

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT #13

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MISSION NUMBER: 3-011-16 SEP 70

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING 26

LOCATION: 330/63/73

DISPATCHED AIRCRAFT: Blade 05 (F-100)

SAVES: 1 Combat

1. King 26 was established in normal orbit and was located at 230/47/107 when some garbled conversation was heard on guard (243.083s) concerning an F-100 observed striking the trees on a bomb run. The time was 0728Z. In answer to King 26's call on guard, Spike 16, a FAC, informed King 26 that a Blade 05 had hit some trees three clicks south of Kracheh, 340/100/73, and was trying to make it back to CH 73. Blade 05 was working with Kustic 08 at the time of the incident. King 26 was unable to contact Kustic 08 and the scanty information received up to this point was relayed through Spike 16. Queen was advised of the incident at 0934Z and requested to scramble the Jolly Greens at CH 73 and to notify Pedro. Spike 16 had just informed us that blade 05 thought he would have to eject and it was uncertain whether the aircraft was going to try to land at CH 73 or eject enroute. At 0936Z, Blade 05 called Mayday for his wingman, Blade 06. They were located at 330/63/73. Blade 06 informed us that blade 05 had received battle damage while on a bomb run and struck the trees during his pullout. His flight control warning light was illuminated. The aircraft had extreme control difficulties and would not be able to land. Blade 06 confirmed that there was one person on board and his intentions were to go feet wet for bailout. Paris control, a CCI station, also answered the Mayday from Blade 06. Paris had all agencies come up on their frequency and gave the flight of two F-100's vectors to feet wet in the vicinity of Vung Tau (XVK). They also gave the Spads vectors to the bailout area. Paris did an outstanding job of vectoring and coordination. Hawk 044, an Army U-21, answered the Mayday and volunteered to stay in the area of the bailout which was determined to be just off the coast of Vung Tau. Hawk 044 also called his control at Vung Tau and had an Army CH-47 launched to assist in the rescue. His call sign was Innkeeper 125 and was on scene at 0950Z. He was equipped with a strap and could land in the water if necessary. Jolly Green 21 and 23 were airborne at 0945Z and were some 30 miles behind the distressed aircraft at that time. Spad 11 and Spad 12 were airborne at 0948Z and also received vectors toward the scene. Hawk and Innkeeper 125 were in the vicinity of the proposed bailout at 0950Z. Hawk 044 caught sight of Blade 05 and 06 at 0953Z and observed Blade 05 eject at 0955Z at an altitude of 6,500 feet. The pilot had a good chute and deployed his KD-2 kit with raft. The pilot hit the water at 1003Z and immediately released his canopy and boarded his raft. The survivor was in the water three miles off the coast of Vung Tau at approximately 13 3336. Innkeeper 125 was familiar with the equipment carried by the Jolly Greens

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and at King's suggestion elected to wait for the Jolly Greens rather than use his strap. Innkeeper was made on-scene-commander and hovered over the survivor until the SAR forces arrived. Jolly Green 21 and the Spads arrived at 1010Z. Spad 11 assumed on-scene-command. Jolly Green 21 put a Pararescuer in the water with the survivor. The penetrator went down for the pilot at 1015Z and the pilot was recovered at 1019Z. The Pararescuer was recovered at 1020Z. Jolly Green 21 reported the pilot of Blade 05, Tail number 806, in good shape. At this time King 26 cleared Innkeeper 125 and Hawk 044 to return to their own control after doing an outstanding job covering the bailout. The mission terminated at 1045Z when Jolly Green 21 and 23 landed at CH 73. The aircraft involved in the mission were Blade 05, Blade 06, Spike 16, Rustie 08, Hawk 044 (U-21), Innkeeper 125 (CH-47), Jolly Green 21, Jolly Green 23, Spad 11, Spad 12, and King 26.

2. (U) King 26 Crewmembers:

AFC/AC CPT MILLER
 CP CPT HAYES
 MN MAJ MARTIN
 RO TSG KOHLER
 FB MSG BLOOMER
 FB MSG HENDERSON
 LMSSG SIMONS

Jay D Miller
 JAY D. MILLER, Captain, USAF
 Airborne Mission Commander/Aircraft Commander

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