

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT #11-3

DATE: 29 JUL 70

MISSION NUMBER: 2-3-037 JUL 70 (Part 2)

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING 26

LOCATION: IE 229021 096/87/89

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: HOBO 20

SAVES: 1 Combat

1. (U) King 26 launched from Ch 83 at 0350Z to relieve King 24 as Airborne Mission Commander (AMC) for this mission. King 26 arrived in the area at 0520Z and received a thorough briefing from King 24. We assumed AMC at 0550Z.

2. (C) Just after assuming control, Spad 01 the On-Scene Commander (OSC), RTB'd for fuel. He did not have time to adequately brief his replacement, Sandy 05, so Nail 37 was appointed OSC until he had an opportunity to brief Sandy 05. Nail 37 had been working with Spad 01 and was thoroughly familiar with the situation. He was directing air strikes against known and suspected gun positions in the area. At the same time, he had Nail 36 directing strikes to interdict roads in the area. The weather in the area improved steadily and strikes were put in continually.

3. (C) The survivor stated that he was in good condition but that he had no water, had lost his spare batteries and his survival radio batteries were growing weak. His flares were in good condition.

4. (C) King 27 left for Ch 83 at 0542Z and was replaced by King 30 who performed refuelings for the remainder of the mission. Nail 49 arrived on scene at 0721Z and took over direction of fast-mover strikes from Nail 37 at 0755Z. Sandy 05 was appointed OSC at that time. Smoke 31 & 36 were launched at 0815Z and Ravish 41 & 44 were airborne at 0830Z. Nail 49 had a survival kit to deliver to the survivor but both agreed that it should not be deployed since dropping would betray the survivor's position.

5. (C) Continual airstrikes were still being put in by Nail 36, 37, 49 and Wolf 02 to cut roads and silence guns. Sandy 11 relieved Sandy 05 as OSC at 0830Z and at 0900Z stated that the area was still not safe for slow-movers. At 0910Z all SAR forces were moved to 100/80/89 to be closer to on-scene. At 0930Z the Sandies entered and started to troll the area. They began taking fire immediately. Strikes continued to go in. At 1011Z Nail 49 reported that all big guns should be gone. One minute later a new 3799 position was spotted and quickly silenced.

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6. (S) At 1023Z, it was determined that the area was permissive and a pick-up should be attempted. Ravish and Smoke flights entered the area. Jolly Green 30 went in as low bird with Jolly Green 65 as high bird. Jolly Green 30 completed the pick-up at 1045Z with virtually no ground resistance. All SAR forces RTB'd to Ch 89. King 30 topped off Jolly Green 30 enroute.

7. (S) Forces Involved:

SAR Forces Used

Jolly Green 30, 65, 55, 53, 50, 61
 Sandy 01, 02, 05, 06, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16
 Spad 01, 02
 Smoke 31, 36
 Ravish 41, 44
 King 26
 King 27 (8 A/R - 37,500# offload)
 King 30 (5 A/R - 16,000# offload)

FAC Resources

Nail 26, 36, 37, 49
 Wolf 01, 02

Strike Forces Utilized:

Mallard Flight (2 F-105)
 Wolf Pack Flight (2 F-4)
 Greasy 3 & 4 (2 F-105)
 Killer 1 & 2 (2 F-4)
 Locket Flight (2 A-4)
 Oxteam 1 & 2 (2 F-4D)
 Killer 3 & 4 (2 F-4)
 Redtop 1 & 2 (2 F-4E)
 Redtop 3 & 4 (2 F-4E)
 Hooper Flight (2 F-4D)
 Falcon 85 (2 F-4)
 Cobra 9 (2 F-4)
 Ekes Flight (2 F-4)
 Granny Flight (2 F-4D)
 Falcon 71 (2 F-4)
 Musket (2 F-4)
 Barfly Flight (3 F-4)
 Gasser Flight (3 F-4)

Strike Forces Not Utilized:

Gunfighter Flight (3 F-4)
 Bass Flight (2 F-4)
 Miller Flight (2 F-4E)
 Falcon 73 (2 F-4)
 Falcon 75 (2 F-4)

8. (S) Particularly noteworthy during this mission was the outstanding performance of all FACs and especially Nail 37 & 49. The cooperation rendered by Hilleboro (ABCCG) and Invert (OOI) in securing and controlling strike aircraft aided immeasurably in bringing this mission to a successful conclusion.

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9. (U) King Crewmembers:

King 30

AC MAJ COUGHRAN
CP LTC ALLGOOD
NM CPT POLLMEYER
RO MSG KOEHLER
FE MSG BOSMANS
FE TSG SUMNER
LM TSG TILLMAN

King 27

AC LTC HATFIELD
CP MAJ KIMMEL
NM CPT BOONER
RO SSG HOLLUMS
FE TSG BUSHKOPSKY
FE TSG MITCHELL
LM SSG RICHARDSON

King 26

AMC/AC MAJ CONWAY
CP LTC SPILSETH
CP CPT KENNARD
NM CPT SULLIVAN
RO SGT WISNOSKI
FE MSG HUESMANN
FE TSG RAPER
LM SSG WATERS

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Airborne Mission Commander/Aircraft Commander