

DATE: 13 Mar 71

19 Mar 71

MISSION NUMBER: B-3-009-13 Mar 71

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: King 24

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: Battlecry 315

LOCATION: 225/50/103 UTM XC 6591

SAVES: None

(S) At approximately 0315Z, 13 Mar 71, K 24 was notified by a Covey 215 that Hillsboro had reported a Battlecry aircraft down at 225/50/103. Nail 34 was on scene and had reported a good chute. K 24 had been working the Blade 71 mission in the Dalat area was unable to talk directly to Hillsboro or Nail 34. At 0320Z Hillsboro reported Nail 34 was in contact with the survivor; Battlecry 307. This call sign was later changed to Battlecry 317 and finally confirmed as Battlecry 315. K24, working through Covey 215 to Hillsboro and to Nail 34 designated Nail 34 the On-Scene-Commander and requested SAR forces be launched from Channel 77. At approximately 0334Z, Nail 34 requested CBU 24/29, Maps and Paveways. Weather in SAR area was reported as 4/8 broken and workable for PW's, by Nail 34. This information was passed to Queen and K-24 was informed that Jack was controlling the mission. K 24 requested a MICCAP, Border Clearances, Iron Hand, and Sandy's from Channel 89 and 93. At 0342Z, K 24 requested Chop be uploaded and be put on standby at Channel 89. At 0347Z Jack confirmed Sandy's 9 and 10, JO 64/73 would launch from Channel 89. At 0358Z Nail 34 talked with survivor and relayed that he had a broken arm and leg. He was located in a small valley, elevation 1400 feet. Primary frequencies established, Nail 34 working Fast Movers on Hillsboro's Lim, SAR discrete 340.8 (Pumper), SAR forces on 123.1/38.9. Fast Mover holding point established 275/95/77, Slow Mover holding point 275/40/77. ETA for SAR area for SAR Forces, (CH 77 Sandy 9/10 JO 64) 0445Z; (CH 89, Sandy 03/04, JO 60/62) 0455Z. At 0440Z Nail 34 reported no ground fire observed and requested location for a possible pickup attempt. Sandy 09 could not be contacted on WHF. Sandy 03 was briefed by Nail 34 and was designated OBC at 0505Z. The survivor was contacted on Guard and indicated he thought he might pass out shortly. Sandy 03 briefed SAR Forces on 36.0(FM) and 123.1 (VHF) and phase Alpha commenced, at 0527Z. Phase Alpha was discontinued at 0548Z because of intense ground fire. The survivor did not respond to radio calls. JO 64 took several hits and reported 2 crewmembers wounded. JO 64/73 RTE

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to CH 103 with Sandy 9/10 as an escort. Nail 34 was replaced by Nail 64 and began to put in Fast Mover strikes. Smoke 41/42 was requested from CH 89 with Sandy 05/06. JO 71/67 requested from CH 77. Sandy 03 remained as CSC. Nail 64 requested Fast Movers with Nape and CBU. Sandy 03 was queried as to the requirement for additional Smoke and agreed to upload two more at CH 89 and hold for a later effort. Ringneck Flight was in the area with Smoke. Jack advised Sandy 01/02 would launch at 0800Z from CH 73. From 0600Z to 0715Z Nail 64 put Fast Mover strikes in area. At 0703Z Nail 64 requested additional Fast Movers with "Snake" and "Nape". At 0715Z K 26 was briefed and assumed AMC at 0723Z.

King 24 Crewmembers

AC/AMC Major Soroka
CP 1 Lt Bedwell
N Major Host
RO TSgt Martz
FE MSgt Cartman
FE TSgt Glaesser
LM TSgt McPheters

Resources

Flying Eagle
Battlerey
Wolfpack 10/11
Jury 302
Magic Stone 413
Chippy 02
Wolfpack 24
Wolfpack 26
Gunfighter 36
Ringneck

Additional Resources

Sandy's 3, 4, 9, 10
FAC's Nail 34, 64

JO 64/73, 60/62
Tanker K 23

RONALD J. SOROKA, Major, USAF
Aircraft Commander/Airborne Mission Commander

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Additional Comments:

1. Initial communications problems were encountered as a 24 was over 200 miles from the SAR scene. Radio contact could not be established with either Nail 34 or Hillsboro.
2. Sandy 09 had UHF problems and had to be worked on VHF and FY. This resulted in a slight delay in pickup attempt until Sandy 03 was briefed by Nail 34 and assumed O.C.
3. Fast Mover resources were sent directly to the strike frequencies instead of checking in with K 24 on the SAR discrete. Contact with Hillsboro could not be affected on the SAR discrete frequency. This caused much congestion on the primary SAR frequency.