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off and as they were departing the pattern they heard Sundog 01 talking to the survivor. Chico 64 had not bailed out but had crash landed his aircraft on the jungle canopy. He was in good physical condition. His actual position was 67 miles Northeast of Bien Hoa, quite different from what the Sandys had been told. The survivor was high on a ridge in very rugged terrain. The weather was poor with the cloud bases below his elevation. The Sandy had only about 1,000 feet vertical clearance in which to work. Presently, the clouds lifted slightly so a Jolly Green was brought in for an attempt. The Jolly, feeling his way up the ridge, clipped a tree and exited the area for a precautionary RTB. The weather moved in again before the other Jolly Green could be brought into the area. By this time the Sandys were low on fuel so they RTBed to Bien Hoa. After a 25 minute turn around, the Sandys were back. The weather had cleared somewhat and the waiting Jolly Green was brought in for an uneventful pickup.

SEAFOX 06B

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(C) On 8 June, two Sandys were preparing to take off from Da Nang for NKP when they received a call from Queen that Seafox 06 was down near the DMZ. On climbout the Sandys learned that Bravo was feet wet and being carried out to sea by the tide, a very good situation. The Alpha man, however, had just

143. 1st SOS Historical Data Reports. Also, see SARCO Report for Seafox 06A, 8 Jun 72, (Doc 36).

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with 16B only. The survivor was located on the night of the 25th^{12.} through use of a Pave Nail OV-10. The first rescue attempt was aborted due to weather in the survivor's area. Rescue was effected on 26 April with little opposition. One Pave Nail OV-10 was damaged by small arms fire. No losses.

7. (S) On 12 May, 1972, ICEBAG 04 (F-105) was downed by a SA-2 SAM 40NM southwest of Hanoi in North Vietnam. Pave Nail OV-10s were launched but the survivor was located visually. Strikes were put into the surrounding area. However, as soon as the aircraft left the area the survivor could hear the local forces moving towards him. Contact was lost the next morning. Survivor presumed captured.

8. (S) On 8 June, 1972, SEAFOX 06 (F-4) was downed by ground fire just south of the DMZ in South Vietnam. Nail 73 (Capt John M. McNabb and Lt Robert L. Jahns) was in the area on a cross-country flight. Both crewmember's positions were visually established. Rescue forces were vectored in to 06B who was feet wet. Recovery forces were then directed to 06A's position 80 meters inland from the coast. The personal equipment of 06A was located but not the survivor. 06A presumed captured. Pave Nail systems were used to pinpoint active AAA sites in the area. SAR terminated 3 hours later. No losses/damages sustained.

9. (S) On the night of 18 June, 1972, SPECTRE 11 (AC-130) was downed by unknown means (SA-7 suspected) just west of the A Shau Valley in South Vietnam. Contact was established with only three survivors (11D, 11G, 11P) on the same night. They were located the next day by Nail 19 (Capt Gary W. Haile) who flew low to visually acquire the

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S T A T E M E N T

8 June 1972

SUBJECT: Sandy 7 and 8 (Seafox 06A & B SAR)

1. As we were strapping in for normal rotation to NKP we were told by Queen on VHF that Seafox 06 was down near the mouth of the DMZ river. Two good chutes had been observed and another fast FAC and a slow FAC were in the area talking to 06B.
2. We made a record scramble launch and enroute listened to Covey 99 who was OSC lining ~~up~~ the forces, we learned that 06B was feet wet being carried out by tide and ok. The 06A man had missed feet wet by only a hair, his parachute was located near a small bunker, and had not come up on radio. Also, one of the fast movers who was on scene from the beginning reported that 06A was being shot at by 23mm while he floated down. Several air bursts were very near him.
3. We arrived on scene and Covey 99 described the area where 06B was floating. We established voice with 06B and he vectored us to him. Even at 100-200' above the water he made an extremely small target to spot floating in his raft.
4. By this time a Ch-47 from a nearby boat had heard the radios and come into the area to assist. We vectored him to 06B's position (approx 3 miles off the coast) and covered him while he nabbed 06B. After he was east bound with 06B unhurt and aboard we reported this to King and headed into where Covey 99 was circling 06A's parachute.
5. Covey 99 briefed us that there was a lone bunker near the parachute, he still had no radio contact, and we were all taking ground fire from AK-47's from 4 NVA he had seen just south of the chute, some 23/37 AAA guns 500 meters north on the north bank of the river and a large field piece located inland somewhere.
6. We located the chute and deployed life raft near the sand bunker and assumed OSC directing Covey 99 to get a spot on the AAA that was firing at us all.
7. The remainder of this report is written by an impetuous youth who can't understand why a cumbersome military communications and control system orders a SAR force into inactivity allowing Americans to be taken POW.
8. It became very obvious to us that since 06A had been seen alive in the chute, was not at present in the harness laying attached to the chute, had not come up on the radio at all or used any other signals to the Sandy's making numerous very low passes over the area, that there were 2 basic possibilities that he was dead, either killed by AAA in his chute and his body was removed by NVA, or he had been killed upon reaching the ground by NVA waiting on him, or he was alive but being held by a small force at NVA in the nearby bunker.

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9. Both Covey 99 and Sandy 07 saw movement in the bunker, and knowledge that the area was held by NVA regulars led us to believe that Seafox 06A was alive and being held by 1-4 NVA in that bunker. FAC's had been overhead immediately after the downing and we had been overhead since then providing continuous coverage. We felt that movement in the area had been hampered completely. This left 06A and his captors in the small lone bunker awaiting the 2 hours to dark before moving.

10. Numerous requests for a small landing team or similar team using Jolly Green^{POS} and even the request to use a PJ on a penetrator were rejected by Joker. We had direct contact with Queen and after a full explanation they agreed with our plan which was to put in BLU-52 and then CBU-30/19 just before landing, then smoke off the area and put in Sandy ordnance close in and ~~and~~ F-4 ordnance further out to suppress movement and reaction. If 06A was in the hole we felt this would get him out, after 1.5 hours of persistent and even belligerent radio calls we withdrew. I, Sandy 07 made one last pass over 06A's area gunning the engine as a salute to the survivor. I was later to learn he was a T-38 instructor of mine in VPT. His capture was unnecessary.

11. Both Sandys took numerous small arms hits while in the area. Sandy 08 got hit in the CBU-25 canister on station 1 and it exploded before he could jettison it causing numerous holes in the left wing. Also upon landing Sandy 08 discovered his left main tire was flat and he had no left brake, but by superior handling kept the bird on the run-way. Maintenance determined that Sandy 07 and 08 both took from 6-9 hits each.

12. Upon debriefing the Lt Col. at Queen advised that Joker had said he was afraid to grant request because of Sandy 07's inexperience (approx. 10 SAR's and 9 pickups as Sandy low). Later at a SAR conference Joker made the policy statement that no SAR exists without radio contact or visual contact.

13. Intelligence reports from sensitive sources say that Capt. John Murphy (Seafox 06A) is now a POW in Hanoi.

L.C. Smith

L. SMITH, 1Lt, USAF
Sandy 07

J. Shotwell

L. SHOTWELL, Capt, USAF
Sandy 08

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F-4E 67-0303 34 TFS, 388 TFW, USAF, Korat
Capt John S Murphy (POW)
1Lt L D Johnson (survived)

An F-4E was lost on a fast FAC mission near the DMZ. Capt Murphy was the leading FAC pilot with the 13th TFS and had flown 54 Tiger FAC missions from his total of 124 combat missions with this Squadron before he was shot down. The aircraft was damaged by ground fire and the crew ejected close to the shore near the northern edge of the DMZ buffer zone. Although 1Lt Johnson landed in the sea and was rescued by a Navy helicopter, Capt Murphy was not so fortunate and was captured on the beach and imprisoned. John Murphy started his flying career as a B-52 co-pilot before converting to the F-105 and flying 100 missions from Korat in 1968. He returned to Korat in October 1971 after a spell as a T-38 instructor pilot, and was shot down first on 10 February 1972 and then again near the end of his tour. Capt Murphy was released from captivity on 27 March 1973.

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1435	xy	JG 65 ↓
0830	JK	JG 72 ↓ ORBIT A3 FOR DAMPER
0840	JK	JG 71 ↓ ORBIT

7 JUNE 72

0604	JK	SSG BREENEN ON DUTY
0710	JK	ITEM REPORT TO QUEEN
0025	JK	ALPHA'S COCKED ON
1120	JK	JG 21 ↑ TNG
0330	gh	JG 21 ↓ TNG
0345	gh	Alpha (JG 72 & 71) ↑ for orbit
0830	gh	Alpha ↓ from orbit
1127	gh	DAAR & FORSTAT TO JOKER

8 JUNE 72

2230	LY	SGT YOUNT TO DUTY
2300	xy	ITEM REPORT TO QUEEN
0115	xy	ALPHA'S COCKED ON
0530	LY	JG 71 & 72 ↑ FOR ORBIT LOCAL
		QUEEN ADVISES ITEM 11 CANCELLED
0650	LY	JG 71 72 ↓ FM LOCAL
0715	gh	JG 72 ↓ FM LOCAL
0830	gh	SEAFOX - HIT IN DMZ ACFT FEET MET - 2 GOOD CHUTES
0840	gh	Alphas scrambled (JG 71 & 72)
0846	gh	Alphas & Sandies airborne
0900	gh	Musket & OSC A 3:05Z
		ONE MAN IN WATER
		ONE MAN ON BEACH - FAC CHECKING FOR VISUAL
0916	gh	SANDIES TAKE OVER OSC
0918	gh	JG 72 - MAINT PROB - AFCS - Remaining on ORBIT

MURPHY, JOHN S. JR

Name: John S. Murphy Jr.
Rank/Branch: United States Air Force/O3
Unit:
Date of Birth: 13 January 1940 Waco TX
Home City of Record: Mineral Springs TX
Date of Loss: 08 June 1972
Country of Loss: South Vietnam
Loss Coordinates: 170100 North 1070700 East
Status (in 1973): Returnee
Category:
Aircraft/Vehicle/Ground: F4E
Missions: 224
Other Personnel in Incident:
Refno:

Source: Compiled by P.O.W. NETWORK from one or more of the following: raw data from U.S. Government agency sources, correspondence with POW/MIA families, published sources, interviews.

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JOHN S. MURPHY JR.
Captain - United States Air Force
Shot Down: June 8, 1972
Released: March 27, 1973

Biographical data: Born in Waco, Texas, 13 January 1940. Grew up in Mineral Wells, Texas and attended Mineral Wells High School. Married Jo E. McCloud who also attended Mineral Wells High School. We have three children, Stan 11, Jo Beth 9, Jill 7. Education: Attended Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Texas where I received a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1964 and Jo received her Bachelor of Arts (English) in 1962.

Military data: Reese AFB, Lubbock, Texas - Class 66A, graduated in August 1965. B-52 Copilot, Altus AFB, Oklahoma, February 1966 - May 1967. F-105D, Nellis AFB, Nevada 1967. Korat RTAFB, Thailand. Flew 100 missions over North Vietnam in 1968. T-38, Reese AFB, Texas. Was Instructor Pilot from March 1969 to May 1971. F-4E, MacDill AFB, Florida, July 1971. Korat RTAFB, Thailand, October 1971, from which I flew 124 combat missions including 54 Tiger Fast FAC missions (Pappa Tiger). I was shot down over the DMZ 8 June 1972 and was held by North Vietnamese in Hanoi. I was released 27, March 1973.

Future plans: Present assignment, F-4E Operational Air Defense Unit Check Six.

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John resides in Texas.

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RUMGOXA/CTG 77.6

RUMMOMA/CINCPAC/CC

RHMSMVA/COMUS MACV

RUMOLBA/IDASC DANANG RVN

RUEKAAA/AFEOC FT RITCHIE MD

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RUMORKA/DET 4 3ARRGP KORAT RTAFB THAILAND

RUMOSRA/OL 8 3ARRGP UDORN RTAFB THAILAND

RUMOREA/40ARRS NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB THAILAND

RUMOREA/56SOW NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB THAILAND

RUMOLBA/37ARRS DANANG AB RVN

RUMOSRA/432TRW/DOI/UDORN RTAFB THAILAND

RUMHKKR/3614CCTS/JSS/CLARK AB PI

RUMORKA/388TFW KORAT RTAFB THAILAND

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1. RESCUE OPENING REPORT 8 JUN 72

2. MISSION NUMBER: A-3-058- 08 JUN 72

3. SITUATION: SEAFOX-06 SHOT DOWN NEAR DMZ. SEAFOX-06B RECOVERED. SEAFOX-06A MISSING.

A. DESCRIPTION OF SAR OBJECTIVE:

(1) F4E/67303/CAMOUFLAGE/SEAFOX-06

(2) TACTICAL

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- (3) PILOT: MURPHY, JOHN C. 388TFW KORAT RTAFB THAILAND
- (4) POB-2
- (5) WEATHER: CLEAR
- (6) SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT: USAF STANDARD
- (7) LAST KNOWN POSITION: 1701N 10707E

B. ACTIONS TAKEN:

- (1) CONTROLLING AGENCY, OL-A, 3ARRGP, NOTIFIED AT 080835Z
- BY GUARD CHANNEL THAT SEAFOX-06 WAS HIT OVER DMZ.
- (2) FOLLOWING SAR FORCES ALERTED:
 - (A) 1600 SUPP GP AT 080835Z
 - (B) 37ARRS AT 080836Z
 - (C) 56SOW AT 080836Z
- (3) FOLLOWING SAR FORCES WERE LAUNCHED OR DIVERTED:
 - (A) 1600 SUPP GP AT 080835Z -1HC130P DIVERTED
 - (B) 37ARRS AT 080847Z -3HH53 LAUNCHED
 - (C) 56SOW AT 080847Z -2A1

C. PERSONNEL INFO:

- (1) 2 PERSONS INVOLVED - 1- PERSON SAVED, -1- PERSON MISSING.
- (2) SAR OBJECTIVE LOCATED BY MUSKET-06 (F4) AT 080844Z

COORDINATES 1701N 10708E

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- (3) RECOVERY BY GREENBUG (CH-46)
- (4) BRAVO MAN TAKEN TO USS STRAUSS

D. FLYING ACTIVITY:

- (1) 1600 SUPP GP -1- SORTIE FOR 2.5 HRS.
- (2) 37ARRS -3- SORTIES FOR 8.0 HRS.
- (3) 56SOW -2- SORTIES FOR 5.8 HRS
- (4) 20TASS -1- SORTIE FOR 2.5 HRS
- (5) 23TASS -1- SORTIE FOR 1.0 HR
- (6) 8TFW -1- SORTIE FOR 2.0 HRS
- (7) 49TFW -4- SORTIES FOR 4.0 HRS
- (8) 42TEWS -4- SORTIES FOR 6.0 HRS
- (9) 366TFW -8- SORTIES FOR 10.0 HRS
- (10) 388TFW -3- SORTIES FOR 4.5 HRS
- (11) 432TFW -4- SORTIES FOR 6.0 HRS

E. RCC MAKING SAVE: USS STRAUSS ACFT CHDR UNKNOWN, PERSON SAVED 1ST LT LAWRENCE B. JACKSON 446-46-1244, 389TFW KORAT RTAFB THAILAND. USN CREDITED WITH 1 COMBAT AIRCREWMEMBER SAVE.

F. FUTURE PLANS:

- (1) PLAN TO MAINTAIN ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE WITH AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA.

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G. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

(1) SEAFOX-06 DECLARED MAYDAY ON GUARD CHANNEL AT 0835Z
IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER MUSKET-06 REPORTED 2 GOOD CHUTES AT MOUTH
"DMZ RIVER", HE REPORTED RADIO CONTACT WITH SEAFOX-06B AT 0844Z
REPORTED THE SURVIVORS POSITION TO BE 1000 METERS OFF SHORE.
SEAFOX-06A LANDED ON THE BEACH APPROXIMATELY 60 METERS INLAND.
SANDY-07 (A-1) LED GREENBUG (CH46) TO 06B AND THE PICKUP WAS
COMPLETED AT 0921Z. COVEY-299 (D-10) REPORTED SEEING THE
A'S PARACHUTE SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARRIVAL BUT COULD NOT LOCATE
A. SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREA BY COVEY-299 AND SANDY-7/8 REVEALED
THE HANS PARACHUTE HARNESS WAS EMPTY AND THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL
EMY TROOPS IN A NEARBY BUNKER. AREA DENIAL ORDNANCE WAS
UNCHED AND NUMEROUS FAST MOVERS WERE AVAILABLE BUT NOT
PENDED DUE TO LACK OF A SAR OBJECTIVE.
TOTAL FLYING ACTIVITY: SEE ITEM 3D
KING-26 ASSUMED AMC DUTIES AT 0840Z.
NO AERIAL REFUELINGS WERE ACCOMPLISHED IN SUPPORT OF THIS
SSION.
NO AUXILLARY RESCUE EQUIPMENT CONTRIBUTED TO THE SAR EFFORT:

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1478	12 May 1972	F-4D	u	Bogard L. P.	Capt	MIA		Ostermeyer W. H.	1Lt	KIA
1479	14 May 1972	O-1	SVN	u	u	u				
1480	14 May 1972	O-2A	SVN	McPhillips H. A.	1Lt	Rescued				
1481	17 May 1972	C-130E	SVN	Hagman R. H.	Capt	KIA		Lewis C. P.	1Lt	KIA
1482	18 May 1972	F-4D	NVN	Ratzel W. D.	1Lt	MIA		Bednarek J. B.	1Lt	MIA
1483	19 May 1972	OV-10A	SVN	Mott D. P.	Capt	POW (returned)		Thomas W. E.	CWO2	POW (retur
1484	20 May 1972	F-4D	NVN	Markle J. D.	1Lt	Rescued	USAF Helo	Williams J. W.	Capt	POW (retur
1485	21 May 1972	F-4E	Sea	Ross R. E.	LtCol	Rescued	USN Ship	Key W. N.	1Lt	Rescued
1486	22 May 1972	F-4D	SVN	u	u	Rescued		u	1Lt	Rescued
1487	23 May 1972	F-4D	NVN	Byrns W. G.	Capt	POW (returned)		Bean W. D. Jr	Capt	POW (retur
1488	24 May 1972	O-2A	SVN	Voights R. S.	1Lt	KIA				
1489	25 May 1972	OV-10A	SVN	Twaddell J. W.	1Lt	Rescued	VNAF Helo	Shaw J. W.	1Lt	Rescued
1490	26 May 1972	F-4D	SVN	Arnold A. N.	Capt	Rescued	USAF Helo	Kincaid T. E.	Capt	Rescued
1491	1 June 1972	F-4E	THL	Hawks G. W.	Capt	Rescued		Dingee D. B.	Capt	Rescued
1492	5 June 1972	O-2A	SVN	Dunn C. P.	1Lt	Rescued	USAF Helo			
1493	6 June 1972	F-4D	NVN	Fowler J. A.	Maj	MIA		Sevell J. W.	Capt	KIA
1494	8 June 1972	F-4E	Sea	Murphy J. S.	Capt	POW (returned)		Johnson L. D.	1Lt	Rescued
1495	13 June 1972	F-4E	NVN	Hanson G. O.	1Lt	POW (returned)		Fulton R. J.	1Lt	POW (retur
1496	17 June 1972	A-1E	LAOS	Encinas E. M.	Maj	KIA				
1497	18 June 1972	AC-130A	SVN	Gilbert P. F.	Capt	KIA		WiLaoson R. A.	Capt	KIA
1498	20 June 1972	A-1J	SVN	Highfill L. G.	Capt	Rescued	USAF Helo			
1499	21 June 1972	F-4E	NVN	Rose G. A.	Capt	POW (returned)		Callaghan P. A.	1Lt	POW (retur