

DATE: 4 Feb 71

13 Feb 71

MISSION NUMBER: 3-004-2 Feb 71

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: King 21

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: Bigot 02

LOCATION: 092/86/89

SAVES: None

(5) A first light SAR effort was planned for the third day to rescue Bigot 02B. Nail 45 was the first aircraft to arrive on scene at 2250Z and he was appointed as On Scene Commander (OSC). Nail 45 made a first light weather evaluation and the area was reported completely overcast. There was no ceil'g as the clouds were observed to go to the surface at some point and the tops over Bigot 02B was 4800 ft. Sandy 01 arrived on scene at 2328Z and he took over as OSC. Wolf 01 was also in the area to assist the Sandy's and Nail FAC's. At 0010Z, Bigot 02B stated that he was okay and had water and 3 flares. He was using his second radio. Bravo stated at 0156Z there were troops to the south of him and that the clouds were at the tops of the trees. There were breaks starting to appear south east and south west of the SAR scene. By 0245Z the tops of the clouds over Bravo were down to 4200ft. At 0305Z, Bravo stated that he had moved from Kansas City to Omaha. The weather continued the same with breaks appearing in the overcast. Sandy 07 was appointed OSC at 0318Z. At 1405Z, Bigot 02B sounded like he was whispering on the radio. No definite message was received at this time as it was unintelligible. This was the last positive radio contact made with Bigot 02B. The weather continued the same for the next two hours with no further progress made. Sandy 09 reported ground fire in the area but no one took any hits. Continuous attempts were made to get either voice contact or a beeper from Bravo. Sandy 07 made repeated attempts to get under the overcast. He was unable to remain under the overcast and reach the area of the survivor. At 0625Z, Sandy 09 was appointed as OSC. Attempts were made on all SAR frequencies to contact the Bravo man. The weather started to break overhead the SAR scene at 0638Z. The aircraft on the scene at the time were unable to make any visual sighting of the survivor. At approximately 0655Z, a noise, beeper, voice was heard on 243.0. None of the aircraft monitoring were able to distinguish what was said or who had said it. The weather had started to move back into the area again. A beeper was heard at 0721Z and again at 0725Z. King 21 advised Sandy 09 to try to get a shiny from Bravo.

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No shiney observed from the area. Sandy 09 reported 37 MM fire from the area. At 0800Z clouds started to move back into the area. Authenticators were requested from Jack at 0805Z. By 0832Z, the entire area was overcast again. An 85 MM gun had begun to fire at 0812Z. At 0850Z the 85 MM had fired a second time. At this time we began receiving Bandit calls from Squid and Crab. The SAR forces were moved to the west. At 1000Z, all SAR forces were directed to RTB. The last positive voice contact made with Bigot 02B was at 0325Z when he stated that he was all right. He had sounded calm and confident on all voice contact up to that time.

KING 21 Crewmembers

AC/AMC Major Jones
CP Major Regale
CP 1Lt Badwell
N Capt Moore
NO SSgt Hunt
FE TSgt Wilson, E
LM TSgt Simmons

SAR Forces

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Sandys 01, 02, 03, 04, 05,
06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12,
13, and 14
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Mail 45, 59, 47, 23
Wolf 01, 02, 03, 04

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