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DATE: 2 Feb 71

15 Feb 71

MISSION NUMBER: 3-004-2 Feb 71

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING 21

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: Bigot 02

LOCATION: 092/86/89

SAVES: None

(S) King 21 received a distress call From Nail 59 at about 0418Z, 2 Feb 71. Nail 59 stated that Bigot 02 had gone down while putting in a strike in the vicinity of 100/88/89. He was attempting to gain contact with the survivors on the ground. King 21 took Mission Command at this point and appointed Nail 59 as the on scene commander. Jack was notified at this time of a possible SAR effort and the SAR forces were alerted. A few minutes later Nail 59 reported contact with both survivors on the ground. Contact was established with Bigot 02A and he stated that he had no injuries and was all right. The SAR forces were launched from CH 89 and CH 93 at this time. Wolf 06 (fast mover FAC) was in the area and was assisting Nail 59 to locate the survivors. The weather in the area was completely undercast with the bases running from 800 ft. to 2500 ft. and the tops were at 6000 ft. Attempts were made by both Nail 59 and Wolf 06 to get under the cloud deck to locate the position of the survivors. King 21 requested border clearance, MIG CAP, Iron Hand, and KLINE coverage due to the hostile environment of the SAR scene. The weather became the prime factor for rescuing the survivors. The bases of the clouds were down on the tops of the karst. At approximately 0530Z, Bigot 02A said, "I'm hit!", "I'm hit, Help! Help! I'm going to give up." Sandy 01 then made several attempts to get under the weather to assist the survivors on the ground. He was unable to find any place to get under the clouds where he could work his way into the area of the survivors. Further discussion between Sandy 01 and Bigot 02B gave the location of the Bravo man as 50 meters north of his chute, and that he had 2 radios only and no spare batteries. Sandy 01 and Wolf 06 were reporting scattered AAA fire but that the air bursts were not accurate as they were firing through the clouds. Bigot 02B was advised at this time to come up only every half hour unless he was in trouble. At 0637Z Bravo stated that bad guys were within 100 meters of him and he could hear voices. No attempt was made to put in any strikes as the area continued to be completely

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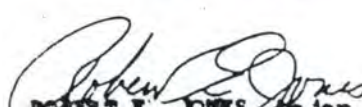
overcast. Bigot 02B stated that the bases were approximately 300 ft. King 21 and Sandy 01 discussed the possibility of using Twigny to protect the Bravo man if necessary. We decided we would only use it as a last resort. At 0855Z, Sandy 03 took over as on scene commander. At 0920Z, Sandy 03 RTB'd to CH 29 with a rough running engine. Nail 41 was appointed OSC until Sandy 05 could arrive at the SAR scene. The Sandys and Nail and Wolf F&G's continued to monitor the weather and the condition of the survivor. At 1130Z, Nail 69 was set up as the first of the CAPCOM for the SAR scene for the entire night. All SAR forces were returned to base.

KING 21 Crewmembers

AC/AMC Major Jones
CP Major Regale
CP 1Lt Bedwell
N Capt Moore
RO SSgt Hunt
FE TSgt Wilson, E.
LM SSgt Simmons

SAR Forces

King 21
King 23
Sandy 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06,
07 and 08
Jolly Greens 60, 56, 50, 57,
55 and 62
Nails 59, 62, 41 and 63
Wolfs 06, 01 and 04


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