 F-4's (Oyster flight) will transit area at 0735Z and will attempt radio contact with Ice Bag 01 Bravo and Gopher 01. King 22 on orbit over Paksane
1015	Oyster flight reports negative radio contact with either survivor
16 May 72	
0345	From CH 125: 388 th TFW/CC concurs with SAR suspension at end of todays efforts
1139	Ice Bag 01 Bravo and Gopher 01 SARs suspended
20 May 72	
0530	Bowleg 02 down. Two good chutes at 21° 10'N 105° 07'E
0550	Balter flight has voice contact with Bowleg 02 "Bravo"
0552	Scrambled Sandy's and Jolly's. MiG CAP requested. Also need fast FACs and

	three flights of CBU-49
0559	Balter flight has voice contact with both survivors
0607	Jolly 53 and 30 airborne
0616	New position on survivors is 043/91 off of Squid
0628	King 22 airborne. Survivors located at 20°58'N 105°04'E
0800	Laredo 11 putting in CBU-49
0816	Papa flight reports both survivors located in karst areas
0904	Jolly 53 and 30 21 miles out from "Point Charlie"
0907	Sandy 03 has voice contact with both survivors
0938	Sandy's 01 / 02 and Jolly's 53 & 30 are 18 miles out from SAR area
0950	Sandy's 01 / 02 / 03 / 04 / 09 / 10 and Jolly's 53 & 30 in SAR area
1004	Survivors are being briefed for pickup
1023	Sandy has survivors pinpointed and is bringing in the Jolly for pickup
1037	"Alpha" on Jolly. Trouble with "Bravo" because his radio is cutting out. Sandy is trying to contact "Bravo"
1045	Jolly's 53 & 30 bingo fuel. Coming out of SAR area to air refuel
1058	Sandy's coming out of SAR area because they cannot contact "Bravo"
1059	Laredo 11 will remain in area and try to reestablish voice contact with "Bravo"
1113	Laredo 11 reports weather in area is very bad with thunderstorms over "Bravo's" last known position
1114	Laredo ordered to RTB
1122	King 22 completed air refueling with Jolly's 53 & 30
1200	Debrief of King 27: Jolly did not pull out because of fuel. Sandy 09 directed egress. Refueling was done near "Point B." Rescued survivor is in good condition
1339	Debrief of Sandy 09: When he entered the area he had radio contact with both survivors. After 5 minutes, he heard a garbled voice and garbled screaming and lost contact with "Bravo." Continued searching for 50 minutes but could not reestablish contact with "Bravo." Proceeded with pickup on "Alpha." In Sandy 09 estimation, there was no longer a "Bravo" objective
1358	Bowleg 02 authentication data received. "Alpha" is 1Lt John Markle. "Bravo" is Captain James Williams

1558	LtCol McAllester from 40 th called. Jolly 53 took hits during egress after recovering "Alpha" but no one was injured
21 May 72	
0400	Papa flight over Bowleg 02 area. Negative voice contact with "Alpha" Had intermittent beeper
0617	Requested F-4's check out the area and attempt radio contact with Bowleg 02
0815	F-4's report intermittent beeper but no voice contact
22 May 72	Fast movers attempted radio contact with Bowleg 02. Negative contact
23 May 72	
1140	Bowleg 02 SAR suspended
1340	Owl 13 down in the vicinity of Fingers Lake
24 May 72	
0440	Laredo 14 debrief: He had radio voice contact with Owl 14 Bravo at 0252. Bravo was secure and would come up voice when he heard aircraft kick in afterburner.
1710	1 st light SAR planned on Owl 14 Bravo. He was told to E&E to the west
2350	King 25 reports that an active SAM site is 5 miles away from Owl 14 Bravo
25 May 72	
0026	Seafox 03 over the Owl 14 SAR area. Seafox requests CBU and hard bombs
0111	King 25 advises that Bootleg 02 flight is inbound with ordnance
0103	Joker says Bootleg flight is not authorized to expend ordnance by order of General Slay
0246	Joker advises that photo recon shows 2 good E&E code letters. Joker wants Madden Kit dropped at Xd037456
0404	Teepee advises that they are sending a Nail FAC to check out the E&E letters
0453	New location for E&E code letters is XD02654581

0624	Nail 27 spotted E&E code letters. Using Sandy 03 & 04 to drop Madden Kit. Request Jolly Green's be moved to nearby holding point.
0805	40 th suggests hold point for Jolly's at 10,000 feet over 130/78/89
0928	Sandy 03 dropped Madden Kit but missed by 50 yards. He drops a second kit but it also lands 50 yards away from E&E letter
27 May 72	
1221	Owl 14 SAR suspended
1 June 72	
0315	From King 21: Oyster 01 down
0325	Sandy 01 talking with Oyster 01 Bravo
0330	Authentication data for Oyster 01 passed to King 21
0410	Oyster 01 Bravo authenticated
0437	Sandy 01 & 02 in SAR area. Jolly's airborne
0510	From Joker: The following aircraft enroute to support SAR – Lover (2 F-4's), Brenda (4 F-4's), Calgoun (2 F-4's), Papa (2 F-4's)
0511	Jolly 52 sighted a MiG
0530	King 21 reports that "Bravo" seems to be in good shape
0534	Sandy 01 says a heavily defended reservoir N.E. of airfield is causing a problem.
0551	Sandy 01 reports an accurate 23mm AAA at the reservoir. He requests a Nail FAC and smart bombs
0600	From Joker: RTB all SAR forces
0610	Sandy 01 requests fast FAC and photo recon of airfield, reservoir, and survivors position at 21°51'N 105°07'E
0642	1 st light SAR planned for Oyster 01 Bravo
0700	From Calgon Lead: Survivor is on a hill in rolling hills.
0737	JG 57 & 63 airborne and enroute to SAR area
0808	Jolly TOT SAR area 0230. Yen Bai will be hit. 8 MiG CAP in position and 8 more nearby. 4 x Sandy 4 x Jolly Green. At 0230 SAR force will have 40 minute to

	execute. 8 FLAC suppression aircraft will be on station
0918	SAR air recon photos available in 30 minutes. They will be sent to 56 th SOW TUOC
1405	From Joker: best location 15 miles east of Yen Bai airfield
1600	From Teepee: Jolly "point Charlie" at 302/99/89 "point Delta" at 269/10/119 "point Echo" at 011/50/119 "point Fox" 022/86/119 "point Hotel" at 034/178/119 "point India" at VJ4262 "point Zulu" at VC 8384 Zulu is primary hold point. Sandy's and Jolly's ETA Zulu at 0230
2 June 72	
0125	Passed to King 21: JG 60 & 30 will proceed Zulu. JG 57 will hold at Hotel
0210	Air refueling completed for Jolly 60 & 30
0230	From Brigham: High Test (Wx Recon) made contact with Oyster Bravo
0250	From King 21: Sandy's and Jolly's are linked up. They are taking ground fire
0318	From King 21: Sandy's and Jolly's are 5 miles north of Oyster Bravo
0323	Jolly's in for pickup
0354	From King 21: Survivor has been picked up. Sandy's and Jolly's are egressing the area
0417	From King 21: SAR force is 20 miles north of "Point Foxtrot" King 21 has Jolly's in sight and is setting up for air refueling
0524	Jolly 60 reports possible bullet hole in engine. Will set down at CH 70 with Jolly 30 to check it out
0543	From Jolly 60: Pickup made at 0328 by Jolly 30
8 June 72	
0410	Nail 15 down on a highway south of CH 89. Pedro picked up crew
0530	Vampire 21 down 135/19/99 one chute observed. <i>Note: Could title this mission "Trainer to the Rescue"</i> Jolly 56 diverted from training mission. Jolly's 73 & 57 scrambled from CH 89
0533	From Victory: Hotel 15 airborne from CH 99

0600	JG 56 has chute in sight. It is hung up in trees. Survivor reports PLD will not work. He has secured himself to the tree and will wait for help from a PJ
0605	JG 56 in hover. PJ deployed
0618	Survivor on board JG 56 and is OK. RTB CH 89
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8 Jun 72	
0835	From Blue Chip: Seafox 06 (F-4) hit, heading feet wet, and calling "mayday"
0839	From Queen: Seafox 06 bailed out near DMZ. 2 good chutes. JGs & Sandy's scrambled
0840	Queen requests BLU-52. Blue Chip says it will be available in one hour.
0855	From Queen: Seafox 06 "Bravo" is feet wet. A USN destroyer is moving in for pickup. ETA Jolly's is 20 minutes
0921	Covey 99 is taking ground fire
0922	"Bravo" is pickup by USN CH-46
0933	Covey 99 thinks he has "Alpha" in sight
0937	Sandy 07 on scene. Says "Alpha" is 20 yards inland on the beach in a small bunker. Requests an assault team to land on beach. Survivor may have been captured
0950	JG's and Sandy's holding 020/20/69
0958	"King" wants more Iron Hand and 12 marines to invade beach.
1004	Sandy 07 requests that PJs be landed on beach
1029	Sandy 07 says that the area is relatively secure for at least 300 meters inland. He wants t lay down smoke and drop PJs off JG to pickup survivor
1035	Laredo 16 saw "Seafox 06 Alpha" while descending in his parachute. Sandy 07 says he got close enough to see the parachute and harness and no blood in area
1043	From Blue Chip: RTB SAR forces. Authentication data for Seafox 06 received "Alpha" is John S. Murphy
1335	Sandy 07 requests CBU-42 & BLU-52 laid between the beach and treeline. "Alpha" probably at YD25208172. Survivors parachute appears to have been folded more on each pass by Sandy 07

2100	1 st light planned on Seafox 06 "Alpha" if voice contact is established. SEAL team moved to DaNang for use if needed. note: 2100 is last entry for Seafox 06 Alpha SAR
17 June 72	
0814	Hobo 42 down 360/40/82. 3 Ravens in area report no chute no beeper
0834	Hobo 24 OSC. Hobo 24 & 25 report one 23mm in area
0845	Jolly's airborne from CH 99
0850	SAR questions passed to Hobo 24 for Major Esequiel Encinas
0915	Jolly's holding at 136/65/89
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18 Jun 72	Jack begins operations out of NKP Spectre 11 SAR. 37 th launched 4 JGs. AMC King 27 Tanker King 25 FACs Nail 22 and Nail 59. USN support 2 A-7s. 23mm AAA site in area killed. One survivor reports lacerations and a broken right foot Col Sutton 37 th CC Col Muirhead 3 rd Gp/CC
19 Jun 72	Nickel 102 punched out at 0245. Nail has visual on chute in trees
20 Jun 72	
0642	Nickel 102 SAR 1 st run in by JG 71. FE wounded and JG had battle damage and was forced out of the area. FE's injuries not serious
0710	2 nd try by JG 21. Unsuccessful due to ground fire. JG 21 sustained battle damage

0722	Sandy 07 hit by ground fire and has bailed out at 265/30/69
0724	Voice contact with Sandy 07
0910	Nail 59 locates Sandy 07. Some 23mm in area
1649	JGs 30 and 73 phase "Bravo" on Sandy 07. Nickel 102 up on radio every 30 minutes
1051	SAR cancelled due to darkness
1121	King 26 requests CBU-14 & CBU-42 to protect bed downed survivors
1125	Joker directs SARTF RTB for 1 st light SAR Nickel 102 is LtCmdr Jimmy Wayne Davies VF-211 SAR plan is to try for Sandy 07 first and then go for Nickel 102
2243	Weather in the SAR area is good. Voice contact with Nickel 102. He moved 200 yards northeast of his parachute
2330	Nail 43 directs Sandy's & Jolly's to hold on the ground until the area is softened
2343	JG's and Sandy's holding on ground
21 Jun 72	
0005	Nail 43 requests CBU-49
0030	Jolly's launched and instructed to hold at 280/30/69
0105	Nail 68 assumes OSC from Nail 43
0151	Sandy 11 & 12 working the area
0205	Phase "A" on Sandy 07
0216	Phase "B" on Sandy 07
0218	Sandy 07 popped smoke
0219	JG 72 has Sandy 07 in sight
0222	Penetrator on way down with a PJ being deployed
0225	Survivor on board JG 72 and is in good shape
0240	Sandy 03 & 04 trolling Nickel 102's area. JG 62 & 57 holding feet wet
0316	Phase "A" on Nickel 102. Nail 22 putting in smoke
0323	Phase "B" on Nickel 102
0329	Survivor on board JG

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26 Nov 72	Medevac from 37 th to Pattle Island, Paracel group of islands 16°32'N 111°37'E
28 Nov 72	
0600	37 th HH-53s depart for NKP. 5 JG's with 26 POB will depart DaNang at 1400L for NKP. Four hours enroute. Air refueling point is 14°59'N 105°48'E
30 Nov 72	From 37 th : JG's 65, 66, & 72 will launch for NKP at 0600. JG 64 & 71 at 0610
0640	JG 64, 66, & 71 departed DaNang at 0620. JG 65 has a maintenance problem. JG 72 remaining at DaNang to accompany JG 65 when repaired
1 Dec 72	No parts for JG 65 today
2 Dec 72	No parts for JG 65 today
3 Dec 72	No parts for JG 65 today
0130	37 th ARRS no longer exists. Pedro unit at DaNang redesignated Det 7 40 th ARRS
13 Feb 73	Logbook closed out