

On 18 June the 37th ARRSq was notified that Spectre 11 an AC 130 was down in the vicinity of the Ashau Valley. Plans were made throughout the night for an early morning pickup of the three known survivors. At 0745 local time the Jollies scrambled for a pickup attempt. The first Survivor was difficult to locate due to the dense jungle. Once the penetrator was deployed into the survivor's estimated position he climbed on the penetrator and was on the penetrator for approximately one minute before he was hoisted up. He apparently did not shake the penetrator to let the flight engineer know he was on it. The other two survivors were picked up without any difficulty and Jolly Green 72 egressed the area.

#### CREW ROSTERS

##### Jolly Green 72

AC Capt. Don Sutton  
 CP Capt. Todd Hohberger  
 HM Sgt. Ronald Blackwell  
 RS SSgt. Cole Panning  
 RS A1C. Kenneth Cakebread

##### Jolly Green 64

AC Capt. Doug Bruner  
 CP Capt. David Mullenix  
 HM Sgt. Gregory Sealander  
 RS Sgt. David Mueller  
 RS A1C. Michael Aillet

On 20 June Sandy 7 was hit while participating in a SAR for a Navy F-8 pilot who was later recovered by Jolly Greens from the 40th ARRSq, NKP, Thailand. Sandy 7 was bedded down for the night and an attempt to pick him up the next morning was planned during the night. The morning of the 21st the ordinance was used by the SAR forces that they felt would secure the area for a pick up. Jolly Green 72 came into the pickup area for Sandy 7. The only problem encountered was in getting the penetrator through the

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directed a successful pick-up.

On 8 Jun Seafox 06 (F-4) was downed near the DMZ. Sandys 07/08 (Lt Lamar Smith/Capt Shotwell) scrambled from Da Nang and directed the pick-up of Seafox 06B, who was feet wet, 06A was 100 yards inland and no radio contact was ever established with him. Both Sandys took heavy battle damage while searching for Seafox 06A.

On 13 Jun Blue Ghost 10 (Army OH6) was downed at 280/19/69. Sandys 07/08 (Lt Hukee/Capt Bardal) were launched when mirror flashes were picked up from the crash site. The Sandys made several passes over the downed helicopter each time receiving mirror flashes and no ground fire. While a FAC put in a fast mover strike to the north the Sandys directed a successful pick-up of one badly burned survivor. The survivor had lost his radio in the crash.

On 15 Jun Sandys 07/08 (Lt Blevins/Lt Seitz) scrambled for Eagle 02 a VNAF chopper down near firebase Bastogne. The Sandys suppressed ground fire while the Jolly Greens rescued one survivor.

On 19 Jun Spectre 11 was downed near the Ashau Valley, Sandys 07/08 (Lt Blevins/Lt Seitz) directed a quick rescue of three surviving crewmembers while suppressing intense ground fire with the aid of Sandys 05/06 (Maj Milner/Capt Mazzarella).

On 20 Jun Nickel 102 (Navy F-8) was downed north of the Ashau Valley. Sandy 07/08 (Capt Highfill/Lt Brady) directed a pick-up attempt but the Jollys were shot off by small arms fire. Leaving Sandys 01/02 (Capt Clevenger/Lt Brown) on scene Sandys 07/08 headed back to Da Nang with the Jolly Greens for fuel. While

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craft had rolled over on him.

EAGLE 02<sup>145</sup>

(C) Sandys provided cover while a Jolly Green rescued the lone survivor of a VNAF helicopter that was downed near fire base Bastogne.

SPECTRE 11D/G/P<sup>146</sup>

(C) Spectre 11 was downed on the night of 18 June, by a suspected SA-7. The right wing was blown off and only three crewmembers were believed to have survived. Aircraft of the 23rd TASS made contact with the three crewmembers that night in an area just West of the A Shau Valley. The next morning Sandys provided ground fire suppression while Jolly Greens made the pickups.

NICKEL 102 - SANDY 07<sup>147</sup>

(C) On 20 June, the Da Nang and NKP Sandys responded to a SAR for Nickel 102, a Navy F-8 that was down 30 miles West of Hue. This placed the survivor just North of the A Shau. A 23rd TASS OV-10A was immediately over the survivor and pinpointed his position with the Pave Nail system. Weather was

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- 145. 1st SOS Historical Data Reports.
  - 146. 23rd TASS Historical Data Reports.
  - 147. 1st SOS and 23rd TASS Historical Data Reports. Also, see SARCO Report for Nickel 102, and Sandy 07, 20 Jun 72, (Doc 38).

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SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652  
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SUBJ: ARRCM 15-1 AT-1FN MTSNAP REPORT NO 24.

5. 20705502 JUN 72

D. (1) JG 71 RECEIVED GROUND FIR ON OUR TN. MADE EMERGENCY LANDING AT CHANNEL 69. HW TOOK HIT DURING RUN TN. CONDITION UNKNOWN.

(3) UNKNOWN

141 CAPT DONALD A. SUTTON, 211744 DR 56

15) DEGRADED SAR PROGRESS/CAPABILITY.

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(G) NONE

(7) UNKNOWN

(R) (A) ONE 44330

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(D) CAPT DONALD A. SUTTON

(E) AIRCRAFT COMMANDER PLUS CO - CAPT TODD W. HONDEGGER.

090358521, RN- SGT RONALD W. BLACKWELL, 266988912, RS - SSGT  
COLE E. PANNINO, 267886279, RS - A1C KENNETH W. CAKERBFAD,  
564769462.

(F) CREW FINE EXCEPT FOR HM. SGT BLACKWELL'S CONDITION UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

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F. AFR 127-4 WILL NOT FOLLOW.

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| 2030Z | gh       | SSgt Haller to Duty                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2105Z | gh       | SAR posture & MX status to Jack                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2125Z | gh       | Item Report to Jack                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 2357Z | gh       | Sandies off.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 0005Z | gh       | JG 72 & 64 ↑ for SAR-E A-002                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 0040Z | gh       | SCRAMBLE BRAVOS (JACK-JOKER) SPECTRE-11                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 0105Z | gh       | BRAVO'S OFF / JG 71 & 65                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 0130Z | gh       | SANDY 5 & 6 PLUS NAIL 27 WORKING IN AREA                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 0130Z | gh       | JG 65 MADE A PRECAUTIONARY LANDING AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN FOR SEVERE ROTOR VIBRATION.                                                                                                                                        |
| 0140Z | gh       | JG 71 ↓ FOR #1 & 3 MINI-GUN INOP.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 0155Z | gh       | MAJOR SCOTT / JG 65 / CALLED FROM MARBLE MOUNTAIN, LAND-LINE. UPON TAXI AIRCRAFT HAD SEVERE VIBRATION, MAYBE AIRCRAFT WOULD TOPPLE OVER. BRAKED BLADES AND TWO MAIN ROTOR BLADES MADE CONTACT. SUSPECTED DAMPER FAILURE. |
| 0210Z | gh       | PHASE "B"                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 0220Z | gh       | ALL SURVIVORS OUT, SANDIES & JOLLIES RTB. ETA, 0255Z.                                                                                                                                                                    |
| NOTE: | 0225Z gh | JG 21 ↑ OPS OK, PICK-UP CREW AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 0256Z | gh       | JG 72 & 64 ↓ SAR-E                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 0326Z | gh       | JG 21 ↓ OPS OK. A-2 FOR ROTOR TACH                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 0330Z | gh       | JG 21 REPORTED EMERGENCY LANDING FOR FAILURE OF #1 ENGINE AND FIRE.                                                                                                                                                      |

SURVIVOR  
NAME, RANK  
ORGAN.  
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| DATE      | CREW      | SG | SAVE # |                               | SAVE LOCATION  | TYPE SAVE |
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| 19 JUN 72 | SUTTON    | 72 | 845    | ROBERT V. REID, 2/LT          | A. SHAN VALLEY | 3 COMBAT  |
|           | HUWBERGER |    | THR    | <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>         |                | SAVES     |
|           | BLACKWELL |    | 847    | 16 SOS WIA                    |                |           |
|           | CHKEBREAD |    |        | CAPT BOCHER                   |                |           |
|           | PANNING   |    |        | SERGEANT L.                   |                |           |
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|           |           |    |        | 16 SOS                        |                |           |
|           |           |    |        | PATTERSON,                    |                |           |
|           |           |    |        | WILLIAM R.                    |                |           |
|           |           |    |        | SSGT <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>    |                |           |
|           |           |    |        | 16 SOS                        |                |           |
| 21 JUN    | KORPER    | 72 | 848    | HIGHILL, (capt)               | East side of   | 1 COMBAT  |
|           | TUNN      |    |        | <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> LARRY G | A SHAN valley  | SAVE      |
|           | CHEZZE    |    |        | <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>         |                |           |
|           | WILSON    |    |        | 1st SOS                       |                |           |
|           | FRIEDRICH |    |        |                               |                |           |

Det 4, 3ARRGp Historical Input 1 Apr - 30 Jun 72

Appendix II

SARS in which Det 4 has participated

| <u>MISSION</u>              | <u>DATE</u> | <u>SAVES</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| SPECTRE 22                  | 1 Apr       | 15 combat    |
| BAT 21                      | 2 Apr       | 1 combat     |
| BLUE GHOST 39               | 2 Apr       | -            |
| BLUE GHOST 28               | 2 Apr       | 2 combat     |
| PAVE NAIL 38                | 3 Apr       | 1 combat     |
| VAMPIRE 46                  | 4 Apr       | 1 non-combat |
| JOLLY GREEN 67              | 6 Apr       | -            |
| COVEY 282                   | 7 Apr       | -            |
| BENGAL 502                  | 9 Apr       | 1 combat     |
| MUSKET 01                   | 9 Apr       | 2 combat     |
| COSMIC 16                   | 20 Apr      | 1 combat     |
| VAMPIRE 50                  | 22 Apr      | 1 combat     |
| SCORPIAN 115                | 29 Apr      | -            |
| COACHMAN 22                 | 29 Apr      | 4 combat     |
| RED HAWK 6                  | 29 Apr      | 4 combat     |
| ICEBAG 04                   | 11 May      | -            |
| GOPHER 01                   | 11 May      | -            |
| BOWLEG 02                   | 20 May      | 1 combat     |
| OWL 14                      | 23 May      | -            |
| OYSTER 01                   | 1 Jun       | 1 combat     |
| LOVER 03                    | 1 Jun       | 2 combat     |
| RITAOT                      | 13 Jun      | -            |
| cathay airlines convair 880 | 15 Jun      | -            |
| SPECTRE 11                  | 18 Jun      | 3 combat     |
| HOB0 22                     | 18 Jun      | -            |
| SANDY 7                     | 20 Jun      | 1 combat     |
| NICKEL 102                  | 20 Jun      | 1 combat     |
| WHOLER 03                   | 21 Jun      | -            |
| SALTER 04                   | 24 Jun      | -            |
| CHAPPAKAWA SKY              | 24 Jun      | 1 non-combat |
| CHAPPAKAWA MOEN             | 24 Jun      | 1 non-combat |
| LOGGY 03                    | 24 Jun      | -            |
| LAREDO 17                   | 25 Jun      | -            |
| DOLBY 01                    | 27 Jun      | -            |
| TROY 04                     | 27 Jun      | -            |
| VALENT 03                   | 27 Jun      | 1 combat     |
| VALENT 04                   | 27 Jun      | 1 combat     |
| COVEY 27                    | 30 Jun      | 1 combat     |