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Phantom crew rescued by Da Nang's 37th ARRS

DA NANG AFLD - The crewmen of an Air Force F-4 Phantom, severely damaged by ground fire during a mission southwest of Hue, were rescued from the sea Aug. 9, about 15 minutes after they ejected from the stricken fighter.

Capt. Jim Beaver, pilot, and 1st Lt. Andy Haskle, weapons system operator, parachuted to safety after their F-4 was rocked by an explosion as they tried to fly the Phantom back towards Da Nang over the South China Sea.

Beaver said, "We were hitting enemy troop

locations about 15 miles southwest of Hue when we were hit by what I think was automatic weapons fire. The plane still flew okay so we headed for the water."

However, as the crew turned toward Da Nang, Haskle noticed a small fire and then the plane was rocked by an explosion. The crewmen ejected and were pulled from the ocean about 15 minutes later by a USAF HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant rescue helicopter from the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron based at Da Nang.

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Dennis Boroczko, explained that his crew was on a training flight when they received word of the plane in trouble.

"We saw the F-4 blow up," he said, "and the wingman was circling over the survivors. We made the pickup and I don't think the crew was in the water more than 15 minutes."

Trainer Strike Again

Captain Boroczko and his faithful trainer crew were diligently training when low and behold who should pop out of the sky but an F-4 pilot and naviguessor. Full Lieutenant Stice was eager to cease training, but Capt B pressed on with "You're going the wrong way, Jack. The wind is out of the other north." While the Alpha crews were going through translational lift, King Somebody told the TRAINER to stop training and proceed to the downed crewmen. Chiplight Cherry was ready with the hoist, while Doug Wilson and C.E. Towne got into their bathing suits. While Jack was figuring which way the wind was blowing, Denny B. came to a hover and began pulling-out two more grateful aircrew members. The story has it that everyone on board got in the act. Mike Wagner and Bob Lapointe cheered the swimming PJ's as they paddled around the hostile water.

The Alpha's did manage to get airborne in time to land with our heroic trainer. We must say that the whole crew reflected great credit on training and the United States Air Force.

SAR List																																				
ID	Source	SAR Mission Number	SAR Name	A/C Type	A/C Serial	Downed	Rescued	SAR Unit	SAR A/C	Area	Location 1	Location 2	Pilot	Rank P	Co-Pilot	Rank C	FE	Rank FE	PJ 1	Rank 1	PJ 2	Rank 2	PJ 3	Rank 3	Survivor #1	Rank 1	Survivor #2	Rank 2	H2O	H2O L	PJ Cuts	Might	Hoists	Saves	Type	Notes
1719	ART	40-46-9 Aug 72	Joyce 01A/B	F-4D	65-0599	8/9/72	8/9/72	37ARRS	H-57C	JCS	NCE of Hue	160210800	Brock, Dennis M	Capt	Stieck, Jack K (USCG)	Lt	Cherry, Jimmie R	Sgt	Towne, Curtis	Sgt	Wagner, Michael	Sgt	LaPointe, Robert L	Sgt	Beaver, James L (A)	Capt	Haskeil, William A (B)	1 Lt	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	2	C	+ Sgt D. W. Wilson (PJ) and Beauchamp (AP?) on crew; DF C(10 LC) for PJ 2